17th October 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: Ali Al-Ghazawi—(An amazing written retell of our bug story)
Prep G: Georgia Gawley—(Writing a detailed recount)
1/2 C: Quinn Hughes—(A fantastic sizzling start to his narrative)
1/2 H: Jack Johnson-Breheny—(An improved attitude to learning)
1/2 M: Lawrence Baggio—(Great counting of money in Maths)
3/4 C: D’arcy Bourke—(A very detailed procedural writing piece)
3/4 Y: Max Davies—(Always trying his best in all areas of his learning)
5/6E: Harrison Greeno—(Writing a very detailed letter about his holiday)
5/6 K: Kiara Upton—(Writing a great letter to a peer)
5/6 P: Ryan Blake—(Always showing the value of friendship during Thinklinks)

BUNNINGS BARBECUE SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER
Pop in and grab a sausage and say “Hi.”
(Onions cutters needed—please see page three.)
A Message from the Principal....

The first week back at school was certainly a huge one, getting back to routine and dealing with the sad news of one of our past students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their fabulous support of our students, in what was a difficult time for them as teachers. We have many fond memories of Daniel and will keep these with us into the future. Some staff will be attending the funeral on Friday, along with myself, and I have organised for these teachers to be replaced by our regular CRTs to ensure our school runs smoothly in their absence.

Parent Opinion Survey: Every year forty of our parents are asked to complete an anonymous survey about our school. Areas they are asked to rate include teaching and learning programs, assessment and reporting processes, transition practices, extra curricular programs, parent involvement and student safety. We have received the results and I am delighted to inform the community that we have seen a marked increase in the data for all areas with the exception of student safety. This still remains lower than we would like it to be. Three of the forty parents commented on student safety in the anonymous comments we receive back from Melbourne. I have spoken to Sharon Blackwell about re-doing the sessions on bullying that she ran at our school last year. In addition, both Mr Potesta and I are attending two separate courses related to “boys” and “girls” and how best to support them in building positive relationship with others and how to help them to best manage their own feelings. These sessions are being presented within the next two weeks in North Melbourne. Toni Vicary, our student wellbeing officer, will also be attending both sessions. Following these two courses, the three of us will put our heads together to work with Sharon about how we can assist students in this area.

Attitude to School Survey: Each year our grades five and six students complete a survey about their school. As occurred in the Parent Opinion Survey, there was big increase in the data in all areas except student safety. Once I receive the student survey data, I meet with the students and ask them about why they scored items as they did. This discussion occurred last Wednesday. The main discussion that occurred that related to student safety was around issues between students in the yard. Ten students indicated they had been involved in an issue in the yard this year. Of the ten, seven had told a teacher and it had been dealt with to their satisfaction. The remaining three indicated that they did not wanted to tell on a friend who had been mean. From this we held discussions about “what is a friend” and “how to treat a friend.” However, we only scratched the surface and will be include this in the sessions we do with Sharon Blackwell.

Fire Drill Practice: Earlier this year we completed two fire drill practices — one over the bridge and another into the brick classrooms. In two weeks, we plan to run another practice — this time into the church car park. If your child comes home saying we needed to evacuate.... please don't panic. It is just us having a practice.

Book Fair: On Monday all grades visited the Book Fair and students completed their “wish list.” Book Fair will be open before and after school until Friday. There are a great range of books on display and we invite parents to come along with their child to look at the items for sale. Our school receives commission on all sales and this allows us to purchase books for our Literacy programs and school library.
School Council News: On Monday evening we held our October School Council meeting. The following was discussed:
Results of Attitude to School Survey and Parent Opinion Data discussed
Attendance Certificate of term three—these will go home next week. Following feedback from the certificates that went home for term one, I will visit classrooms before they go home to explain the rating scale to students
Pedestrian crossing at Rail Street: We will write to Mitchell Shire to ask what is happening with the installation of a school crossing in Rail Street near the blue bridge,
Working Bee: A Working Bee is planned for Friday 9th November with a focus on a general clean up of the school. Tasks to be done include general clean-up, weeding of paths, clean up around the sandpit, sweep the Grade six area, weeding on the Rail Street side of hall, general mowing. Please pop this in your diary as many hands make light work.

BUNNINGS BARBECUE:
Thank you to the following parents who have kindly offered their time to assist with the Bunning’s Barbecue on Saturday.
8:00—10:00  Rhonda Cole, Ros Hulett, Kylie Shingles, Tammie Mason
10:00—12:00 Rhonda Cole, Ros Hulett, Rob Harrison, Kylie Shingles, Sandra Bartolo
12:00—2:00  Rhonda Cole, Ros Hulett, Stacey Kelly,
2:00—4:00  Rhonda Cole, Ros Hulett, Bernie Cram, Annette Upton
Your assistance is much appreciated. The weather is predicted to be fine so let’s hope there is a lot on hungry customers lining up to be served!

