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

167 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 51%
(86 families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Xavier Hemphill - (His willingness to play and learn with all his classmates)
Prep G: Trinity Hobson - (Always demonstrating attentive listening)
1/2 C: Eloise Harrison - (Showing the school value of ‘Care’ by helping others)
1/2 H: Callum Webb - (Being a responsible helper in the classroom)
1/2 M: Noah Hazeldine - (Persisting with his reading.)
3/4 C: Jed Lunn - (Writing a detailed exposition this week)
3/4 S: Sheree Humphreys - (Using adjectives in her story)
3/4 Y: Charlie Delaney - (Always being an excellent helper to her peers)
5/6 E: Brylie Bittles - (Persisting when working with fractions)
5/6 K: Alaska Brenkovich - (Writing an excellent argument for your exposition)
5/6 P: Kody Meulenmeesters - (Always being enthusiastic and eager to learn about our Inquiry topic)

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

Student Leadership Conference: Last Thursday, Mrs Smith and I escorted our twelve grade six student leaders to the Student Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre. We listened to presentations from four people in leadership roles — Lorin Nicholson (Visually impaired bike rider and singer/musician), Marita Cheng (2012 Young Australian of the Year), Joy Smithers (Actress from Home and Away) and Andrew Swallow (North Melbourne Football Club captain). The purpose of the day was to inspire young leaders into a lifelong desire to lead themselves and others. Our student leadership team will be presenting a short overview of the day including their key learnings, at this week’s whole school assembly.

Working Bee: Doesn’t our school yard look wonderful. A HUGE thank you to the parents and students who stuck it out through drizzle and sunshine after school on Friday to clean up our school. Unfortunately, due to the wet ground, we could not install the monkey bars, however lots of other tidying up tasks were completed. These included... LOTS of weeding, sweeping paths, trimming branches, brush cutting around fence lines, cleaning up the footpath area in Rail Street, cleaning up around the blue skip and cleaning out the bike compound. We did so much work that we filled Mrs Cole’s trailer to above the crate... and still have one more pile to go in the skip when it is emptied.

We really appreciate the time and effort given by Robyn, Daniel, Grace, Natalie and Heidi Hannemann, Kylie, Samuel and Georgia Shingles, Pauline Bittles, Jacinta and Mathew Robinson, Aaron and Kate James, Regi, Oliver and Dominik McKinlay, Ash Christensen, Goran, Mandy, Jolie and Lewis Coter, Bret and Ruby Stebbing, Robyn Mumberson, Cathy Hemphill, Bernard and Liam Cram.

We are now planning our next task — installing the monkey bars— so stay tuned for an update of when this event will occur.
School Council: On Monday night we held our 2012 Annual General Meeting of School Council, followed by our first regular monthly meeting. Welcome once again to our new members—Elly Thomson, Katalin Devecseri and Vasko Nastevski (our newest member), Mr Fearn and Mrs Crawford. Welcome back to Kylie Shingles. Our School Council membership is now finalised for this coming year. Elections were held for positions on School Council. President (Peter Drofenik), Vice President (Penny Edwards) Treasurer (Rhonda Cole) and Secretary (Kate Crawford). Some administrative tasks were completed. These included:

- Revising the 2012 Annual Budget
- Discussing the 2011 Annual Report
- Accepting the 2012 Cleaning contract

Other discussions centred around:

- Ideas to work on improving our attendance—our absence rate is still far too high
- Revising our school timetable to shorten lunchtime slightly (information will be forwarded to families in the near future)
- Transition to secondary school—information from Benalla regional office
- Oval Upkeep - we have agreed to enter into an ongoing maintenance contract to keep our oval looking fabulous.
- Emergency Management Policy: This was extended to include medical emergencies.

Our next meeting is on 14th May, 2012.

Thanks once again to our retiring members - Mandy Coter, Marita Murray, Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Beer for their hard work and dedication in previous years.

2012 Premier’s Active Families Challenge: In order to promote activity and fun, the Premier and Minister for Sport are once again holding the Premier’s Active Families Challenge. To take up the challenge you need to be prepared to complete 30 days of 30 minutes of activity as family. Families can register online at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge to get involved. When you register you could receive: 15% off at Rebel Sport, a pass to Melbourne Aquarium, a pass to the national Sports Museum, and 20 free YMCA passes. Information is available at the office and you must be registered by 1st April to go into the draw. Have a go!

Student Absences

If your child is away for any reason, it is the Education Departments policy to have a signed explanation note from the parent/guardian kept on file.

If you are planning to take holidays, please provide the dates to the teacher well in advance so they may be able to arrange extra take home work for students.

The teachers will send home a yellow absence explanation note for you to sign even if you have rung the office.

Please help us to keep up to date with tracking absences by sending in a note on any occasion when your child is absent.

