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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.

Grade Five Six Canberra Camp

Our students are pictured below holding one minute's silence at Tarcutta on our trip home from our Canberra camp on the 11/11/2011 at 11:00 a.m.

As a group we had visited the War Memorial the previous day. In addition, our grades five and six students had designed and held an ANZAC day ceremony at our school in April of this year.

As a group we sat and remembered the people who had fought for, or represented, our country in wartime.

Our students are to be commended for their level of respect and appreciation of others' feelings during these such times.

Supporting Students with Allergic Reactions:

Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
A Message from the Principal…

Grade Five/ Six camp: The past week was certainly fun filled, with the grades five and six students heading off to camp. I was fortunate to attend with the grades five/six teachers, along with Mrs Smith, Rita, Annie, Adam Dennehy and Malcolm Mumberson. The trip up was surprisingly quick and the following three days were filled with interesting venues and certainly opportunities to extend our students’ learning. Both the old and new Parliament Houses were visited, along with the War Memorial, CSIRO, the Indonesian Embassy, the Mint and the Planning Commission to name a few venues.

Our students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and the high level of respect that they displayed when listening to presenters and when visiting important monuments. On our return we stopped for a minutes silence in Tarcutta as it was the 11th November—Remembrance Day. Thank you to all of the adults who attended… we couldn’t provide these opportunities to our students unless we have adults willing to put their families “on hold” for five days…. The feedback from the students has been very positive. It was certainly a camp well worth attending. (Please refer to photo display in this newsletter.)

Victorian State Student Congress: On Monday of this week, I escorted four of our grade five students to the first ever Victorian Student Congress at Parliament House in Melbourne. The timing was perfect for us, as the students had only recently learnt about the parliamentary system and had visited both the Senate and House of Representatives at the Federal Parliament House in Canberra. Prior to the trip, our grades five and six students had completed a survey on urban and rural planning and it was the data collected from this survey that our four student representatives presented in their opening speech. Throughout the day the students completed workshops and then presented two of eight motions to the Student Legislative Assembly.

Below are some comments from the four students who attended ~ Alaska, Sebastian, Hayley and Macey.

“I spoke in front of other students in my opening speech in the Legislative Assembly room.”…… “I met the Minister for Education and had my first ever tram ride!” …… “I meet lots of students from other schools and met Mr Dixon.”…… “I learnt a lot from the visit to Parliament House such as comparing the design of the Melbourne Parliament House to the design of the Canberra Parliament House.”…… “The Melbourne one is a much older design with lots of mosaic tiles and beautiful old chandeliers and lights.” …… “The Melbourne Parliament House appears to be smaller than the one in Canberra. (There are over 4000 rooms in the Federal Parliament house in Canberra)”

School Fete: It’s on this Friday! A beautiful day is forecast and plans are all going as scheduled. All families should have received a letter yesterday regarding stall helpers and emergency contact numbers for the school during the day (as we are expecting power supply interruptions in the morning). Please return the stall helpers and barbecue helpers reply slip to your class teacher ASAP so that the day runs smoothly.

Have a great week. Rhonda Cole
WORKING BEE: Many thanks to the families who attended our Working Bee on Saturday. The event clashed with a few sporting activities so numbers were low, however the troops worked very hard (and long) to achieve some great results. Tasks completed included:

- Filling our sandpit
- Weeding the garden to the west of the hall
- Installing WPS lettering along the Rail Street garden
- Installing seating /retaining wall to the west of the cricket nets
- Tidying up the Friendship Chair area – adding new mulch and repositioning stones.

Unfortunately the plan to reinstall the monkey bars next to the grades three/four classrooms could not be achieved. We hope with a little more help at our next working bee, in term one of 2012, this will be achieved.

Thank you to our fabulous helpers: Adam Dennehy, Mandy Coter, Tim Carr, Pauline Bittles and Mathew Robinson, Penny, Campbell, Findlay and Harper Edwards, Anthony Potesta, Peter, Joanne, Ella and Hugh Drofenik, Rhonda Cole, Andrew Leithhead, Bernie Cram, Elly, Georgia and Lachlan Thomson. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulation 100 nights reading: Sean Duffy


Awesome 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 and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of lunch scraps. Last week’s total…..$3.00

LOST DOG: Have you seen a brown kelpie? She ran away during the storm last Wednesday night. Answers to Chloe. Much loved pet. If you have any information, please ring Vinnie on 0439 931954 Or contact the office. Thank you.

Psst!... Wanna know the best Christmas gift you can get your child?????

It’ll solve those cries of “I’m bored!” we all hear in the first week of January too!

Special Offer! For January 2012 Only!!
Four guitar lessons for the special low price of $80.

