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 = 59% (97 families)

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

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Matilda Bult - (Showing a caring attitude towards others)
Prep G: Blair Fitzpatrick - (Taking responsibility for his learning)
1/2 C: Hayleigh White - (Displaying a consistent effort in all areas of her learning)
1/2 H: Lachlan Barnes - (Continually persisting with his learning)
3/4 C: Lachlan Hall - (Using mental strategies in subtraction)
3/4 S: Grace Hannemann - (Giving constructive feedback)
3/4 Y: Corbin Mundy - (Displaying the school value 'Doing Your Best' during writing)
5/6 E: Daniel Roewer - (Persisting in all learning tasks)
5/6 K: Grace Dicker - (Displaying a positive attitude towards others and learning)
5/6 P: Jackson Lunt - (Including strong argumentative and emotive language in his exposition)

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:
Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
Food Allergy Awareness Week 14th May - 18th May, 2012
A Message from the Principal....

**Education Week:** Every day is an important day for learning, however once a week across Victoria, schools celebrate “Education Week”. Next week is that week of celebration. As a school we invite families to join us on Tuesday between 9:00 a.m. — 1:45 p.m. Students will be participating in regular classroom programs until 12:30, at which stage they will move into their “Think Links” groups. We have adjusted our regular timetable to include this great program on our Open Day so that parents can join their child/children in this fun hands on learning session.

**NAPLAN:** This week our grades three and five students have been participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All grades three and five students across Australia complete these assessments, with students in years seven and nine also participating at their secondary schools. Our teachers have familiarised students with the layout of the tests and provided a number of practise sessions to reduce anxiety and stress. As a parent, the key thing to remember is to remain calm and ensure students have a good night’s sleep and eat breakfast before they come to school. Our school will receive the results of these assessments in term three; at which time all parents will receive an A3 explanation of their child’s/children’s results.

NAPLAN is a one-off snapshot of how a child performs on a given day and should be considered along with other testing assessments and teacher’s ongoing anecdotal records.

**School Council Meeting:** On Monday evening we held our May School Council Meeting. The following was discussed:

- The School Review Process was outlined with School Council members providing input into the process
- The Investment Policy and the Sunsmart Policy were ratified
- The Attendance Update Certificate was discussed with minor alterations suggested
- Excursions for Prep (Lego Land), 3/4 (Inventions and Inventors) and 5/6 (Radio Awareness) excursions and incursions were accepted
- Grades 3/4 and 5/6 school camps were ratified. Information will be coming home to families in the coming days.
- Changes to EMA were discussed with a letter drafted to send to MP Rob Mitchell
- The heaters from the old portables were discussed and these will now be sold.
- External grounds works were discussed with plans finalised for a new terraced area (to be developed between the hall and 5/6K classrooms).

**Kindergarten visits:** Mr Potesta, Miss Giacomini and I have now completed visits to all feeder kindergartens. We have offered information about of our school to any interested parents, also being aware that some parents (especially in other towns) have already enrolled at other schools. The response has been fabulous and we have already boosted our enrolments for 2013. If you know of anyone planning to attend Wandong Primary School in 2013, please ask them to collect, and then return, their enrolment form as soon as possible.

**N.U.T.S. (No Uniform at School Today):** Congratulations to our Student Representative Council for organising the N.U.T.S. event for tomorrow. We have quite a number of students who suffer allergic reactions and this is certainly a great event for us to support. The S.R.C. have created some amazing posters and shared these at assembly last week. Remember to come to school in casual clothes and donate a gold coin for research into allergies.

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN MORNING
Tuesday 22nd May 9:00 a.m.—1:45 p.m.

Friends and families are warmly invited to join us on the learning journey next Tuesday as part of our Education Week celebrations. Students will participate in regular classroom programs then move into their “Think Links” groups at 12:30 for their fun fortnightly session.

Come along, see what happens and have fun with us!

Hoping to see you there.

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Wakakirri Movie Night!

On the 11th May, Charlotte, Tatum and Maddison had a movie night for a Wakakirri fundraiser.

Forty-one people attended this fabulous night, and if you were one of those people thank you for coming.

We sold most of our food and drinks that we had made. We made $229.55.

Everyone enjoyed the movie ‘We Bought a Zoo’, and had a good time. All the helpers (except for the teachers) dressed up in clown costumes.

Throughout the movie we were selling cupcakes made by Tatum’s mum and Miss Cachia, brownies made by Charlotte’s mum, chocolate animals made by Miss Cachia, lolly bags made by Charlotte, Maddison and Tatum, also lolly pops, pizza and cans of drink.

We would like to thank Nana Barbour from Pizza Factory - Kilmore for donating the fantastic pizza that many people enjoyed for dinner.

