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: Connor Allsop—(Super counting and adding of numbers)
- Prep G: Cooper Meulemeesters—(Counting with renewed enthusiasm)
- 1/2 C: Hugh Drofenik—(Having a great attitude to learning)
- 1/2 H: Georgia Thomson—(A fantastic improvement in her skip counting)
- 1/2 M: Corey Frith—(Having a positive attitude towards reading and reading tasks)
- 3/4 C: Jacob McDonald—(Always having a positive attitude towards his learning)
- 3/4 S: Catherine Clancy—(Making text to self connections)
- 3/4 Y: Charylse Greeno—(Always having a positive attitude towards her learning)
- 5/6 E: Caleb McDonald—(Always challenging himself to improve her work)
- 5/6 K: Cassie Pace—(Confidently contributing her ideas during ‘Reflection Time’)
- 5/6 P: Finn Stebbing—(Always demonstrating ‘Doing Your Best’ during Numeracy)

Curriculum Day: Our final Curriculum Day for this year is on this Friday 17th August. Students will not be required to attend school on this day.
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Curriculum Day – Friday 17th August

This Friday, (17th August) we are having our curriculum day. The day of professional learning for staff will focus on continuing the work we are currently doing on feedback (to and from students) and the afternoon session is all about introducing KidsMatter. Families will start to hear more about KidsMatter in the following weeks. KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and early childhood education and care services, and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. Families are reminded that no students are to attend school this Friday.

Athletics Day

Super BIG, Super AWESOME thanks to Mr Fearn for organising the House Sports Athletics Day. It was a great day, then sun nearly broke through and everyone had heaps of fun.

We’ll pop some photos and a run down of all activities in next weeks’ newsletter.

School Council

School Council was held on Monday night. Here’s what went on.................

- Planning has started for 2013 and we are currently looking at approximately the same number of students in 2013
- All Parent Opinion Survey were returned. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey
- KidsMatter – Alison Stone, Cathrine Yaneff, Cassie Langdon and Rhonda Cole attended the two day training in Seymour. The first module will be presented to staff on the curriculum day (Friday 17th August). There will be an information night early next term for parents. It is very practical and will be fantastic for the school. A take away from the training was the importance of mental health and the difference between mental illness and mental health.
- Parents Club are currently planning for Special Friends Day, Fathers’ Day and the Pie Drive
- Buildings and Grounds subcommittee have set a date for a working bee in term four. This will be on a Saturday and will be early in the term. More details to follow.
- Education subcommittee ratified the anaphylaxis policy and it will be implemented from the beginning of 2013. They also looked at the possibility of new additions to the school uniform.
- School Council also discussed the results from the Before and After School Care survey and how it may impact the hire/use of the hall.
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Thinklinks

Our next Thinklinks session will be on Tuesday 21st August at 12:30 – 1:30pm. Below is a list of the groups and the activities. Parents and family friends are encouraged to come and assist during the Thinklinks sessions.

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AEU and Industrial Action Information for Parents and Carers

The Australian Education Union is taking industrial action in support of new enterprise agreements for teachers, principals, and support staff.

One of the industrial actions is a ban on taking additional students from other grades when a teacher is absent from their class for any reason.

The ban highlights how much our school relies on the cooperation of teachers and their preparedness to undertake work in excess of their normal teaching load.

Whist some of our staff will be imposing these bans, please be assured that students will be supervised if staff are absent from school.

I thank you for your understanding, and urge you to show your support for the dedicated and hardworking staff at our school by writing to your local state MP, urging the Government back to the negotiating table with a sensible and fair offer.

Concrete Cutter

Just a quick shout out to anyone who cuts concrete or who has a concrete cutter. We have a small concrete cutting job that needs to be done. If you can help us out, please let me know through the office.

Until next time..................Have a GREAT week!

Anthony Potesta
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

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...$9.85
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Woolworth Earn & Learn

Excellent result!

The Earn & Learn program finishes on the 12th August, 2012.

We have collected 41,200 points.

The completed cards will be sent off to Woolworths shortly so if you have any cards that are incomplete, we have stickers donated from community members to help fill the cards.

Mrs Beer's Thinklinks group

We are creating kites and masks.

Donations needed: feathers, fishing line, dowel of any length, clean garbage bags or large pieces of clean plastic.

Thank you, Robyn Beer
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: 31
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 54
(Total number of 1/2s: 67)
Grade three/fours: 47
(Total number of 34s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 64
(Total number of 5/6s: 82)

Total absence days across the school for this semester
{193}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

Prep Unit
(83% of students had full attendance)

Super effort!
“Every day is an important day to be at school.”

