1st August 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.”

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

Have you recently asked your child/ren......”

“What did you learn today?”

Prep B: Sarah Dwyer - (Persisting with sounding out her words)
Prep G: Matilda Prewett - (Demonstrating the school value 'Respect')
1/2 C: Morgan Smith - (Trying really hard with her spelling)
1/2 H: Jesse Wilkes-O’Brien - (Having a good attitude towards his learning)
1/2 M: Kody Burge - (Improved effort in all writing tasks)
3/4 C: Taylah Clydesdale - (Always using her manners)
3/4 S: - Alesha McIntosh (Completing all learning tasks with enthusiasm)
3/4 Y: Chantel Kennett - (Outstanding achievement in her Numeracy fluency 'counting')
5/6 E: Lauren Jillett - (Writing an amusing limerick in class)
5/6 K: Byron Christiansen - (Writing a fantastic limerick)
5/6 P: Paige Brice - (A positive start to her new school)

Curriculum Day: Our final Curriculum Day for this year is on Friday 17th August. Students will not be required to attend school on this day.
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Parent Opinion Survey:
Forty families should have received their Parent Opinion Survey on Monday. Please ensure these are returned to school within the coming week. Your input is much appreciated.

National Tree Planting Day
What an awful wet week it was last week. As a result of the ‘not-so-nice’ weather, we had to postpone our National Tree Planting day. Fingers crossed the weather is a little more friendly this Friday. It would be great to see as many family helpers as possible. A timetable for who is planting where is below:

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<td>Chook yard</td>
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<td>11:30 – 12:00</td>
<td>Bike shed/chook yard</td>
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<td>12:45 – 1:30</td>
<td>Behind the monkey bars and grade six area.</td>
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Landscaping outside the Hall
Very, very soon, we’ll see some dramatic changes to the area outside the hall. The area will be fully landscaped with 3-tiered seating a feature. The seating will be built out of beautiful stone block work with smooth bull-nosed capped seating on top. Finding funds for the project has been difficult – but with the very generous donation from Bendigo Bank of $10,000, we are able to make the project happen. Thank you to the Wallan and District Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank for your donation. Bendigo Bank is committed to supporting local communities and allocates funds towards supporting many community events. This new area will be a fantastic addition to the school and will provide a wonderful new space for school events and for students to play and congregate.

Before and After School Care Survey
In the first newsletter this term, we sent home a survey (pink paper) about the feasibility of running a before and after school care program for 2013. If you have not yet returned this, please do so by this Friday.

Thinklinks
This week, Thinklinks started for semester two. All the groups have changed from last semester and the children will have a new teacher leading their group. This week was a ‘meet-and-greet’ session with children meeting their new group for the first time. During this session, the groups decided on what they will be doing this semester. In next week’s newsletter, we will list the activity for each group what each group is doing. If you are able to assist with your child’s group, we would love to see you helping out. Thinklinks sessions run from 12:30pm - 1:30pm on Tuesday 31st July, Tuesday 21st August, Tuesday 4th August.

Until next time, have a great week, Anthony Potesta

Planning for 2013.

Exiting students:
We are now in the initial stages of planning for the 2013 school year. To assist us with staffing, please indicate if your child WILL NOT be returning to Wandong Primary School next year. (Please fill this in even if you have told the office.)

Child’s name/s: ........................................................................................................ Room/s: ...........

New arrivals:
Alternatively, if you know of a relative/friend who we should be expecting next year (ie: new enrolment), please list their details below so we can check these against our records.

Their name: ......................................................... Your name: ...........................................

Please return to the office tomorrow if possible. Thank you!
### WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG

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<td>School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am</td>
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(You can check the website for more information or forms)

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(Total number of preps: 37)
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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

Woolworth Earn & Learn

JUST TWO WEEKS TO GO!

The Earn & Learn program finishes on the 12th August, 2012. We have collected **25,400** points and are well on our way to reach our target of 25,000. Yay team, we have reached our target. Now can we get to 30,000 before the 12th August???

So keep eating, keep collecting and help us reach our goal.

If you have any cards that are incomplete, we have stickers donated from community members to help fill the cards.