We would like to thank Miss Cachia, Miss Pratt and Mrs Crawford for helping us with the night and making it possible. We would also like to thank all of the people that came to help support the Wakakirri dance team. A special thanks to those that donated snacks and that helped in the kitchen, you were very helpful.

Thank you again to everyone - Charlotte, Tatum and Maddison.
WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

**MAY**

Thursday 17th May - Out of uniform day for Allergy Awareness Week  
(gold coin donation to go towards research)

Thursday 17th May - Incursion for Grade One/Two - Craft Power

Thursday 17th May - Parent’s Club Meeting — 9:15am in the staffroom

Friday 18th May - Prep Parents Coffee and Chat Morning  
(9:00 in the library)

Monday 21st May - Education Week begins (more details to follow soon)

Tuesday 22nd May - Parent Feedback Forum for school review 2:30 pm

Friday 25th May - Parent Feedback Forum for school review 9:00 am

Wednesday 30th May - Prep Excursion

**JUNE**

Friday 1st June - Pupil free day (Report Writing day)

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

Thursday 14th June - Division Cross Country

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

Thursday 7th June - Division Cross Country – Bundoora

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

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

**JULY**

Monday 16th July - Term three begins

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

**AUGUST**

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

Tuesday 28th August - District Athletics Carnival

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

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

**RECIPES FOR THINK LINKS:**

Listed below are the items that will be cooked next Tuesday in Think Links.

- Jelly in a cup
- Honey Joys
- Fruit Salad
- Chocolate Spiders

These items will be on sale next Wednesday at recess to all students in grades Prep—two for 50 cents each

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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

**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

**Kilmore Miniature Railway Driver Training Courses**

Anyone interested in becoming a driver for the Kilmore Miniature Railway is invited to attend the first Training Session to be held on Sunday 20th May commencing at 10.30am at the Railway Shed in Apex Park. Enquiries - 5781 1711

**Free to a good and happy home.**

**Future mouse catchers!**

Three kittens - 10 weeks old

One male - Two females

Born - 2nd March, 2012

Phone Lou - 0419 320898
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: 62
(Total number of 1/2s: 69)
Grade three/fours: 48
(Total number of 3/4s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 64
(Total number of 5/6s: 81)

Total absence days across the school for this year { 410}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
One/Two unit
(89% full attendance)
Super attendance effort!

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......$14.20 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Congratulations .

House were winners
Blue last week.

Our House Captain and Vice Captain - Trent Cook and Stephanie Dowsey are holding the winner's trophy.

Get ready to shop ‘til you drop!

Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids are again combining to bring much needed resources into the school. The process for this year has changed and when you shop you will receive a sticker for every $10 spent at the registers. These stickers then get placed on a sticker card, the full card can be dropped into the box at the office.

The sticker cards have been sent home today.
There are more cards at the office if needed or just send in your stickers.

SCHOOL REVIEW PARENT FEEDBACK FORUMS:

Parent name/s: .................................
I will be attending the Parent Feedback Forum on

Tuesday 22nd May at 2:30 p.m.  or
Friday 25th May at 9:00 a.m.

to provide my feedback on what the school is doing well
and to suggest ideas for the future.
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](http://www.peterlane.biz) and contact 03 5781 1591

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**BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT**

**TRANSITION NEWS**

The teachers in grade 5/6 are very excited to see that so many of the transition forms have been returned to school early. If you have not returned these forms, they are due THIS THURSDAY!!!

I will be meeting with the Secondary Colleges on Friday to pass on all of the transition forms that I have.

The Wallan Secondary College information Night is on Monday 21st May. The Broadford Secondary College Open Night is being held on Wednesday 23rd May.

I highly recommend that all students and their parents in grades four and five attend this night as it can provide you with some very valuable information.

Thank you

Emma Cachia

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**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS THAT ARE IN MISS CHISHOLM’S AND MRS COLE’S THINK LINKS GROUPS!**

This is a reminder for all students to bring in an old t-shirt, track pants or an art smock for our Think Links session on Tuesday the 22nd May or you will not be able to paint.

Thank you,

Miss Chisholm, Mrs Cole
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.

To ensure that you take advantage of our new and exciting program starting in term three, please have your enrolment form in by 29th June, 2012.

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### Activities to do at home to help children develop Literacy skills.

**Creating reading and writing opportunities at home.**

As readers and writers, children explore their world everyday beyond school and home.

It’s important at home that you:

- show a genuine interest in your child’s reading and writing and discuss different types of texts—such as letter, shopping lists, recipes.....
- let children see you read and write and tell them your purpose for reading and writing. (eg To get information; to make a cake.....)
- talk to your child about their understandings of materials they read and encourage all reading and writing efforts.

### We will be having a sausage sizzle on 23rd May to raise money for the Wandong Primary School Wakakirri Team.

To order a sausage in bread for your child/children please fill out the form below before before 16th May.

