18th July 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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

165 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 62%
(102 families)

Have you recently asked your child/ren...

“What did you learn today?”

Semester one Attendance Awards:

Students with outstanding attendance during semester one - less than two days absence for terms one and two!
A fantastic effort!

2013 Prep Enrolments

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.

All enrolment forms are due back to the school by 3rd September, 2012

NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY DUE TO THE WAKAKIRRI PERFORMANCE
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Welcome back. I hope everyone had an excellent holiday break and are feeling relaxed and refreshed, ready to tackle another exciting term.

**Before and After School Care Survey**

Last term, Mrs Cole and I met with the operators of Sutherland Street Childcare and Kindergarten in Kilmore to determine the feasibility of running a “Before and After School Care” program at Wandong Primary School. Before the program can operate, we need to ascertain if there will be enough numbers to make it viable. With this week’s newsletter, I have sent home a pink, double sided survey for you to fill out. It is imperative that families think about the possibility of using a before and after school hours care service and return the survey to the office by **Friday 27th July**. By filling in the survey you are not committing to the service. It simply gives us, and Sutherland Street, an idea about how many prospective families may use before and after school care in the future. If all goes well, the service would begin in 2013. If you have any questions or queries, please contact myself, Mrs Cole or Mick at Sutherland Street on (03) 5781 1300.

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**Welcome to Wandong Primary School**

I would like to warmly welcome Paige Brice and Alisha McIntosh to our school community. Paige is grade six (Ms Pratt’s grade) and Alisha is in grade three (Mrs Langdon’s grade.) I know you have made some new friends and wish you a wonderful time at your new school.

**Wakakirri**

Nerves and excitement are running high at the moment. Friday is the big day when our Wakakirri performers head off to the Clock Tower in Moonee Ponds to compete in this year’s Wakakirri Performance. This year’s Wakakirri theme is the number “12” and our performance is called ‘Bin it, don’t beach it’ which is about saving and protecting our environment. Wakakirri is a story told through dance and music. Our performers range from prep to grade six and have been rehearsing since term two.

“Wakakirri is a fun way to tell a story through dance, and everyone enjoys it. We get to wear really cool costumes. It is fun because you get to compete against other primary schools.” Alaska Brenkovich

“Wakakirri is good because it builds up people’s confidence and you get to have fun.” Mikayla Gibbons

There will be a special whole school rehearsal (weather permitting) on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. for everyone to fine tune their performance. Good luck to everyone involved.

**As a result of many students and staff being at the Wakakirri performance on Friday, there will be NO school assembly this week.**

**Lost Property and Spare Clothes.**

There are a significant number of lost property uniform items in the school office. If you are missing an item of clothing, please come to office to check if it is there. In the coming weeks we will be holding a lost property stall to reduce the amount of clothing.

This is a good time of the year to have a pair of spare clothes in your child’s school bag. It is fairly wet and muddy around the school grounds at the moment and any slips can result in your child’s uniform getting wet, damp and muddy.

Until next time, have a great week, Anthony Potesta
**WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG**

**THURSDAY 19TH JULY**
- Parent’s Club meeting - 9:15am in the staffroom

**FRIDAY 20TH JULY**
- Wakakirri concert (No school assembly)

**AUGUST**
- **WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST**
  - School tour for 2012 new students
  - 9:30-10:30am

- **THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST**
  - Grade Five visit to Wallan SC

- **WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST**
  - School House Sports day

- **THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST**
  - Expression of interest in swimming due

- **FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST**
  - Curriculum Day - No students at school

- **FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST**
  - Special Friend’s Day

- **TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST**
  - District Athletics Carnival

- **FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST**
  - Final payment for 5/6 camp due today
  - Final payment for 3/4 camp due today

**SEPTEMBER**
- **FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**
  - Footy Colours Day

- **MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER**
  - Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes

- **WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER**
  - Grade Five/six camp - First day

- **FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**
  - Grade five/six return from camp

- **WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**
  - Grade Three/four camp - First day

- **FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER**
  - Grade Three/four return from camp

- **FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER**
  - Last day of term three

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

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**Student attendance in semester one:**

"EYES ON THE TARGET"

**Staying below 1200**

absent days for semester one and two.

(approx 5 days per child)

**During terms one and two**

we have had a total of

822 school days

missed due to student absence.

**We beat the target!**

When you put this into weeks, it totals 164 weeks of learning missed.

WOW that is still a lot.

However, congratulations to all of our students and their families for ensuring students are at school when they are well.

We have set a new total for the second half of the year...... 700 days.

Let’s work together and beat it too!

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

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**Fundraising Chocolates**

Thank you to everyone who has taken chocolates to sell over the holidays.

There are three boxes still at the office so if you can sell one more box, please contact the office.

Please remember to send the money to the office with your family name on it.

**SPORTS ED NEWS**

**ATHLETICS HELPERS NEEDED – TERM THREE IS ATHLETICS TIME. YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH EVENT TRAINING WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH TRAINING OUR GRADE 3 – 6 ATHLETES ACROSS A VARIETY OF EVENTS – PLEASE CONTACT MR FEARN FOR A COPY OF THE SCHOOLS TIMETABLE - YOUR TIME WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR TERM FOUR SWIMMING IS DUE BACK 16TH AUGUST, 2012**
For Sale
We now have acrylic beanies available for sale. Navy blue, one size, toasty warm and only $6.00.

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...$3.45
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Congratulations to the following students who have finished the challenge!
Sarah Dwyer, Eloise Harrison, Crystal Thompson, Hayley Mumberson, Adara Curry, Bridgette Davies, Mikayla Gibbons, Hugh Drofenik, Grace Hannemann, Katherine Adam, Nicholas Adam, Max Davies, Daniel Adam

Remember to enter your books on to the website. The challenge finishes on the 10th September, 2012
If you need help entering the books please contact the office.

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WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulation 50 nights reading:
Andrew Dowell

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Hayleigh White, Nicholas Adam, Brodie Petrou, Alaska Brenkovich, Luke Cashen, Findlay Edwards, Sarah Dwyer

Woolworth Earn & Learn

JUST FOUR WEEKS TO GO!
The Earn & Learn program finishes on the 12th August, 2012.

We have collected 15950 points and are well on our way to reach our target of 25,000.
If you have any cards that are incomplete, we have stickers donated from community members to help fill the cards.
So keep eating, keep collecting and help us reach our goal.

Numeracy

PLAYING games

Play number games online with your child.

Try this website: http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/