Thank you.
Community Notices

Learn the art of cake decorating with highly regarded cake artist,
Kylie Ballard.
Cake decorating classes being held at Wandong Primary School.
For future dates and for more information please visit my website
www.kyliecakes.net or
Email: kylie_cakes@hotmail.com
Ph: 0407 513 438

WOW! …. WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

Friday 23rd March - Hot Dog Lunch day
Friday 23rd March - Easter Raffle drawn at assembly
Tuesday 27th March - Bushwahzee Dance event
Friday 30th March - Netbook full payment due Grade four - (if electing to purchase outright)
Friday 30th March - Term one ends (Assembly 1pm - school finishes at 1:30pm)

APRIL

Monday 16th April - Term two begins
Thursday 19th April - Parent’s Club meeting 9:15am in staff room
Sunday 22nd April - Old Community Hall re-opening
Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day - Public holiday
Friday 28th April - Final payment for 2011 netbooks (current grade six students)

MAY

Tuesday 8th May - Mother’s Day stall
Tuesday 8th May - First Aid course level two
Wednesday 9th May - School photos
Monday 14th May - School Council meeting
Tuesday 15th May - Forms and money due for District Cross Country - Pyalong

JUNE

Thursday 7th June - District Cross Country - Pyalong
Saturday 16th June - Mattel toy sale $10.00 per ticket
(You can check the website for more information or forms)

LEARN GUITAR WITH ASH!

Would your child like to learn how to play the guitar?

My name is Ashley Christensen. I have an Advanced Diploma in Jazz and Performance an currently play in two bands, one jazz and one original rock. I love playing music and believe that it should be FUN.

In 2012, I will be offering guitar lessons at Wandong Primary School. They will run on Tuesday afternoons. Children will be withdrawn from class to do the lessons. Times will be negotiated with teachers and rotated so that your child is not missing the same session each week. Although the lessons are during school time, they will be run independently to the school, in the same manner that Amy’s Keyboard lessons have run this year. All bookings and payments need to go through me.

Individual lessons are $20 - 20mins.
Learn in pairs will be $12 each - 20mins. (similar age and ability)

Expressions of interest and all other queries contact Ash.
ph 0408 319 035 57871041 ashchrist33@gmail.com

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

LEARN THE ART OF CAKE DECORATING WITH HIGHLY REGARDED CAKE ARTIST, KYLIE BALLARD.
Cake decorating classes being held at Wandong Primary School.
For future dates and for more information please visit my website:
www.kyliecakes.net or Email:
kylie_cakes@hotmail.com
Ph: 0407 513 438
Student attendance in semester one:

“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: 37)
Grade one/twos: 55
(Total number of 1/2s: 71)
Grade three/fours: 54
(Total number of 34s: 62)
Grade five/sixes: 70
(Total number of 5/6s: 82)

Total absence days across the school for this year {180}

Congratulations to this week’s winners:
Three/Four unit (87% full attendance)

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……$15.05 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Congratulations Yellow House.
Yellow House were happy winners last week.
Proudly holding the winner’s trophy are our Yellow House Captain and Vice Captain - Hayley Cashen and Abby Hurst

We need your help!

We require several items to assist with Think Links

Mrs Beer:
Old plates, cups, bowls that are ceramic and colourful
Old unwanted tiles of any colour (for mosaic work with Mrs Beer)

Mrs Yaneff:
Hammers, screwdrivers, hand saws, nails and screws. Also some off cuts of wood for the students to practise using the tools on.

Miss Saunders:
Paper plates, paper bags, newspapers and buttons

Miss Chisholm:
Calico material, cotton or any other materials, different colour materials, needles (thick and thin) and cotton, nails and screws. Any mechanical things that can be pulled apart.

Mrs Cole:
Off-cuts of wood, hammers, nails, screws, paintbrushes, feathers, goggle eyes

PARENTS CLUB HOTDOG DAY- Today is the last day to order.

Once per term Parents Club will offer our students a special hotdog lunch. In term one, yummy hotdogs will be available on Friday 23rd March. Cost is $1.50 per hotdog.

Please fill in the slip below and return it by Wednesday 21st March so we can order the hotdogs and rolls.

Name: …………………………………………………………….. Room : …………..

Number of hotdogs: ………. sauce Yes please/No thank you
Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………….. Room : …………..

Number of hotdogs: ………. sauce Yes please/No thank you
Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………….. Room : …………..

Number of hotdogs: ………. sauce Yes please/No thank you

Thank you! $…………………….. Enclosed
Wandong Primary School will once again be conducting Lunchtime Clubs throughout the week during term two. If you would like to run, or assist, with any of these clubs please indicate below.

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Your own suggestion........................................................

