21st May 2014

‘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

| 183 families at WPS. |
| 117 Completed payments |
| = 63% |

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our "Students of the Week."

Foundation B: Iris Scott (Making connections between letters and letter sounds)
Foundation H: Beraiah McMaster (Working hard at doing her best)
Foundation K: Chloe Milani (Trying her best with handwriting)
1/2 G: Joshua Searle (Trying her best with difficult tasks)
1/2 H: Jake Roewer (Persevering with his writing)
1/2 Z: Ellie Brown (Showing the school value of “Doing Your Best”)
3/4 A: Lachlan Barnes (Displaying increased enthusiasm and enjoyment in his writing tasks)
3/4 B: Karlee Rae Ritchie (Trying her hardest and reading really well)
3/4 C: Samantha Granieri (Trying her best to complete all learning tasks to the best of her ability)
5/6 A: Grace Hannemann (Doing her best in all activities)
5/6 B: Sarah Mendola (Consistently displaying the school values of friendship and doing her best)
5/6 C: Jennifer Cocks (Fantastic team work)
Science Award: Sean Holt (Consistently contributing to classroom discussions)

Education Week ~ OPEN MORNING
Please join us in the classroom between 9:00 and 12:00 on Thursday 22nd May.
A Message from the Principal....

Dear Families,

Last week was certainly a busy one that ended on a high with our fabulous Crazy Hair Day for Harper. It was fantastic to see so many students all join together for a wonderful cause. The day was also supported by the Wandong Pre School, along with the Marie Williams Pre school in Kilmore that Harper attended last year. Wandong Pre School students, staff and parents visited us on the day to show their support.

As a school we raised $695 and believe that the kinder has raised $40. Harper and her family are now deciding how they would like that money to be spent. Our Student Representative Council did a wonderful job of promoting the day and have created a wish list, from which Harper will choose her gifts. We wish Harper a speedy recovery and offer her family our ongoing support during this difficult time.

Thank you to our painters. Our school is back to its best now as we have covered the unsightly graffiti on the walls and shelter shed. A huge thanks to Bret Stebbing, Emily Gawley and Jason Scott who assisted Mr Potesta and I with paint brushes last Friday morning. We were all done within two hours. Thank you!!

Education Week: Across the state of Victoria, one week is put aside each year to celebrate public education.... and this is the week. Our school is always open to visitors; however we have especially planned a whole school Open Morning for Thursday 22nd May. Parents, friends and guardians are invited to spend time in our classrooms and join in on the learning journey between 9:00 and 12:00.

Indonesian Visitors: A huge thank you once again to Kate Crawford who was successful in her application for us to join the 2014 BRIDGE program. As a result, we are now hosting two teachers from Indonesia for two weeks. Miss Adams and Mrs Castle spent last Wednesday to Saturday in Melbourne with Corry and Unang, preparing for their visit and planning how they will spend each day whilst they are at our school. I headed in to join them on Wednesday night, to meet our guests and share a delicious Indonesian meal.

On Saturday, Corry headed off to Miss Adams’ house and Unang came home to Wandong with me. Miss Adams and I will host our visitors for this week. They will then spend next week with the Drofenik and Marks families respectively. Thank you!!

Sunday was busy as we spent time at Healesville Sanctuary, looking at kangaroos, koalas, platypus, echidna and many other delightful animals.
A Message from the Principal....continued

On Monday morning, we officially welcomed our visitors at a whole school assembly and presented them with some Aussie souvenirs at a whole school assembly on Monday morning. They will now spend time in all classrooms over the coming two weeks, interacting with staff and students and teaching us all a lot more about Indonesia and its amazing culture and traditions.

We are all looking forward to our Aussie Family barbecue and movie night this Thursday. We hope to see as many families as possible for this fun event.

Next weekend we hope to visit the Victoria Market and watch an AFL football game (Carlton of course!). On Monday 26th May, Corry and Unang will spend the day at Wallan Secondary College, assisting their Indonesian staff and learning about life at an Australian secondary school.

We are very privileged to be in the BRIDGE program and hope this visit will be the beginning of a fabulous relationship between our two schools.

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole

Posture Police award

Congratulations to Taylah Fitzgerald, Jack James, Georgia Thomson and Mace Upton.

These four students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class

Other nominated students were: Isabella Douglas, Matilda Prewett, Zoe Dwyer, Emma Drury, Corbin Mundy, Lachlan Battistin and Haylee Dennehy.

Electronic Newsletters:

Have you organised yourself for our term three emailed newsletters? If not, hop to it.

It’s just a few easy steps — see below.

(If you have already subscribed, you do not have to subscribe again. )

- Head over to the school website @ www.wandongps.vic.edu.au
- Click on Newsletters
- Click on ‘Subscribe to Newsletter’
- Fill out the form and hit “Submit”. Your request will get approved and you will begin receiving newsletters via email.

If you experience any issues subscribing to the newsletter, please let me know.

Remember we will still supply paper copies for those without internet access...... just let us know.
WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG

May
Thursday 22nd- 5/6 Excursion money and form due today.

Aussie Family BBQ Night
5.00pm start.

Movie
6.30pm sharp.

