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 = 34%

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

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Jaedon McCrum - (Being such a confident reader)
Prep G: Jake Roewer - (Showing responsibility and care for his glasses)
1/2 C: Ryan Barnes - (Showing the school value of ‘Care’ to his peers)
1/2 H: Jaidyn Stuart - (Showing the school value of ‘Care’ by helping others)
1/2 M: Anita Barbour - (Taking care completing her Coat of Arms task)
3/4 C: Mohamad Al-Ghazawi - (Always listening to instructions and making a great effort to have a go)
3/4 S: Sean Duffy - (Persisting at his learning and managing distractions)
5/6 E: Hayden Coad - (Displaying a positive attitude when learning a new maths game)
5/6 K: Zoe Warne - (A positive, successful start at your new school)
5/6 P: Finn Stebbing - (Displaying the school value ‘Honesty’ by handing in lost property)

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

WELCOME BACK

I would like to offer a warm welcome back to everyone at Wandong Primary School. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is ready to get stuck into the new school year.

School Council: Enclosed with today’s newsletter is a flyer about School Council. The Wandong Primary School Council assists to set the key direction of our school and is made up of both parent and staff representatives. Each year we have a turn over of half of the elected representatives, to ensure all families and staff have the opportunity to be involved. Please read the enclosed information and contact the school office if you would like to nominate to join school council or wish to receive further clarification. Our March meeting on Monday 19th March will be the first meeting of our new school council.

Netbooks

Our 1:1 Netbook program is back up and running and now begins in grade four. It is the first time we have run the program from grade four and the enthusiasm and excitement around it has been infectious. By providing a 1:1 netbook program we continue to have students who are:

- more motivated and engaged in their learning
- better organised
- better able to collaborate and think analytically

The 1:1 Netbook program enables us to promote better learning in and out of school by encouraging:

- anywhere, anytime access to learning
- independent, self-initiated learning, eg promotion of problem solving skills, ability to ‘Google’ questions
- more family involvement in education through accessing their netbook at home
- collaboration between students in different schools, states and even countries
- students to communicate appropriately and safely in social websites
- students to access homework and school information online and offline
- more time for teachers to teach students to use the internet appropriately as a tool to learn
- greater access to real-time information, digital learning resources and educational software
- Learn the ability to digitally capture any learning, such as videos or photographs to create things such as digital stories
- opportunities to discuss cyber bullying as a real issue and discuss impacts of this as a class

“My netbook is fun to play with and helps me with my learning – like spell checker. I am really looking forward to using it throughout the year.” Cooper Gillard

“It’s good because we don’t have to wait for others to finish before we can do our work on the computers. We are able to use them whenever we need.” Crystal Thompson

“It’s good because we can take the netbooks home and finish some work at home. They are also good because we can personalise them to the way we like”. Hayley Agosta

Continued..................
Just a quick reminder about the school website. You can access the latest newsletters, policy documents, excursion notes and keep track of all current and upcoming events at Wandong PS. Ros does a fantastic job keeping it updated on a regular basis. Head over to www.wandongps.vic.edu.au for a look. A great way for distant relatives to keep track of the children!

Sun Smart – Hats
Term one means HATS, HATS, HATS! Please ensure your child has his/her Wandong Primary School. It is very important that we stay protected from the sun and UV light during this period. If you need a new hat, you can purchase one from the office for $8.

Please ensure it is a broaded-brimmed hat.

No Hat – No Play.

Last night we held our first school council meeting for year. Here is some of what was covered:

- Wonderfully smooth and calm start to the year
- Staff undertaking lots of important PD at the very beginning of the year
- School Council elections were discussed
- Discussions were held in regards to hire of the hall and the running of a holiday program over the Easter break
- New ‘soft fall’ mulch will be spread under the 3-6 playground
- We tentatively booked in an afternoon/evening working bee for March 16th (stay tuned)
- Last year we applied for a solar grant but we were unsuccessful, this has been opened again this year so we are going to re-apply again
- The Emergency Management Plan was reviewed and ratified. Families will be sent a copy of this with today’s newsletter
- Uniforms were discussed
- The 2012 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) was ratified

The final item that was raised in general business was concerns about the rear church car park. Now is a timely reminder to everyone who parks in the rear car park to please reverse into your spot. This drastically reduces the chances of children being run over by reversing cars.

Until next time, have a great week.

