14th March 2012

‘The Puggle Post’

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

167 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 47%
(80 families)

Have you recently asked your child/ren......
“What did you learn today?”

Prep B: Ruby Stebbing - (Being a kind and caring member of the class)
Prep G: Katherine Adam - (Demonstrating her pattern skills to her class)
1/2 C: Brodie Garratt - (Having a go at all her learning tasks)
1/2 H: Charlotte Lindo - (Being a co-operative class member and working well with others)
1/2 M: Joshua Cartwright - (Always having a go at his learning tasks)
3/4 C: Kaleb Macpherson - (Writing a descriptive and interesting narrative)
3/4 S: Lara Likos - (Using the revising pencils in her writing)
3/4 Y: Kyla Kelly-Manning - (Displaying persistence during Numeracy Fluency tasks)
5/6 E: Zahra Al-Ghazawi - (Persisting with her writing)
5/6 K: Ayden Bellman - (Being a conscientious and helpful member of the class)
5/6 P: Caitlin Harris - (Writing creative metaphors)

Muffin Break Competition

Thank you to everyone who voted on Facebook.
Wandong Primary School won the Victorian competition.
A Message from the Assistant Principal….

Working Bee – THIS FRIDAY! – Everyone Welcome

We are having a working bee this Friday evening from 3:30pm. If you are able to spare an hour or two on Friday, it will be greatly appreciated. There will be a BBQ and drinks for all those who attend. Jobs for this working bee will include; installation of monkey bars (near cricket nets) and edging, removal of goal posts (we will be putting up some portable ones for the footy season) and general tidy up of the school. If you are available on Friday, please return the reply slip in this newsletter.

Classroom Helpers

Thank you to Rachel Downey, Katalin Devecseri, Liz Cook and Kylie Shingles who attended the classroom helper’s session last Thursday. If you would still like to help in the classroom and would like to attend a ‘helper’s session to find out how best to support the teacher and the students, please make an appointment with Mrs Cole.

5/6 Interschool Sport

Our 5/6 athletes are participating in interschool sport tomorrow at various venues around our Broadford Cluster. Like previous years, the day is run as a tournament and our students will complete against students from Kilmore, Broadford, Upper Plenty, Beveridge, Willowmavin and Kilmore International School. Wandong Primary School students are always exemplary sports people at these events and I wish them good luck for tomorrow. Go ‘dongers!

Young Leaders Conference

Our student leadership team will head into Melbourne tomorrow with Mrs Cole and Mrs Smith to take part in a Student Leadership Conference. Our student leadership teams attend each year as it a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what it takes to be a leader and to develop their leadership skills. There are lots of students from other school attending also, and it is a great chance for our students to interact and meet other student leaders from other schools. We’ll hear more about the conference at this week’s assembly and next week’s newsletter.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Emily Beauchamp who represented the school today in District Swimming at the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre. You did us proud!

Planning Week

Next week is planning week. During this week, teachers plan their curriculum for term two. There will be a slight change to the normal timetable.

Transition information

Wallan Secondary School is now advertising for applications for their 2013 year seven Student Scholarship Program. Scholarships are available in the following areas:

- Academic/Citizenship Scholarship of full payment of Year 7 books and stationery (to a retail value of $400 – supplied by the College) – 3 scholarships available
- Academic/Citizenship Scholarship of full payment of the Year 7 College Fees (to the value of approximately $250) – 2 scholarships available
- Sporting Scholarship of $300 towards the cost of uniforms – 1 scholarship available

ALL grade six students have been supplied with the relevant forms in today’s newsletter. Parents are required to complete the forms sent home with students if they would like to apply for one or more of these scholarships and then return it to Wallan Secondary School. Closing date is 20th April 2012.

Until next time, have a great week,

Anthony Potesta
Learn the art of cake decorating with highly regarded cake artist, Kylie Ballard.

Cake decorating classes being held at Wandong Primary School.

