13th June 2012

OUR SCHOOL VISION: Encouraging all members of the school community to work together to create a positive and motivating environment, allowing all students to maximise their educational opportunities in an ever changing world.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

164 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 60%
(100 families)

Have you recently asked your child/ren.....

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Jack James - (Increased confidence and having a go and always having a smile)
Prep G: Deegan Belfiore - (Persisting with his learning tasks)
1/2 C: Nicholas Adam - (A consistent effort in all areas of his learning)
1/2 H: Chloe Belfiore - (A quiet and helpful member of her class)
1/2 M: Oliver McKinlay - (Displaying the school value of ‘Doing Your Best’)
3/4 C: Kaleb Macpherson - (A great application of his length knowledge in his Numeracy project)
3/4 S: Jessica Darbyshire - (Using blocks to represent multiplication arrays)
3/4 Y: Coby Hustler - (Always displaying the school value ‘Responsibility’ in his learning)
5/6 P: Cooper Gillard - (A positive attitude towards learning tasks)

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:
Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
A Message from the Principal....

Dear Families,

With three weeks to go, we are now at the pointy end of the term. Students are busy presenting projects and oral presentations on their learning from term two and staff have completed most of their term two ongoing assessments. Over the weekend, Mr Potesta and I read over the mid-year written reports completed by staff over the past few weeks. We couldn’t be more proud of the time and effort put into the written reports by Wandong Primary School staff. The reports certainly are individualised, with teacher comments often referenced to student work samples. We are sure you will be very well informed of your child’s/children’s’ progress when they come home on Friday 22nd June.

Individual Learning Plans: Any student performing twelve months below expected level is placed onto an individual learning plans. These were created, in consultation with parents, earlier in the year and are reviewed every term. Parents of students on individual learning plans, will receive an updated individual learning plan in the same envelope that is used for the mid year written report. There will be a few minutes allocated at the end of the Student Led Conference meeting to discuss the plan with the teacher.

Think Links Celebration/Display:
Yesterday we completed our final session of Think Links for this term. The program has been a resounding success, providing students and staff with opportunities to mix across the school, build positive relationships and learn something new (even the staff learnt new things!!). Students have produced some excellent work samples and/or cooked some delicious food for us to enjoy. Students’ Think Links samples will be on display in the hall for all to enjoy prior to, and during, our Student Led Conferences on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th June. Please come down and have a look at some of the fabulous creations our students have designed and built. Students’ samples will be sent home for families to keep on the second last day of this term, Thursday 28th June

Tail Tiggy Tuesday: Last term I held discussion with the grade five/six students about tiggy at school. This has been an ongoing issue – student love playing it, however we have in the past had many injuries due to students running on the concrete and banging heads as they race around corners and crash into each other. However, we came up with a great solution. …. Tail Tiggy Tuesday.

The rules are:
1. Tail Tiggy Tuesday occurs on Tuesdays only and on the oval only. This fits in with our plan to keep the oval “ball free” for two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) for other fun activities.
2. Tail Tiggy Tuesday is a non-contact game – students wear a "tail" which is placed into the top of track pants or the pocket of a school dress or shorts.
3. Students collect “tails” from each other as they run around on the oval and the aim is to get as many tails as they can..... but be aware because someone else can steal your tail!
4. Our Sports Captains will put tails out for Tail Tiggy Tuesday and put them away after lunch, Tail Tiggy Tuesday has occurred twice over the past three weeks (one week it was raining and students stayed indoors.) Students have done a great job, following the rules perfectly whilst having lots of fun with their friends.  
A good result for everyone!

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole
**WOW! ... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG**

**Thursday 14th June** - Parent’s Club meeting – 9:15am in the staffroom

**Thursday 14th June** - Division Cross Country – Bundoora

**Thursday 14th June** - One/two unit walking to L.B. Davern Reserve

**Friday 15th June** - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

**Saturday 16th June** - Mattel toy sale $10.00 per ticket

**Monday 18th June** - School Council meeting – 6:00pm

**Wednesday 20th June** - Muffin order pickup day at school

*Come and meet the Muffin Man at our Muffin Break Presentation on Wednesday 20th June at (11:15am - 12:45pm)*