Call Bruce for more details 5784 1510
Guitar hire available.
Limited positions available.
Call early to avoid disappointment!

Singing Club
Singing Club will be on this Friday 18th November, starting at 1:40pm.
Please bring your folders if you have one and all new children are welcome

Education Maintenance Allowance for 2012
Are you eligible?
If you are eligible for a Health care card, pension card or are a foster parent, you may be entitled to E.M.A.
Please contact the office for further assistance or visit www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/
We are taking application now for next year.

Grade Five/Six Campers
Could you please collect any medicines from the office before the end of the week.

Grade two Campers
There is a variety of personal goods left over from the camp. Could you please collect them from the office before the end of the week.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2011 FOR ISSUE No. 8
**Student attendance in semester two:**

**“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: 39)

Grade one/twos: 59  
(Total number of 1/2s: 73)

Grade three/fours: 55  
(Total number of 3/4s: 78)

Grade five/sixes: 77  
(Total number of 5/6s: 85)

Total absence days across the school for this year: 1893

**Congratulations to this week’s winners...**

**Five/Six Unit**

90% attendance  
(Way to go guys, even if you were trapped on buses to Canberra)

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**WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG**

- **Friday 18th November**: Twilight fete at the school  - Swimming Begins
- **Monday 21st November**: Swimming
- **Wednesday 23rd November**: Swimming  - Book Club orders due back today  (Last orders before Christmas)
- **Thursday 24th November**: Out of uniform day (Bring a donation for the Christmas raffle please)
- **Friday 25th November**: Swimming
- **Tuesday 29th November**: Swimming

**December**

- **Friday 2nd December**: Swimming  - Prep camp
- **Monday 5th December**: 2012 Prep Information Night
- **Tuesday 6th December**: Swimming  - School Council final meeting for 2012 at Hogans in Wallan (6:00 p.m.)
- **Friday 9th December**: Parent’s Club last meeting (Magpie and Stump)
- **Friday 9th December**: Swimming
- **Thursday 15th December**: Grade Six graduation
- **Monday 19th December**: School Concert 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- **Tuesday 20th December**: Grade five/six pool party (date to be confirmed by pool)
- **Wednesday 21st December**: Grade 3/4 Pool party
- **Thursday 22nd December**: Last day of school for 2011 (1:30pm finish)

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

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**Australia Day Awards 2012**

Mitchell Shire Council invites nominations for the Local Government Australia Day Awards to be presented on 26 January 2012. The awards are provided by the Australia Day Committee (Victoria) and are administered by Local Government Authorities throughout Australia on behalf of the Council.

Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years shall be eligible. Nominations are invited for the following categories:

**Australia Day Citizen Award:** to be eligible, the person must be 25 years or older on the 26 January 2012.

**Australia Day Young Citizen Award:** to be eligible, the person must be under 25 years of age on the 26 January 2012.

**Community Event of the Year Award:** presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Customer Service Centre or our website www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au. Nominations will be accepted up until 25th November 2011.
Grade five/six Canberra trip
## Opening Classroom Doors

**WRITING**

We are focussing on procedures. We have followed procedures to make icy treats and to perform activities such as skipping, making origami whales and going down the slide.

**READING**

We have completed many novel tasks, such as making paper chains to order events in our stories and making posters that compare ourselves to the main characters.

**NUMERACY**

We have been reading and drawing maps. We made our own maps of islands, plotting coordinates and creating questions for others to answer.

**INQUIRY**

My Amazing Body has been the focus for inquiry. So far we have researched some of the different systems and organs within the body.

### WE HAVE ENJOYED...

...Making Numeracy Island maps (Sarah)  
...Bike Ed (Grant)  
...Writing procedures (Shannon)  
...Making icy poles (Chelsea)  
...Making paper chains in reading (Ethan)

### WE HAVE LEARNT...

...The pus is made out of white blood cells and dead bugs. (Adriana)  
...When you compare and contrast, you find out what’s different and what’s the same and it helps you understand your reading more. (Ethan and Jordie)

### WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO...

**CAMP!!!!** (We had a fabulous time and we cannot wait to tell everyone about it)

### WHAT’S ON IN 5/6 PRATT!

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**GRADE 3/4 McDermott - EMOTIONS**

Our grade has recently been investigating emotions and how people react to situations. Can you imagine what these faces are feeling?
HOW DOES A SILENT AUCTION WORK?

A silent auction is a fundraising technique frequently used at charity events. It differs from the typical auction conducted by an auctioneer who calls out the prices for items and then takes the raised hands or paddles of people as bids at a certain price. It’s often a preferred means for raising money at charitable events because it does not detract from the entertainment provided at the event. Usually, a silent auction is conducted by setting up tables or displays of items or services upon which people can bid. A minimum bid may be set, especially when the item is of high value. Paper is located near the item, which allows for people to write down their names and bids. This gives people a chance, during the event, to tour the different items available for auction and decide upon which items they would like to bid.

