20th November 2013

‘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!

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

163 families at WPS.
105 completed payments = 64% (families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our ‘Students of the week’

Prep C: Jarvis Sleep—(A great effort with his reading)

Prep G: Vaughan Joslyn—(Having the confidence to swim in the pool)

1/2 H: Findlay Edwards—(Being a friendly and helpful member of our class)

1/2 M: William Bellman—(Trying really hard to improve his handwriting)

1/2 Z: Carly Davon—(Doing excellent reading)

3/4 B: Bryannon Bellman—(Using great strategies when reading)

3/4 L: Georgia Shingles—(Being a helpful member of the class)

3/4 Y: Zane Goring—(Consistently displaying the school values)

5/6 A: Jack Leithhead—(Being a helpful, caring and friendly class member)

5/6 E: Alexandra Battistin—(Completing all learning tasks to the best of her ability)

5/6 K: Luke Cashen—(Working so well to complete his writing portfolio)
A Message from the Assistant Principal ......

Working Bee
Thank you to Peter, Brett, Pauline, Penny, Catherine, Katalin, Ash, Rhonda and all the kids who helped out on the working bee on Friday afternoon. The great turnout meant that we were able to get quite a few jobs completed. These included:
- Repairs to the ‘one touch’ wall
- Repair tripping hazard paver at the front entrance
- Repair fence palings
- Weeding around the cricket nets and behind the blue bin
- Installing toilet roll holders in toilets

The school is looking great leading into the school holidays. We’ll have another working bee early in 2014 to make sure the school is looking in ‘tip-top condition’ for the 2014 school year.

Bike Ed
Last Thursday, I accompanied Mr Fearn and the three grade 5/6 classes for their Bike Ed class on the Say G’Day Trail. Luckily the weather held out and we had an enjoyable ride. The ride gave the students the opportunity to apply the skills they have learnt at school in a real life scenario. With the exception of a couple of unscheduled dismounts, everyone finished the ride unscathed. The Say G’Day Trail ride was great preparation for the Tour de Wallan on Friday 6th December. Well done to everyone who completed the ride.

Staffing
We are in the final stages of organizing staffing positions for 2014. Mrs Lewis will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up an Art position at Beveridge Primary School. Mrs Lewis declined an offer to continue to teach art at Wandong to further her career at Beveridge PS. Her contribution to our art program over the past few years has been outstanding and will be sorely missed.

In order to fill the vacant art position, we are very pleased to announce that Mrs Yaneff will be teaching Art three days a week in 2014. This is wonderful for both the school and Mrs Yaneff, as she will be better able to focus on her recovery. Mrs Yaneff has had an interest in teaching art for quite some time and has a history of artistic pursuits. As Mrs Yaneff will be teaching Art, there is now a vacant classroom position which has been advertised. This position will be filled in the coming weeks.

Prep Transition
On Friday we had our second last prep transition visit. The children were introduced to the 2014 prep teachers (Ms Giacomini, Ms Chisholm and Ms Green) and spent the morning in ‘Littleland’ (the 1/2 building). This will be the Prep classrooms in 2014. The classes are still being finalised with final classes being announced to parents at the Prep information night on Monday 25th November. Parents had an information session with Mrs Cole and myself in the hall. The children also met their 2014 grade five buddy for the first time. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the children are looking forward to meeting their buddy again at their kinder over the next couple of weeks.

Until next time, have a great week.

Anthony
A Message from the Assistant Principal ......cont

Bushfire At –Risk Register (BARR): School procedures for the bushfire season

In 2014, Wandong Primary School will be on the At Risk Bushfire Register.

The way schools in Victoria respond to bushfires is being constantly revised.

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools – and children’s services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At-Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly by email or letter sent home with your child and an SMS message with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- Out-of-school care will be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.
- There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for the threat of fire we have updated our emergency management plan; reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our school grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.wandongps.vic.edu.au, and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency plans.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season and Bushfire Survival Planning, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.
Posture Police Award

Congratulations to last week’s winner.

Coby Hustler demonstrated the correct posture when completing his school work.