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole

Help needed: Onion Slicers
We urgently need some parents to cut up some onions for our barbecue on Saturday. We will give you the onions and some zip lock bags into which you can place the slices. If you can help, please return the slip below and we will send home a little package on Thursday after school. (We will need them back by 4:00 Friday). Alternatively you can cut them up at school — please let us know what suits best. With thanks!

ONION SLICER: Reply Slip
Name: .........................................................  Child’s Room: ......................
I would be happy to slice up some onions for the Bunning’s Barbecue on the weekend.

Please send a package home with my child and I will return it by Friday 4:00 p.m.  OR

I will come to school on Friday and cut them up.  (Please circle preferred option)
Signed: ........................................................................................................
Muffin Break Muffin Vouchers: Just for you for a little ‘me time’!

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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MUFFIN BREAK VOUCHERS:

Family name: .................................................

Eldest child’s name: ............................... Grade: .......

Please send home ............... voucher/s for four muffins

with my child at a cost of **$8.00 for one voucher** (4 muffins) or **$20.00 for three vouchers** (12 muffins).

I have enclosed $.......... with my order. Signed: ..............................................

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**Numeracy**

MEASURING things

Build a tower of blocks that is taller than a favourite toy.

Ask your child to count the total blocks to measure the height of the tower.

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**FOUND**

Have you lost a very beautiful rooster? Mrs Cole had an unexpected visitor on Grand Final Day morning. If you are missing a very fine looking white rooster, possibly called Ricardo the rooster, please contact the office.

We are pleased to announce that since his arrival, Ricardo has been very busy. We are currently watching one of our hens sitting on a very special egg.
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 of term three’s total... $16.00
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

YOU ARE INVITED TO 
GIRLS NIGHT IN 
(FUNDRAISER FOR WOMEN’S CANCER) 
COME ALONG FOR A NIGHT FILLED 
WITH FUN AND GAMES 
(BRING A FRIEND) 
DONATIONS AT DOOR 
BRING A PLATE 
BYO DRINKS 
WHEN: FRI 26TH OCT 
TIME: 8PM ONWARDS 
RSVP: WED 24TH OCT 
FOR LOCATION AND FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT 
STACEY 0434 358 839 
FUNDRAISES GO TO CANCER COUNCIL

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations 50 nights reading:
Alesha McIntosh

Congratulations 100 nights reading:
Matilda Prewett

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Kyla Kelly-Manning, Sarah Egan, Austin Tennant, Coby Hustler, Callum Webb Samantha Granieri, Jaidyn Stuart, Brylie Bittles, Campbell Edwards, Tyler Carr, Karlee Rae Ritchie, Corey Frith, Hayleigh White, Shae McDonald, Corey Dennehy, Jaedon McCrum, Grace Hannemann, Joshua Selvaggio,

Congratulations 200 nights reading:
Max Davies, Ryan Ashfield, Emma Drury, Jarek O’Neill, Mariam Al-Ghazawi, Connor Gawley, Hayden Coad, Brooke Mazzarella, Wala Al-Ghazawi, Ben Drury, Anita Barbour, Dakota Patrick, Shae Fitzpatrick, Hassn Al-Ghazawi, Charli McClure, Nicholas Adam, Justine Nastevski, Jennifer Cocks, Hayley Mumberson, Joshua Selvaggio, Erin Libardi, Sarah Mendola, Kate Leavold, Emily Beauchamp, Cassidy Garratt, Jack Trenfield, Emily Fitzgerald, Charlie Broderick,

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.
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: 27
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 54
(Total number of 1/2s: 67)
Grade three/fours: 54
(Total number of 34s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 60
(Total number of 5/6s: 79)

Total absence days across the school for this semester 557

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

Three/Four Unit
(88% of students had full attendance)

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

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

OCTOBER

Thursday 18th October - Parent’s Club meeting 9:15am in the staffroom
Friday 19th October - Swimming Session
Saturday 20th October - Bunnings BBQ fundraiser at Craigieburn
Tuesday 23rd October - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
Friday 26th October - Swimming Session

NOVEMBER

Friday 2nd November - Swimming Session
Tuesday 6th November - Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
Friday 9th November - Working Bee at school
Friday 9th November - Swimming Session
Tuesday 13th November - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
Friday 16th November - Swimming Session
Friday 23rd November - Swimming Session
Tuesday 27th November - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
Friday 30th November - Swimming Session

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd December - Information Evening for 2013 Prep parents
Friday 7th December - Swimming Session
Friday 21st December - Last day of term four (1:30 finish)

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

Kilmore Kids Market

Come along rain, hail or shine to the Kilmore Kids Market. Lots of bargains for sale including Preloved baby and children’s clothing, toys, games, furniture, linen etc. Also a great variety of other stalls such as Phoenix Trading, Lovely Lolly Stations, Mooluu (children’s wear), Two Cute Stuff, Cyclones Craft Cabin, Creata Direct Learning, Livi Lou Collection, Tupperware, Art By M and Bonza Babes Nappy Cakes. Gold Coin entry. All profits go towards buying new toys for The Toy Library of Kilmore.
Saturday 27th October 10.00am-12.00pm at the Kilmore Library (John Taylor Room).
This term the grade 3/4 students are studying ‘Ecosystems’. Last Wednesday we all walked over to the L.B. Davern Reserve to see both ‘living’ and ‘non living’ things. We saw:

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From the list above can you name the 8 ‘living’ and 9 ‘non-living’ things that we saw on our walk?

