14th November 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.

Being present at school is your present to learning!

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Emily Fitzgerald—(Showing a positive attitude towards learning)
Prep G: Sarah Egan—(Spelling high frequency words with confidence)
1/2 H: Samantha Granieri—(Having an excellent attitude towards her learning)
  1/2 M: Anita Barbour—(Presenting a detailed weather report)
  3/4 S: Tyler Carr—(Helping people in the classroom)
  3/4 Y: Cameron Selvaggio—(Speaking with great confidence during Inquiry)
  5/6 E: Daniel Roewer—(Displaying the value of ‘Respect’ to his teachers and peers)
  5/6 K: Mitchell Hopkins-Talty—(Displaying a positive attitude towards all learning tasks)
  5/6 P: Jacinta Robinson—(Writing a fantastic essay about best friends)

Pizza Day Tomorrow!
A Message from the Principal….

Congratulations to all of our students on their entries in the recent Whittlesea Show. The standard of the Writing samples and Art pieces exhibited was outstanding and all students and staff are to be commended on their hard work. In the school foyer we have placed some samples of the many entries that received awards. Please have a look if you are popping into the office area in the coming weeks.

Oaks Day: If you can’t get to the races, have a special race day at school! Once again we hosted a fun Oaks Day Dress Up last Thursday. Students (with help from their parents) did a fine job of dressing in a range of very appropriate clothes. From classy ladies and gentlemen to Bookies and even a few horses — we had them all. Our day began with our parade of outfits and it was great to see so many students get involved. Prizes for the Best Hat and Best Fascinator were very closely contended. Well done everyone!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: On Monday night we held our November meeting. The following was discussed:

- **Costing for Parent Payments and Voluntary Contributions for 2013:** These will be $110 per child with a $10 reduction if paid within the first two weeks of term one beginning. This is an increase of $10 over the 2012 charges however our charges have not increased since 2010.

- **2013 Draft Budget:** Planned spending for the 2013 school year was outlined with a draft 2013 budget approved. Once we receive our 2013 census day numbers (calculated at the end of February) we will be able to confirm all revenue coming into the school and the expenditure going out. The final budget for 2013 will be approved at our March meeting.

- **Permission to Shine Nomination:** We have entered our Think Links program into a regional awards process and hope to receive good news soon…. Fingers crossed! Last year our Education Support Staff (aides and administration staff) were awarded the “Outstanding ES team” award and in 2012 we hope to take out either the “Student Wellbeing” or the “Innovative Curriculum” category.

- **The Grade 5/6 Pool Party** was ratified with details coming home to parents soon.

**2013 Book Lists:** These were sent home with students on Monday 12th November and need to be completed and returned to the school by 10th December, 2012. Thank you.
Our new website has gone LIVE!!! The new website can be found at the same address www.wandongps.vic.edu.au. It is more aesthetically pleasing and much easier to navigate. We also have a new feature which allows users to subscribe to the newsletter. Simply click on the link located on the lower right hand side of the home page, put in your email address, and you will receive each week’s newsletter in your email inbox.

Over the coming weeks, if you would prefer to receive the newsletter in this way instead of a hardcopy, please let us know and we will not send home a copy with your child. This will help us to be more kind to the environment by keeping our paper usage down as well as saving money.

Please have a scroll through the site and let us know what you think.

2013 Prep Transition: We have held two of our 2013 Prep Transition Visits. Our pre-school friends have certainly settled well into their first taste of school life and we look forward to seeing them again this Friday. We are currently completing all buddy visits to kindergartens — taking our grade four students over to meet their next year’s Prep buddies.

I am not sure who had the most fun—the pre schoolers or our students!

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole
MAKE A WISH ..... for completing
150 nights of home reading!
A great effort .

Grace Hanneman’s wish came true when she asked to be Maddison Agosta (School Captain) for the day and what a busy day it turned out to be last Friday! Grace was busy meeting and greeting the 2013 Prep families and directing them to their correct room. She then helped to set up for the assembly and handed out awards to students.

On Wednesday, Makayla, Tessa, and Courtney had a wish to be Ros for the day. Their duties included, preparing this newsletter, answering the phone, photocopying, sorting the office tubs and mail out and delivering the mail.

On Thursday, D’arcy Bourke had her wish granted. D’arcy wanted to work with Ros in the office and had a very busy start by sorting out the office tubs. D’arcy then went on to prepare the booklists for 2013.

Adara Curry “wished” to share her very special lunch order with Mrs Cole. There were yummy party pies and a cookie to nibble on in the staffroom.