Often one sheet of paper shows all previous bids so that people participating in the silent auction know that they need to bid higher in order to get the item. They also have the opportunity to revisit bidding sheets before the auction is closed if they really want something being offered at the silent auction.

So now you know how to do it, come along on Friday and have a go. You may pick a real bargain and have some fun!

Garage Sale
Saturday
19th November, 2011
21 Kooralanga Drive, Wandong 9:00am start
(No early callers please)
Moving Interstate.
Everything must go!

It’s how many days until Christmas??
Thursday 24th November will be out of uniform day for our Xmas Raffle. Please place a donation for the Christmas Raffle in the box in your classroom. Last year we had over twenty hampers thanks to the generosity of our families. The raffle will be drawn at our school Christmas Concert on Monday 19th December.

YMCA Bushfire School Holiday Program
Highlights these holidays include Wild Action Zoo, Carnival Day, Tenpin Bowling and a Outdoor Camp!

More information can be found at www.bushfireprograms.ymca.org.au from Friday 25th November or by calling (03) 8736 6520. Bookings for the Summer holiday period open 8.00am Tuesday 6th December and close 5.00pm Wednesday 21st December. We strongly advise families to book quickly in the booking period as some programs will book out. However please note early bookings will not take precedence.

Whittlesea Show
Congratulations to the following students who received prizes for the following entries:

Olivia Aquilina - Commended - Creative Language - Poetry Year Six

Isobel Mumberson - Second and third prize - Children’s scrapbooking page - Primary School age
SILENT AUCTION
(Items to be auctioned on 18th November, 2011)

CROWN - $100 MEAL VOUCHER + 2 VILLAGE MOVIE TICKETS
THE DOOR STORE - $200 VOUCHER
EPSON WORKFORCE 435 (PRINTER/FAX/OPIER/SCANNER/WI-FI)
WORM CAFE / WORM BLANKET / WORM CONDITIONER
TARGUS LAPTOP TOTES X 5
TARGUS LAPTOP BRIEFCASES X 5
TARGUS LAPTOP BACKPACKS X 5
PHILLIP ISLAND 3 PARK PASS
LITE N EASY $140 VOUCHER + MOBILE PHONE HOLDER.
BENDIGO TRUST VOUCHER FOR 2 CHILDREN TO DISCOVERY CENTRE/TALKING TRAM/GOLD MINE
NATIONAL SPORTS MUSEUM FAMILY VOUCHER + SHERRIN FOOTBALL + BOOST GIFT CARD
MELBOURNE MUSEUM PASSES + SHERRIN FOOTBALL + BOOST GIFT CARD
ADVENTURE PARK PASSES + SHERRIN FOOTBALL + BOOST GIFT CARD
BLUNDSTONE VOUCHER FOR PAIR OF BOOTS
IMAX THEATRE PASSES X 2 + SHERRIN FOOTBALL + BOOST GIFT CARD
PILATES DVDS X 3 + HEINKEN DRINK BOTTLE
TOASTEE SWIM TOP (EXCHANGEABLE SIZE & COLOUR)
AUSTRALIS / FACE OF AUSTRALIA MAKE-UP
HIVE SWIMWEAR VOUCHERS X 3 + LE PIN PARASOL VOUCHERS X 3
BEECHWORTH HONEY HAMPERS X 2
SIX MONTH SCRAPBOOKING MEMORIES MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION
$20 SPOTLIGHT GIFT CARD + STAEDTLER PENCIL CASE FILLED WITH STATIONARY
PORT OF ECHUCA WALK WHARF VOUCHERS X 3
BRITA WATER JUGS X 2
12 VEGETABLE/HERB SEED PACKETS + 2 VEGIE GARDEN CHARTS
4 TUBS OF STAMINADE
JUNGLE KID FAMILY PASSES + SHERRIN FOOTBALL + BOOST GIFT CARD
IRWIN FAMILY PRINT & AUSTRALIA ZOO PASS + SHERRIN FOOTBALL + BOOST GIFT CARD
AFL COLLECTORS GIFT CARDS & SHERRIN FOOTBALL.

Cakes and slices for the cake stall are urgently required. Please bring on Friday morning or to the stall on the day.
FETE
Friday 18th November
2:30pm - 7:00pm

BBQ
Cake Stall

New & Second Hand Books

Drinks

Jumping Castle

SHOWBAGS

Lucky Dip

Crazy Hair & Face Painting

Wandong Primary School

ICE CREAMS

Games

White Elephant