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**STUDENT WELFARE NEWS**

BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN YOUR CHILDREN  (part 2)

3. *Helping children understand self-talk:*

That little voice inside their heads can talk them up or talk them down. Low confidence kids use a great deal of negative self-talk. Get children to listen to their self-talk and help them work out alternative messages that help them rather than hold them back.

4. *Recognise effort & improvement:*

Low risk takers and perfectionists appreciate parents who focus more on the process of what they do, rather than results. Effort, improvement and enjoyment are examples of processes that you can comment on.


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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Book Club money and orders are due back to the office by tomorrow Thursday 21st November for issue 8

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Blue House wins! Blue House wins the cup last week. Blue House Captain and Vice-Captains, Kristen Stone and Kayley Britton are proudly holding the winner’s cup for team Blue House.
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER'S CLUB:

Congratulations 100 nights reading:
Katlan Cook, Aleisha Davon.

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Ryan Barnes, Vaughan Joslyn,
Charlee Stuart, Kyle Bittles,
Carly Davon, Lachlan Barnes.

Congratulations 200 nights reading:
Kate Leavold,
Morgan Smith,
Kaitlin O'Neill,
Trinity Hobson,
James Mitsakis,
Findlay Edwards,
Jaedon McCrum,
Jacob Phelan,
Anita Barbour,
Ella Harris,
Dominik McKinlay

Congratulations 250 nights reading:
Felix Hughes, Connor Gawley,
Kira Roberts, Zahra Al-Ghazawi,
Ryan Battistin, Mikayla Gibbons,
Sarah Mendola, Lewis Kambouris,
Zara Marks, Aurora Sheehy,
Bridgette Davies, Grace Hannemann,
Eloise Harrison, Dargam Al-Ghazawi,
Lucas Bartolo, Brooke Mazzarella,
Nicholas Adam, Shae Fitzpatrick,
Charlie Broderick, D'arcy Bourke,
Ali Al-Ghazawi.
AFC MUSIC
Expression of interest are now being taken for 2014 for grades two to six.
If you are interested in learning an instrument, please collect an enrolment form from the school office or contact Ash for further details.
Ash - 0408 319035 or 5787 1041

BUNNING’S CRAIGIEBURN FAMILY AND TRADE CHRISTMAS NIGHT
THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER
6-8pm
Kids come along and have fun while making a Christmas gift.
We will also have demonstrations from our top trade suppliers to keep mum and dad happy while the kids are being entertained.
LIGHT FRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL PH 8338.3500
BUNNING’S CRAIGIEBURN.

A Very Special Invitation
Wandong Primary School students are invited to participate in the Wandong Christmas Concert on Sunday night on the 15th December.
The songs to be performed will be - We wish you a Merry Christmas
Rudolf, the Red Nosed Reindeer
Frosty, the Snowman
All practices will be held at the school during school hours with Mrs Cole.
If you would like your child/ren to participate and will be attending the concert please return the form below.

I would like my child/ren (print) .......................... to be part of the Wandong Primary School’s captivating, cool and classy choir!

I do understand that my child/ren, as part of the choir, will probably be the stars of the concert and I will be attending the concert to bask in their light.

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Student Banking

The last student banking day will be on the 3rd December, 2013.

A huge thank you to Robyn Mumberson for her dedication in overseeing our School Banking program.

Christmas Raffle

Please return your raffle tickets and money to the office as soon as possible. Who knows, they might just be the winning tickets!
Chunking in Prep C

This week we have been learning about chunking letters together to make different sounds. We use chunking to help us with our reading and our writing! We have been singing and dancing to a special chunking song to help us to learn some chunks!

‘sh’ chunk

We say: “Sheep like it quiet! sh, sh, sh!”.

‘th’ and ‘ing’ chunk

We say: “This is a thorn and that is a thistle! th, th, th!”.
We say: “The King of ing likes to do a jumping dance! Ing, ing, ing!”.

‘ar’ chunk

We say: “You can stick your arm in a jar of stars! ar, ar, ar”.