Anthony Potesta
### WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

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

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### HOME READING PROGRAM:
Home readers will be sent home on Thursday 16th February. Please ensure you have purchased a home reading log if your child is in grades three—six. Home reading is a vital component of our home-school partnership.

### HOME LEARNING:
Grades five – six home learning will be sent home from Friday 17th February.

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

**BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS**

**ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY 15th February, 2012 FOR ISSUE No1**

That’s today folks!
LEARN GUITAR WITH ASH!

Would your child like to learn how to play the guitar?

My name is Ashley Christensen. I have an Advanced Diploma in Jazz and Performance and currently play in two bands, one jazz and one original rock. I love playing music and believe that it should be FUN.

In 2012, I will be offering guitar lessons at Wandong Primary School. They will run throughout the day (yet to be decided). Children will be withdrawn from class to do the lessons. Times will be negotiated with teachers and rotated so that your child is not missing the same session each week. Although the lessons are during school time, they will be run independently to the school, in the same manner that Amy’s Keyboard lessons have run this year. All bookings and payments need to go through me.

Individual lessons are $20 - 20mins.

Learn in pairs will be $25 - 20mins. (similar age and ability)

Expressions of interest and all other queries contact Ash.
ph 0408 319 035 57871041 ashchrist33@gmail.com
Bunning Fundraising BBQ 25th February, 2012

On Saturday 25th Feb, Wandong Primary School will be holding a BBQ at Bunnings Craigieburn, starting at 8am until 4pm (It usually finishes early because we sell out!). Bring the family down and dad can go shopping and mum can help on the stall or mum shops and dad helps. Please let us know if you can help. Return the form with the times that you can assist us.

Name: (print)........................................................................Contact number:.........................................................

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Parents of Preps

Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s new weekly Prep for Parents email.

You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see:

Karate 4 Kids

Karate classes for children who would like to learn Karate will operate at our school in the hall beginning next Tuesday 21st February. 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

Just a reminder that EMA and conveyancing forms must be returned to the school office by the 24th February, 2012. No late forms can be entered.

Fresh fruit and veggies - delivered, how easy is that!

For more information please call Kylie Ph: 0400 383 273
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When the oval is too wet and soggy, it will remain off limits

**NO** tackling or rough play when playing football or soccer
THAT'S RIGHT RACE FANS! IT'S BACK - THE FAMILY 1 BOX CAR G.P. IS RETURNING TO WANDONG IN 2012!

THE FAMILY 1 G.P. EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 8TH MARCH AT WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL RACEWAY (SCHOOL OVAL)

RACERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN BOX CAR RACERS FOR THE SHOW 'N' SHINE AND F1GP EVENTS.

ALL BOX CARS MUST MEET THE STRICT F1 GP REGULATIONS. EACH BOX CAR RACER MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE STUDENT AND ONE ADULT ON BOARD (DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS MUST BE SURROUNDED BY THE SAFETY OF THEIR RACE CAR - THIS RULE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED DUE TO THE DROFENIK DESIGN 1.1 BEING RULED ILLEGAL). RACERS ARE THEN REQUIRED TO HOP INTO THEIR RACERS (AND CARRY THEM) AND RUN THE DEMANDING TRACK. ALL RACERS MUST BE SPORTING BIG SMILES AND FUELLED WITH FUN.

RACE FANS NEW TO THE F1 GP ARE WELcomed - WE ENJOYED A LARGE CONTINGENT OF RACERS AND VEHICLES LAST YEAR. RANGING FROM F1 CARS, TO RALLY CARS & V8 SUPERCARS, AND EVEN TO LARGE TRUCKS AND BUSES CARRYING WHOLE FAMILIES. SOME OF THESE AMAZING CARS ARE SHOWN ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. SO GET DOWN TO THE SUPERMARKET, HARDWARE STORE, WHITE GOODS STORES, ETC... AND GRAB THOSE LARGE CARDBOARD BOXES. FRIDGE BOXES MAKE FOR A GREAT START.

OFFICIAL EVENT PROGRAM

CAR'S MARSHALLED AND PARKED - 5:30
SHOW 'N' SHINE - 6:00
CATEGORIES - BIGGEST, BEST PAINT, MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY (MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS), TEACHER'S CHOICE, BEST GIRLS, BEST BOYS, RACIEST, BEST THEMED, BEST LIVERY
MAIN EVENT - FAMILY 1 GP RACES. - 7:00