Please note that these will not be Hot Dogs but will be a sausage cooked on a BBQ.

The sausages will be $1.50 each.

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**Wallan Secondary College**

**Information Night**

Monday 21st May

All Welcome

Information Night presentation starts promptly at 7.00pm

Wallan Secondary College features:

- Take home netbooks in Years 7 to 10
- Strong House structure with Home Groups for Pastoral Care and Individual Learning needs
- Whole School Literacy and Numeracy programs
- Establishing excellence in academic and cultural pursuits
- ICT across the curriculum
- State of the art facilities - Resource Centre, Science Laboratories, Gymnasium and Technology Centre (CAD, Music Recording and Audiovisual Studios, Electrotechnology and Manufacturing Centre)
- Academic and Sporting Scholarships

VCE, VET and VCAL Pathways for all Senior students

College Tours are available at other times. Please contact the College to make a booking.

100 Duke Street Wallan 3756 Ph: 5783 4335
Principal: Ms Wendy Caramarco
www.wallsac.vic.edu.au
Congratulations to the following students who has finished the challenge!

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.

One/Two Unit

This term our Inquiry topic is, ‘The House That Jack Built’ and we are looking at different structures.

In Investigations we have used a variety of materials to construct different structures. We used lego, mobile, pop sticks, blocks and lots of different materials. We had great fun trying to see what worked and what didn’t. Some were very creative.

In our grades we had to design a bridge. Then, using some different materials we tried to construct our designs. Some worked and others didn’t. We tried to see how strong our bridges were by placing counters on top.

On Friday 4th May all of the Grade 1 / 2’s walked to the L.B. Davern Reserve to look at the construction of the new stadium. (Please read the 1/2M information about the trip later in the newsletter.)

On Thursday 17th May we are attending Craft Workshop called Mini Handyman. It is a ninety minute session and we will make a 2D or 3D model using pre-cut templates and use hammers, glue and nails. We are very excited about this.

Exciting News-Six iPads have been delivered to each of the 1/2 rooms!!! Mr Potesta has been in to show us the different apps on our iPads and to discuss how to look after them responsibly. We will use the iPads for Reading, Writing and Maths groups and for Inquiry. Thanks Mr Potesta.

Most Grade 1 and 2’s started their Home Learning last week. The Grade 1’s have to do Look, Cover, Write and Check of their spelling words. The grade 2’s have to do Look, Cover, Write and Check AND choose five of their words to write in sentences. We would like parents to sign their child’s Home Learning to indicate that they have looked at the 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. We hope to see lots of parents in our grades in Education Week to see their child’s great learning.

Courtney McLure, Heather Chisholm and Carol McIntyre

PREP PARENTS COFFEE MORNING:

All Prep parents should have received an invitation to join me this Friday for a coffee and chat about the Prep year so far. We will meet in the library straight after the bell.

Hope to see you there. Toddlers welcome!

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NUTS—No Uniform Today @ School
Out of Uniform Day

It is out of uniform day for Allergy Awareness Week on Thursday 17th May. Bring a gold coin donation. All money goes towards allergy awareness research.

Date: Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} May
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Wandong Primary School Hall.
Snack foods will be available to purchase on the night.
We are fundraising to support Wandong Primary School’s Wakakirri Team.
The music will be G-rated.
To enter it is only a gold coin donation.
I hope to see you there!
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Science has pushed and pulled its way into our Grade 1 / 2 classrooms this term with students investigating a unit on “Energy and Change”.

Above, Shae and Hannah are investigating lowering and lifting weighted objects in water. Hannah was able to explain that gravity pulls down on objects.

Below, Shae is pushing different sized balls under water - investigating the different forces at play. Shae was able to explain that water can push up on objects in water.
Opening Classroom Doors

Number Fluency and Reading Tasks in 3/4C!

Every day we practise our Number Fluency Tasks. This week we have new subtraction tasks that help us with different strategies.

We love completing our new tasks and we use lots of different materials to help us to become fluent.

“We were partner reading. Jed was reading a joke book. He was telling me a joke. After Jed read me some jokes I read my book to him. My book is call Wizards and the Time Machine.” –Lachlan Hall

“I was reading my book doing independent reading. My book is called 'The Riddleopedia'. I like having time to read to myself. I like sitting down and reading a nice book.” –Nadia Barbour

“We were listening to reading. We plugged our headphones into the iPod touch. We listened to ‘Specky McGee’. It was great and funny at the same time.” –Adrian Arevalo

“We were listening to reading. We listened to 'Specky McGee' on the iPod touch. It was good because it was a good story. I like to use the iPod because it is fun.”

–Bryannon Bellman
Trivia Night

Time: 7:00pm
Date: June 15th

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!!

$5 per person    Tables of 4

At the Wandong Primary School Hall

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