Ends 12th August, 2012

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Adults verses Students Basketball Game
this Friday lunchtime.
Rescheduled from last Friday...let’s hope the weather is good!

Parents are invited to join our staff for an “Adults verses Students” basketball match.
This fun activity will begin at 2:15 p.m. and finish just before assembly. The adults will play against the grade five/six students.
Even if you’ve never played before.... come along and have a go.
Hope to see you there 😊

Broadford Secondary College will celebrate it’s 50th Anniversary in October this year.
Past students and staff are invited to join in the celebrations over the weekend of 13/14th October.
Details of registration and events are available at www.broadfordsc.vic.edu.au; contact the school on 035784 1200 and our Face Book page Broadford Secondary College 50th Anniversary.
Hope to see you there!

NANNY
Hi, I am a 22 year old experienced nanny based in Lancefield, looking for full time, week day work in the local area. I have been a nanny in the USA for 10 months and have 2 years experience working in a child care centre.
I come with excellent references.
I have a Certificate III in children services, first aid, anaphylaxis and working with children’s check. I am also registering with the family assistance office.
Feel free to call with any questions.
Phone Jessie on 0447-742-323

Congratulations – Daniel Adam
Congratulations to Daniel Adam on receiving a mathematics scholarship to Whittlesea Secondary College.
Principal Mr Terry Twomey and past student Liam Webb attended our assembly last Friday to present Daniel with the award. Well done.

WOW!
We have had such an enormous response so far, we could run out space to store the vouchers.
The competition runs out on the 24th August so make sure you get your vouchers to the school before that date.
**Conveyance Allowance**
You may be eligible if you live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended.
Please call into the office to collect a form.
If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact the office.
Closing date for applications is 10th August, 2012 (no late applications will be processed)

**“KIDS MATTER”**
Heather’s Family Day care Wandong
Caring family day care educator
* Full-time * part-time * casual
*Before & after school * school holidays

**HEATHER SMITH**
Early childhood educator
Ph: 57871045
Mobile: 0478368944
Email: dbumith2@dodo.com.au
Childcare benefits and child care rebate
Available to eligible families

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**
Semester two
If you hold a Health Care Card and did not apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance at the beginning of the year. Please call at the school office and complete a form for the second instalment. Parents/guardians who applied for the first half of the year do not need to complete a second form as this done automatically.
However, if your health care card has expired since the first day of term one (3rd February, 2012), you do need to present your new card to the school office for verification as soon as possible.
Closing date for Semester two applications if Friday 3rd August, 2012

**Winter Woolies!**
The wind is whipping up a frenzy as a gentle reminder that winter is still with us.
Children can wear navy beanies and scarves of any colour out in the grounds during recess and lunchtime. The scarves **must** be tucked into their jumpers or jackets to stop the chance of accidental choking if the scarf gets caught on something.

**Numeracy**

**MAKING patterns**
Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry.
- Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, crockery, cards and furniture.
Opening Classroom Doors

On Thursday and Friday, 1/2H celebrated 100 days of school for this year. We made special glasses and a book and ate some yummy party food. We had fun!!

Well done Grace and Jessica!

A total amount of $27.90 was raised at the stall on Tuesday and this will now be forwarded to Wandong Pre School.

40 Hour Famine

This year from the 17th August until the 19th August, Tatum Laughlin and Charlotte Robertson are going to be participating in the 40 hour famine.

“The 40 hour famine is an event that takes place every year to raise money for people in third world countries that are hungry morning and night.

We will give up food for 40 hours to raise funds to send food to them. All we can eat is barley sugar and drink fruit juice, water and tea.

You can either donate to us or sponsor us. Our aim is to raise $100 each. Just $40 can feed a family. So please donate.” - Charlotte and Tatum.

Donations can be sent to the office and we will pass them onto the girls.
Explanation Writing in 3/4S

Throughout the week, all the children have been writing an explanation about bikes. They started off by labelling a bike and taking this diagram home to write things down about their bike. Following this, the children planned their explanation piece and then began composing.

“Bikes are good transport” - said Catherine.

“Bikes are used for riding around your house and having fun” - said Ben.

“Bikes have parts like the pedals, handlebars and frame” - said Tyler.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:
Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.