For future dates and for more information please visit my website

www.kyliecakes.net or
Email: kylie.cakes@hotmail.com
Ph: 0407 513 438

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**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

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**WORKING BEE REPLY SLIP**

I (print).............................................................. will be able to attend the working bee on Friday 16th March (3:30 onwards)

I will be able to supply the following tools;

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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: 31
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 59
(Total number of 1/2s: 71)
Grade three/fours: 56
(Total number of 3/4s: 62)
Grade five/sixes: 68
(Total number of 5/6s: 82)

Total absence days across the school for this year {180}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
Three/four unit (90% full attendance)

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......$25.15 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Congratulations Green House.
Green House were clear winners last week.
Proudly holding the winner’s trophy are our Green House Captain and Vice Captain - Macey Gibbs and Alex Marke

**Family Portrait Fundraising Day**

When: Saturday 24 March 2012
Where: Wallan Kindergarten 43 Bentinck Street Wallan

Sessions Available from 9am
For just $15 you will receive a 10” x 13” Portrait with frame.
To make a booking or for more information contact Rebecca Wallace on 0431 158 007

**Needed for Think Links**

- Old plates, cups, bowls that are ceramic and colourful
- Old unwanted tiles of any colour (for mosaic work with Mrs Beer)

**PARENTS CLUB HOTDOG DAY**

Once per term Parents Club will offer our students a special hotdog lunch. In term one, yummy hotdogs will be available on **Friday 23rd March**. Cost is $1.50 per hotdog.

Please fill in the slip below and return it by **Wednesday 21st March** so we can order the hotdogs and rolls.

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Thank you! $............................... Enclosed
First Aid Course Level One
Wandong Primary School
Tuesday 8th May 2012
1pm - 7pm
Cost: $130 (Includes light refreshments)
Course Contents include: CPR, First Aid accidents/injuries & using portable defibrillators.
If you are interested in attending please complete the tear off slip below and return it along with a $50 booking fee.
The remainder of the money can be paid on the day of the course.
There are limited places available so be quick to secure your place.

First Aid Course Level Two
I (print)……………………………………………………………………….. will be attending the First Aid course Tuesday 8th May, 2012 at the Wandong Primary School, beginning at 1pm until 7pm.
I have enclosed $50.00 booking fee to secure my position and the remainder of $80.00 to be paid on the day of the course.
Signed …………………………………………………………………….
Wakakirri is a story telling competition that happens all around Australia. It has a focus on sustainable practices. This year, we have decided that Wandong Primary School will be entering into Wakakirri. Our team will focus on telling our story through dance (the event that we entered last time). This is open to all students from Prep to Grade six. Miss Cachia, Mrs Crawford and Miss Pratt will be working with the students that are competing in the Story-Dance section.

Students that participated in this event last time were able to build on their teamwork skills and they learnt about the performing arts. Students also increased in confidence and had a lot of fun making new friends.

Similar to last time, we are aiming to cover the costs for students to compete. We will be asking for parents to help organise fundraisers to pay for the bus to the event, costumes, props and dinner for the students. We hope that the only cost to parents will be their ticket to see the performance (last time this was around $30 per ticket).

At the start everyone went to the hall that wanted to do Wakakirri and tried out some dance moves so the teachers can figure out what part suits us best. In the next session everyone found out what we are going to be in the story-dance competition and what the story is about. We are all telling the story through dance. We have also found out exactly what part we are in. The animals in the first scene have started to learn their dance and where they need to be on stage. Our school is allowed to take up to 100 people to the competition day and at the moment we have 95 people coming with us. We have two practises a week and they are for half of a lunch. A few of our grade six students are getting some fundraisers ready to earn some money for the bus, dinner and costumes. By Maddison Agosta

Our Wakakirri performance is early term three at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds. To get the buses that we need to get to the event will cost us $1000. We estimate that the costumes will cost us another $500 and for us to provide dinner for our students on the night will cost another $300. There is also an insurance fee of $400 that we need to pay early in April. It would be greatly appreciated if you are able to donate anything that could be used for a raffle prize at a later date. We are also very keen to speak to anybody that would like to provide sponsorship for our team, any contributions will be recognised in our school newsletter as well as at our performance. If you are able to provide us with any assistance, please speak to Emma Cachia, Kate Crawford or Amy Pratt.

Thank you