**Thursday 21st June** - Excursion to Science works - Three/four unit

**Friday 22nd June** - Melb Heart F.C. Clinic - incursion

**Friday 22nd June** - Reports to go home

**Monday 25th June** - CFA mobile education unit - Three/four unit free incursion

**Friday 29th June** - Term two finishes 1:30pm

**JULY**

**Monday 16th July** - Term three begins

**Tuesday 17th July** - Life Ed starts this week

**Thursday 19th July** - Parent’s Club meeting – 9:15am in the staffroom

**Friday 20th July** - Wakakirri concert

**AUGUST**

**Wednesday 1st August** - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

**Thursday 2nd August** - Grade Five visit to Wallan SC

**Wednesday 15th August** - School House Sports day

**Friday 17th August** - Curriculum Day - No students at school

**Friday 24th August** - Special Friend’s Day

**Tuesday 28th August** - District Athletics Carnival

**Friday 31st August** - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

**SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 7th September** - Footy Colours Day

**Wednesday 12th September** - Grade Five/six camp - First day

**Friday 14th September** - Grade five/six return from camp

**Wednesday 19th September** - Grade Three/four camp - First day

**Friday 21st September** - Grade Three/four return from camp

**Friday 21st September** - Last day of term three

*(You can check the website for more information or forms)*

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**Chook News…...5 cent Friday…**

To assist with the upkeep of our chooks, we collect any loose coins on Fridays. Please send any loose coins along with your child. They will then place them into the class jar for counting. We need to buy grain, nesting straw and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of lunch scraps.

Last week’s total …… $18.50 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Toy Club

Toys up to 30% off!

Last chance!

Wandong Primary School Parent’s Club have secured a ‘shopping day’ at the Mattel Toy Club on **Saturday 16th June, 2012** in Derrimut. These shopping days are very hard to secure and there are only fifty tickets available. Each ticket is only $10.00 and numbered so please be very quick to secure your spot in this shopping extravaganza!

Please contact the office to book your tickets.

Tomorrow, Thursday is the last day bookings can be taken.
Student attendance in semester one:

“EYES ON THE TARGET”
Staying below 1200 absent days this semester. (approx 5 days per child)

Number of students per grade level at school every day last week
Preps: 27
(Total number of prep: 37)
Grade one/twos: 52
(Total number of 1/2s: 69)
Grade three/fours: 42
(Total number of 3/4s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 51
(Total number of 5/6s: 81)
Total absence days across the school for this year (630)

Congratulations to this week’s winners...
One/Two unit (75% full attendance)
Good effort

Community Notices

Karate 4 Kids
Karate classes for children who would like to learn Karate will operate at our school in the hall every Tuesday evening.
Classes will run from 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Children must be over 5 years of age. This is a “Beginners” class.
If you would like to know more, please contact Mark Abela on 0417323669

Chocolate Drive Fund Raiser
Chocolates will be sent home in the last week of term two to sell over the holidays. All families who do not return this form will be allocated a box of chocolates to sell.

Parent’s Club Chocolate Drive - Opt out form: Please fill in if applicable to your family.

I (print)…………………….. (Parent name)
DO NOT WISH to receive a box of chocolates to sell this year.

Eldest child’s names .................. Eldest child’s grade ............... Parent’s signature : ........................

Congratualtions to the following students who have finished the challenge!
Hayley Mumberson, Adara Curry, Bridgette Davies, Mikayla Gibbons, Hugh Drofenik, Grace Hannemann, Katherine Adam, Nicholas Adam, Max Davies, Daniel Adam

Remember to read at your year level (any books below your current year level will not be verified — if you are in grade five/six and read and finish books in levels P-2 or 3-4 they will not be counted).
Books entered on the website as finished are verified and updated nightly.

THINK LINKS DISPLAY
Come and have a look at some of the great learning completed during our “Think Links” classes so far this year.
Samples created by our students will be on display in the hall on Monday 25th June and Wednesday 27th June between 3:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. (Student Led Conference Nights.)
DISCO -
Date has been changed.
Now on Friday 22nd June at Wandong Sports and Community Centre from 6.30pm to 10pm. Fully supervised. $5 entry fee. Children can purchase lollies and drinks and need to be signed in and out at the door by a parent.

Proceeds benefit Wandong Junior Footy Club and Wandong Netball Club.

For Sale
We now have acrylic beanies available for sale. Navy blue, one size, toasty warm and only $6.00.