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Toy Club

This is for all the bargain hunters out there!

This is the last opportunity to purchase some cheap, and I do mean cheap, excellent Mattel toys for Christmas.

Wandong Primary School Parent’s Club have secured a ‘shopping day’ at the Mattel Toy Club on Saturday 24th November, 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 for booking and tickets.
Working Bee:

Thank you to the following families who were able to assist Mr Potesta and myself at our Working Bee last Friday night. Your hard work and support of our school was much appreciated.

Charli, Tyler and Katalin Broderick, Georgia and Kylie Shingles, Penny, Kim, Campbell, Harper and Findlay Edwards, Caitlin, Ella and Paula Harris, Jordan and Tyler Cole, Mandy, Goran, Joelle and Lewis Coter, Peter, Hugh and Anthony Drofenik, Bernie and Liam Cram, and Nick and Caleb Mitsakis

We completed nearly all tasks on the list including: installing a tree near the cricket nets; completing the sleeper retaining wall around the oval; installing a drain along the 3/4 portable classrooms, re-mortaring a few broken bricks in walls and paths; displaying student handprint tiles around the school; weeding gardens; and cleaning up the area around the “Friendship Chair.”

A sausage sizzle was enjoyed in between a few passing showers at the end of the evening. We do have some more weeding to be completed and we need to spread some mulch in the next few weeks to reduce the number of weeds that do come back. If you can help during school time, please let the office know.
**Muffin Break Muffin Vouchers: Haven’t got your vouchers yet? Time is running out for this great bargain.**

Earlier this year we were fortunate to win the Muffin Break Facebook competition. Half of the muffins were sold to families with the remainder of the muffins being provided through a voucher system. Vouchers are available for purchase through the newsletter or directly from the front office..... What a great idea with the school holidays coming up. No doubt many of us will be at Epping Plaza enjoying endless hours of shopping over the holiday break and a cheap nice muffin with a nice cuppa will fill that hunger gap.

**Cost:** Each voucher will provide you with FOUR Muffin Break Weight Watchers Muffins

- Each voucher of four muffins costs **$8.00 each** (which totals **$2.00 per individual muffin**) or **3 vouchers** *(12 muffins) for $20* (which totals $1.60 per muffin)*

Vouchers can only be used at the **Epping Plaza store** and are valid until **31st December 2012**.

Don’t forget that these muffins can be frozen so they are also a cheap, nice lunch box filler.

Money raised is **all profit for the school** and will be used to pay for the instant turf we have laid on our new terraced area near the hall. Thank you for your support.

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**GRADE SIX TRANSITION NEWS**

Last week Sharon Blackwell visited our grade six students to further prepare them for their transition to secondary school. Sharon surveyed the students on their greatest concerns—homework, older students, getting lost, being organised and making friends being the biggest issues. Sharon will cover these topics in her discussions over the next three weeks.
Chook News….

5 cent Friday...

To help our lovely chooks, we would like you to bring in any loose change to help with the supplies they need such as grain, nesting straw and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of the lunch scraps. The money will be placed in a class jar and sent over to the office for counting each week.

Last week’s total...$26.65
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs which are available from the office)

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Jessica Darbyshire, Joshua Cartwright, Zahra Al-Ghazawi

Congratulations 200 nights reading:
Dominik McKinlay, Lawrence Baggio, Tali Kean, Charlotte Robertson, Brylie Bittles, Zahra Al-Ghazawi.

Uniform Shop
Any orders for uniforms can be placed at anytime at the office. The orders can be filled and picked up the next day. If there are any items out of stock, they will be ordered and delivered usually within one week.

Skipping on a Monday Morning
Come along and join in the fun.
Skipping ropes will be on the asphalt from 8:40pm.
Children and adults all welcome

Beach Disco
30th November 2012  7 – 9pm.
This exciting event is for the whole school.
Looking for donations of cans of soft drink.
Please drop them off at the office or at Mrs Beer’s room from anytime now on would be appreciated.
Thankyou, Robyn Beer.