Parent Name: ............................................................... Child's Grade:................

Contact Telephone Number...........................................

Suitable Days: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
(Please circle one)

Thank you for your wonderful support for last year. The students really appreciate and love your participation. (I will contact parents who return this slip).

Bree Chisholm
Lunchtime Clubs Co-ordinator

First Aid Course Level Two@Wandong Primary School
Tuesday 8th May 2012
1pm -7pm

Cost: $130 (Includes light refreshments)
Course Contents include: CPR, First Aid accidents/injuries & using portable defibrillators.
If you are interested in attending please complete the tear off slip below and return it along with a $50 booking fee.
The remainder of the money can be paid on the day of the course.
There are limited places available so be quick to secure your place.

First Aid Course Level Two

I (print).................................................................................. will be attending the First Aid course Tuesday 8th May, 2012 at the Wandong Primary School, beginning at 1pm until 7pm.
I have enclosed $50.00 booking fee to secure my position and the remainder of $80.00 to be paid on the day of the course.

Signed .................................................................................
Latest News!

Coles have delivered over $10 million worth of sports equipment to Aussie schools and we are one of them!

Thank you to every family, neighbour and community member who collected the “Sports for Schools” dockets from Coles every time they went shopping last year.

Mr Fearn was able to ‘purchase’ some much needed equipment to replace old items plus some fabulous new items with our points. Items included: sign stands, discus and shot put items, bats, balls, the list goes on and on.

Thank you to everyone and we all say -

‘Bring it on again this year!’

WANDONG
HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Operated by Sutherland Street OSHC

Open Monday to Friday
7:00am - 6:30pm
Starting Easter 2012
Closed Public Holidays

Places are filling fast so please ring as soon as possible

For more information:
www.ssoshc.com.au
Ph: (03) 5781 1300
Fax: (03) 5781 1477

Program located at Wandong Primary School:
Rail Street Wandong

Rates
Includes excursions, incursions, meals and educational programs

| Promotion: | $50 | Book online before Friday 30th March |
| Standard:  | $70 | Book after Friday 30th March or by phone |

Please note: The fees shown above are before any applicable government subsidies and rebates have been deducted. Once applied the actual out of pocket expense could range from $5 to $35 per day.

Child Care Benefit
Child care benefit is a payment from the Australian Government that helps you with the cost of child care.

Who can get Child Care Benefit?
You can get Child Care Benefit if you are a parent, foster parent or grandparent with a child in your care who is attending a child care service approved by the government*. The amount of Benefit you receive varies according to factors such as income and employment status.

Child Care Rebate
The Child Care Rebate helps working families with the cost of child care. The Child Care Rebate covers up to 50% of out-of-pocket child care expenses for approved child care up to the annual cap.

Can I get the Child Care Rebate?
If you receive the Child Care Benefit you most likely will be eligible for the Child Care Rebate. Many families with very high incomes are able to receive the Child Care Rebate, so even if you do not receive any CCB because of your income, you still might be eligible for the 50% rebate.

To find a detailed description of these subsidies and rebates please visit our website: www.ssoshc.com.au/CCB.html or call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50

*Wandong Holiday Program and Sutherland St. OSHC are approved Child Care providers.
The Wandong Public Hall is re-opening!
The Wandong Public Hall is re-opening after some amazing renovations and is having a grand re-opening. As a school, we have been asked to have a promotional stand. We are hoping to have a raffle and show some of the children's artwork. The stand will be set up from 9 am and we would love some help throughout the day please.
If you could help on the stall, even an hour, it would be great. Please let the office know if you are available. It will be a fun filled day and a great way to show off Wandong Primary School.

We would like to say “THANK YOU”.
Thank you everyone who shopped at Safeway/Woolworths to help collect points for our school.
You might be interested to know that schools chose 6100 of the 7000 resources that were on offer, which just goes to show that every school needs something different.
Mrs Smith was able to ‘purchase’ with our points, a fabulous array outside play equipment. There are dinosaur skeletons to bury and dig up, buckets, trucks, sand pit toys and small whiteboards for classes to use, amongst the HUGE selection of fun stuff seen here in the picture.
Thank you to Safeway/Woolworths, Modern Teaching Aids and especially our families for sending your dockets to our school.

WANDONG FOOTBALL CLUB
We are seeking players for age groups Under 12, 14 and 16’s. Training nights Wed and Friday.
Also we are seeking a canteen manager/managers. This can be a shared role. Contact details and information to Linda Greenhalgh 0438578710 or email lindagreenhalgh@bigpond.com

BUSHWAHZEE
Please return your permission forms and money for your child/ren to participate in this special event.
Just a reminder that the evening event is a time to share with your child.
If your child cannot make the evening performance, we still need the forms and money for them to join in the fun during the day.