Head lice
Please check your child’s hair as there has been several incidents of head lice reported to the school.

Dear Parents/Guardians

As part of our drug and health education next term, we are offering you the opportunity to visit our Life Education mobile classroom, while it’s here at our school next term.

Have you ever considered the following?

What is my child learning in Life Education?
Have you seen inside the Life Education mobile classroom, or know of Harold?
What drug education is appropriate for primary school students?
Why do we have health and drug education?
How is health and drug education integrated into your school’s curriculum?

The Life Education mobile classroom will be at our school: Tuesday 17th July at 9:30am. The session runs for 30 minutes. If you are interesting in attending, please return the slip to school.

Thank you

Life Education Parent Information Session Attendance Slip

I / We will be attending the Life Education Parent Session.

Names:
Trivia Night

Types of Questions
- Sport
- Music
- Nursery Rhymes
- Animals
- Cartoons
- Geography

Lots of prizes to be won!!
There will be a raffle drawn on the night!!

Date: June 15th
Time: 7:00pm

At the Wandong Primary School Hall

Please see Emma Cachia in Room 1 or call the school on 57871232 to book your table NOW!!!!

Literacy

SHARE ideas about texts – Part 1 (Part 2 next week)

Talk to your child about how you select books for your own reading. After your child has read a text, encourage him or her to share insights, feelings and understandings of the text.

Here are some ideas that may suit your child's interests:
- Read about the author or illustrator at their website.
- Find and read another story by the same author.
- Follow the instructions from the text to create something, for example, recipes, making models, or origami (Japanese paper folding).

See the link at http://www.origami.com/index.html for examples and instructions.
Casual Part Time (work from home) Opportunity

Peter Lane Biz Development is a specialist consultancy dedicated to working exclusively in the Business-to-Business (B2B) market.

We are currently looking to expand our operational base in the northern regional area and are seeking, ideally, stay at home employees who have a quiet working environment between the hours of 10 am - 2.30pm and basic computer literacy.

For more details, visit www.peterlane.biz and contact 03 5781 1591

Opening Classroom Doors

Amazing Mazes in ART

As part of our term two construction and modelling focus, students across all year levels have been experimenting with design elements and principles; shape, texture and balance.

In years three and four, students began the term thinking about how travel games have changed over time and how they could create their own games as alternatives to new technology, such as PSPs and IPODS.

While a number of options were discussed, focus turned to mazes, such as the mini versions, which contained ball-bearings.

Students designed their own maze on paper, with the majority finding the task of creating a number of dead-ends quite challenging.

They were then able to use their own design, or one printed for them, to create their three dimensional maze. Using pre-cut cardboard strips, students spent the next few weeks constructing their individual mazes.

In the early stages of construction, it was evident that the slow nature of the process was beginning to cause frustration, yet with persistence, students began to reap the rewards and were able to finish their designs with a coat of spray paint.

Modelling clay was used as an alternative to ball-bearings and the mazes were then ready for use!
Opening Classroom Doors

5/6 Crawford

Students in 5/6K have been busy preparing for Student Led Conferences. We have also been focusing on learning new strategies for reading and Numeracy. During Writing, we have been learning how to scribe discussions. To scribe an effective discussion you need to present both sides of an argument equally. We have learnt to use time connectives such as, 'on the other hand' and 'however' when presenting an argument from a different point of view. Here is part of an example of how we scribed discussion.

Should children choose their own bed time?

“There are many reasons for why children should choose their own bed time, but there are reasons for why they shouldn’t as well.

For starters, it is important that parents know if they can trust their own kids with what they do. That means that if kids choose their own bed time it will show their parents if they are able to be trusted while they are not around. Their parents will see or hear what the kids will be doing whether it is watching t.v and not sleeping, or if it is being sensible by going to bed at a good time.

On the other hand, if kids get to pick their bedtime every night of the week then they will stay up way to late on school nights. As a lot of people know, kids love to watch t.v, play X-box and just muck around. At school the children may fall asleep and they will most definitely not be able to concentrate on their work, so they will not learn anything at all.”

By Molly Libardi

2013 Prep Enrolments

If you are intending to enrol your child at Wandong Primary School in 2013, please submit your enrolment form as soon as possible. There may be limited places available.

All enrolment forms are due back to the school by 3rd September, 2012