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

Thursday 16th August  - Expression of interest for swimming due
Friday 17th August   - Curriculum Day - No students at school
Tuesday 21st August - ThinkLinks session 12:30–1:30pm
Friday 24th August  - Special Friend’s Day
Monday 27th August  - Literacy and Numeracy week begins
Monday 27th August  - Grade five students visit to Dianella Hostel for reading Group One

Tuesday 28th August - District Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 29th August - Buddy up reading morning
(Open Afternoon from 3pm to watch your children do Number Fluency Tasks)
Wednesday 29th August - Tony’s Pies of Essendon orders due today
Wednesday 29th August - Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 30th August - Dress up day ‘favourite book character’
Friday 31st August   - School tour for 2012 new students
(9:30–10:30am)
Friday 31st August   - Final payment for 5/6 camp due today
Friday 31st August   - Final payment for 3/4 camp due today

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd September - Father’s Day
Monday 3rd September - Our Story Incursion—Prep–six
Tuesday 4th September - Thinklinks session 12:30–1:30pm
Friday 7th September - Footy Colours Day
Friday 7th September - Tony’s Pies of Essendon delivery day and pick up day

Monday 10th September - Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes
Monday 10th September - Grade five students visit to Dianella Hostel for reading Group Two

Wed 12th—Fri 14th Sept - Grade Five/six camp
Tuesday 18th September - Thinklinks session 12:30–1:30pm
Wed 19th Sept—Fri 21st - Grade Three/four camp
Friday 21st Sept    - Term three payment for netbook due
Friday 21st September - Last day of term three

OCTOBER

Monday 8th October   - First day of term four

(You can check the website for more information or forms)
Planning for 2013.

Exiting students:
We are now in the initial stages of planning for the 2013 school year. To assist us with staffing, please indicate if your child WILL NOT be returning to Wandong Primary School next year. (Please fill this in even if you have told the office.)

Child’s name/s: ................................................................. Room/s: ...........

New arrivals:
Alternatively, if you know of a relative/friend who we should be expecting next year (ie: new enrolment), please list their details below so we can check these against our records.

Their name: ..................................................... Your name: ............................................

Please return to the office tomorrow if possible. Thank you!

“OUR STORY”
Whole school incursion
When: Monday 3rd September
Where: School Hall
Cost: $6.00 per student
OR $10 per family of 2 or more children.
Forms will be sent home.

NUMERACY

MAKING PATTERNS
Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry.
1. Use coloured pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery to begin a pattern for your child to continue. For example, red, blue, white, red, blue, white.
2. Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders or greeting cards or on material.

“PARENT’S CLUB FUNDRAISER”
Pie Drive
We have organised with Tony’s Pies of Essendon to conduct a Pie Drive, Tony’s Pies will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on Friday 7th September.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish. Enclosed with today’s newsletter is a yellow order form. Please return your order and payment to the office before 29th August.
This term our Inquiry topic is, ‘Knowing Me, Knowing You’ and we are looking at different people around the world and their food, housing, clothing, celebrations and customs. If any parents have any books or memorabilia about any countries, it would be great if you could send them along to the classroom. Also any parents wishing to share their knowledge about other countries are encouraged to contact classroom teachers as it would be great to have assistance in this area.

The six iPads in our rooms have been a great success and are used throughout the day in most areas of the curriculum. Mr Potesta comes in weekly to show us how to use them in different ways.

We are all very excited about ‘Special Friend’s Day’ on Friday August 24th and we are busy practising our poems and songs. Many Grade 2’s have volunteered to do speeches and this week they will be bringing home their speeches to practise.

Most Grade 1 and 2’s are doing a great job of their Home Learning last week. Just a reminder to make sure the children have them back and finished when they are due. We would like parents to sign their child’s Home Learning to indicate that they have looked at their child’s learning. If you have any concerns or queries about this, please see your child’s teacher.

Most Grade 1’s and 2’s are doing a great job of their Home Reading. Keep it up.

In Numeracy this term we have been looking at division, fractions and capacity. There are many daily household activities that parents could involve their child in to reinforce many of the different concepts- for example, sharing items, cutting sandwiches and fruit and measuring ingredients and cooking –all of these are great activities.

We remind parents that next week is Literacy and Numeracy Week. A flyer was sent home last week and events will also be published in this week’s newsletter.

A note was sent home asking any mums or dad’s if they could come into their child’s classroom to read to children before classes start (about 8:40am). Sharon Delaney comes in Friday mornings to Mrs McIntyre’s class and the children love listening to her reading to them. So if you are able to assist in this please see your child’s teacher.

A big thank you to Sharon from all the children in 1/2 M.

Courtney McLure, Heather Chisholm and Carol McIntyre
SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:

Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.