Red House Rocks!
Red House romped home last week by winning the most house points.
Holding the winner’s cup this week are Red House Captain and Vice Captain
Jordan Nativo and Lauren Jillett.
WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG

NOVEMBER

Thursday 15th November - Pizza Day (Parent’s Club)
Friday 16th November - Swimming Session
Friday 16th November - Grade one and two camp forms and money due back today
Wednesday 21st November - Dianella residents afternoon tea
Friday 23rd November - Swimming Session
Friday 23rd November - Grade one sleepover
Friday 23rd November - Grade two camp and sleepover
Tuesday 27th November - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
Thursday 29th November - St Johns first aid in schools
Friday 30th November - Swimming Session
Friday 30th November - Beach Party Disco (Starting at 7pm)

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd December - Payment for 2013 Mathletics due
Monday 3rd December - Information Evening for 2013 Prep parents
Tuesday 4th December - Parent’s Club lunch
Tuesday 4th December - Grade 5/6 Pool Party (notes out soon)
Tuesday 4th December - Last student banking day for 2013 (you can still make deposits yourself)
Thursday 6th December - Out of uniform day (Xmas hamper collection)
Friday 7th December - Swimming Session
Friday 7th December - Prep ‘Camp’
Monday 10th December - Booklists for 2013 due back today (Any late booklists cannot be accepted at the school)
Thursday 13th December - Grade Six Graduation
Monday 17th December - School Christmas Concert
Friday 21st December - Last day of term four (1:30 finish)
(You can check the website for more information or forms)

JANUARY 2013

Friday 25th January - Book pickup day
Thursday 31st January - Term one begins

Student attendance in semester two:

"EYES ON THE TARGET"

Staying below 750 absent days for semester three and four.
(approx 3.5 absent days per child)

Number of students per grade level at school every day last week.

Preps: 21
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 31
(Total number of 1/2s: 67)
Grade three/fours: 32
(Total number of 3/4s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 30
(Total number of 5/6s: 79)

Total absence days across the school for this semester {691}

Congratulations to this week’s winners.... Prep Unit
(56% of students had full attendance)

Awesome effort!
"Every day is an important day to be at school.”
Opening Classroom Doors

Making a Zopf 1 / 2 M

Last term, as part of our topic, ‘Knowing Me, Knowing You’, Regi McKinlay came into our classroom to share her knowledge about growing up in Switzerland. She was wonderful and shared her knowledge using pictures shown on our interactive whiteboard. We really enjoyed her presentation. After watching the presentation, Regi showed us how to make Zopf. Zopf is a traditional Swiss bread baked for Sundays and special occasions. Regi had already made the dough using white plain flour, yeast, milk and an egg yolk. Regi divided the flour into equal portions and we all received a handful of dough. We kneaded the dough and rolled it out. Then Regi showed us how to form the bread so it looked like a special bread roll. Regi cooked it in the oven for us and we ate it when it was cooked. It was delicious. Thank you so much for coming into our grade. We really enjoyed it.

At the beginning of term three Grade, 1 / 2 M made a “Hairy Harry.” We used stockings, lawn seed and soil. We placed our individual stocking in a cup and watered it daily and waited for it to grow. Last week we measured our “Hairy Harry”. Ryan Fitzgerald’s was the tallest at 15 cm.

Then we gave our Hairy Harry a haircut. It was great fun watching our Hairy Harry grow and even more fun giving them a haircut!
Wandong Netball Club
Family Photo Fundraiser

Where: Wandong Sports and Community Centre
When: Sunday 25th November 2012
Time: 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Cost: $15. This includes a framed family photograph.
Photographer: Rebecca Lincoln

To secure a time for your family photograph please call:
Rebecca 0411 051 270
Melissa 0438 117 483

Once your booking has been made with Rebecca you will be contacted to confirm your time.
A minimum of 10 bookings must be reached for the day to proceed.
Please tell your friends and family members.
This photograph would make a perfect gift for Christmas!!
For more information contact Robyn Mumberson 0419011064

Numeracy
GO on a number hunt

Use different numbers as the starting point for practising counting, for example start counting from 6 or 10. Ask your child to count forwards and backwards. Ask what number comes before or what number comes after.

2. Identify the numbers on a calculator. Use an online talking calculator at
http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/games/calculator/calculator.swf

Grade One and Two camp and Sleepover
Please return forms and payment by Friday, 16th November
All students must be collected at 8:00am sharp on Saturday morning.
Save the Date!!

The Grade Sixes have been busy preparing for their upcoming Graduation. They have been working hard to learn a new dance as well as new songs. You’re welcome to come and be part of this exciting night!

**When:** Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} December

**Where:** Our school hall

**Time:** 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Please note all children must be fully supervised and inside the hall at all times.

Just a reminder - No smoking on the school premises.

Congratulations to Mitchell Hopkins Talty for becoming the Under 13’s A Grade State Motorcycle Champion.

Congratulations to Trent Cook for achieving his Mascot Brown Belt in Karate.
GOLD COIN ENTRY

Friday 30th November

Beach Party

7pm - 9pm

In school hall Drinks, cakes and lollies will be for sale

Dress in Beach clothes