The grade 3/4 teachers would like to thank Patricia Brincat, Danielle Bellman, Bret Stebbing and Annie for coming along.

The students will be studying plants, animals, non-living objects, climate, water and interesting facts for different ‘ecosystems’: forests (rainforests), deserts, oceans (polar), grasslands, wetlands, alpine, heathlands, mangroves, islands, reefs and coastal areas. Look out within this newsletter for ideas from the 3/4 students.

Please look after our local ecosystems by using paths and walkways, and by putting your rubbish in the bin.

3/4Y students

Answers:
‘Living’ – trees, leaves, magpies, caterpillars, crows, grasses, ants, cows.
‘Non-living’ – signs, tree stumps, a creek, pathway, stones, fences, rocks, buildings, gates.

Congratulations to Yellow House

Yellow house was the winner last week with the house points. Hayley Cashen and Abby Hurst (Yellow house Captain and Vice-Captain) are proudly holding the winner’s cup.
Pink Panthers

Skills Program for girls Prep-Year 8

- A Fun Introduction to Basketball
- A Chance to Develop Basketball Skills.
- A chance for parents to learn about the game.
- But most of all, it's about having FUN.
- Each Child receives a Basketball*

When: Friday 5:30-6:30pm
Where: R.B. Robson Stadium
      Bentinek St, Wallan
Program Duration: 6 weeks
Session length: 60min
Cost: $30
Includes: Basketball and T-shirt
Commences: Friday 9th November

Register any time! See wallanbasketball.com.au
or email pinkpanthersbasketball@gmail.com for more information
Wallan Secondary College to host Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness Presentation

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

Wallan Secondary College, in association with Wallan Primary School and the Department of Health, will host a Cybersmart Outreach – Internet Safety Awareness presentation with a Cybersmart trainer from the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) on October 25th at 7pm. This is a free event open to all members of the Wallan Community, in particular parents, teachers and students.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

To register your attendance at the presentation, please contact Wallan Secondary College on 5783 4335 by 24th October.

SWIMMING

Swimming begins this Friday so please remember to pack bathers and towels.

We have goggles available for sale at the office.

$2.00 a pair.
Holiday and Festival Asthma Trigger Warning

The upcoming holiday season and festivities planned during Term 4 and throughout the summer holidays may mean that your child is exposed to new triggers for their asthma. It is important for parents and carers, and children themselves, to be aware of changes to their environment and the activities that may impact on their asthma.

Christmas trees, both real and artificial could be triggers for people with asthma. Artificial trees may be quite dusty after being stored away, while both real and artificial trees may harbour mould. It is important to ensure that artificial trees are cleaned appropriately and that care is taken to select real trees that do not produce wind-borne pollen. All tree and other decorations should cleaned and free from dust and mould when used at home.

Scented candles, room deodorisers and air fresheners may also trigger asthma in those susceptible to perfumes, and care should be taken when purchasing these and other scented items at home.

Lastly, the added pressures of the year drawing to a close can cause stress and anxiety for many people, potentially triggering asthma attacks. It is important to consider ways that the whole family can enjoy the holidays and feel safe happy and comfortable.

Happy Holidays from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

Care Monkey and Asthma Australia

CareMonkey is a safe and free web app for sharing health care information. Asthma Australia has partnered with CareMonkey in order to contribute to the safety and well-being of people with asthma. Parents can create a profile for their child in CareMonkey which can be shared with trusted carers, including family, friends, teachers and sports coaches.

Vital information such as emergency contacts, health and safety alerts, medications, allergy details, asthma plan and more can be easily shared.

Consider creating a profile for your child with asthma (or other medical condition) and share this with others including the staff at your school or preschool.

Go to caremonkey.com for more information.
3/4 Inquiry Unit
Life In An Ecosystem

Tips

Ensure all taps both inside and in the garden are always turned of tightly so they do not drip. However, don’t force taps, as you can damage them and actually cause leaks.

By Ryan B, Mace U, Dylan, Nadia B, Mohamad AL and Chantel K.

Numeracy.
Prep B.

The children in Prep B have been learning about addition. This week they are practising this concept by using cards and recording the problems they create, including the correct symbols.
We made Hairy Harry’s! 1/2 C are learning about weather this term. This week we have been learning about Spring! We know that lots of things start to grow in Spring so we made Hairy Harry’s. Hopefully in a couple of weeks we’ll start to see some hair (grass) growing!

After we had made our Hairy Harry’s, we wrote a procedure on how to make them. Maybe you can make one at home and see if yours can grow hair too!!

Opening Classroom Doors

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