Friday 30th - District Cross Country

June

Tuesday 3rd - Parents and Friends Assoc Meeting
(9.15am in the staffroom)

Tuesday 3rd - Thinklinks 12:30pm—1:30pm

Thursday 5th - 5/6 Excursion

Monday 9th - Queen’s Birthday public holiday

Tuesday 10th — Curriculum day — no students at school.

Thursday 12th - 2015 School tour—9:30—11:00am
- Whittlesea Division Cross Country

Friday 13th - Grade 5/6 Winter Sports

Tuesday 17th - Thinklinks 12:30pm—1:30pm

Wednesday 18th - 2015 School tour—
2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Thursday 19th - Cluster Student Leadership

Monday 23rd - Thurs 26th—Life Ed Van

Monday 23rd - Student Led Conferences

Wednesday 25th - Student Led Conferences

Friday 27th - Deposit for 3/4 camp due today
- End of term two 2:30pm finish

July

Monday 14th - Term three begins

Thursday 31st - Cluster Student Leadership

What’s gone home this week?

The following notices were sent home this week:

Whole school: BBQ & Movie night reply slip

Individual grade levels:

Foundation: Nil
One/Two: Nil
Three/Four: Nil
Five/Six: Nil

All notices are uploaded to the school website. Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in the grade level trays.

Gold Certificate Winners!

Congratulations to our gold certificate winners

Harley Noble H-F
Patrick Allsop 5/6C

3 gold tickets so far this year.
Great Effort !!!
House Points
Tie between Red & Green!

Congratulations to both
Red and Green House
who tied for 1st place

Red House Captain Jarek O’Neill and Green House Captain and Vice Captain Andrew Dowell and Jacob McDonald are proudly holding the winner’s trophy.
This week in Foundation B we have been reading the book, ‘Mrs Wishy-Washy’.
We love this book because the animals are very naughty and love to get muddy!

We have created Mrs Wishy-Washy masks using paper plates, confetti and coloured paper.

Making the masks helped us to get our fingers strong for when we need to hold a pencil during writing sessions.

We were able to put poor Mrs Wishy-Washy back together in this puzzle!

We dressed up as Mrs Wishy-Washy and made a play!

We were focussing on using interesting voices when we were reading the words that Mrs Wishy-Washy was saying.
NUMERACY
During Numeracy time we have been learning about Cartesian coordinates to play a game of Battleships with a partner. We learnt that it is important to read horizontally on a graph before we read vertically.

We have also been using our understanding of place value to correctly place decimal fractions on a number line. Some of us got to use chalk to draw our number lines on the carpet. Some of us got to use MAB and some of us drew these number lines in our books.

LITERACY
This term we have been learning about writing narratives. We have really enjoyed writing a chapter to follow what we have read so far in ‘Matilda’. We have been using ‘I can’ statements to set our writing goals to improve our writing. We then created a front cover for our chapter when we were learning about the reading strategy ‘make a mental picture’.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:
Congratulations on 50 nights reading:

(Ella Harris, Mitchell Jackson, Taylah Clydesdale, Patrick Marks, Ashley Stanton, Bayden Sage, Harper Edwards, Jaedon McCrum, Mabel Tan, Blair Fitzpatrick, Georgia Thomson, Karlee Rae Ritchie, Jennifer Cocks, Jessica Darbyshire, Ben Drury, Erin Libardi, Jeremy Nastevski, Jarek O’Neill, Shelby Reeves, Kobee Mann, Noah Tolevski, Dakota Patrick, Thomas Allsop, Nola Nikora, Chad Ion, Skylar Marshall, Ellie Brown, Asia Nikora, Trinity Hobson, Ella Hall, Cooper Meulenmeesters, Matilda Bult, Jake Brincat, Alyssa Riddell, Lachlan Hall, Alesha McIntosh, Coby Hustler, Rebecca Houston, Isabella Douglas, Lucas Vicary, Riley Lyons, Abigail Hume, Carly Davon, Alyssa Duffy, Lacey Fogliaro, Charlie Thomas, Bella Mazzone, Jai Matthewman, Kirra Wright, Beraiah McMaster, Kane Lemmar, Kimberly Coad, Jesse Robinson, Brodie D’Silva, Olivia White and Ocean McSolvin.
**Kids Matter: Tone of Voice**

This week we have been focusing on the first of our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills, Tone of Voice. Students have had the opportunity to discuss and role play different situations, changing the tone of their voice to demonstrate ‘It’s not what we say, but how we say it.’ Each day the teachers have been looking for students who have displayed a positive tone of voice when interacting with their peers and one of these students has then been rewarded with a Kids Matter bookmark.

**What do we mean by Tone of Voice?**

The tone of your voice—how you are actually saying something—communicates what you feel.

Often, your tone of voice can give a stronger message than your words.

Sometimes, how you say something can change the meaning of what you are saying. It can even give the message that you don’t really mean what you are saying.

**Try this @ home…**

Say the sentence ‘I love my job’ using the different tones below…

- Bored
- Happy
- Sad
- Angry
- Terrified
- Worried
- Shocked

**Encouraging Positive Behaviour @ Home**

Tip #3 - Get down to your child’s level. Kneeling or squatting down next to children is a very powerful tool for communicating positively with them.

Tip #4 - ‘I hear you.’ Active listening is another tool for helping young children cope with their emotions. They tend to get frustrated a lot, especially if they can’t express themselves well enough verbally. When you repeat back to them what you think they might be feeling, it helps to relieve some of their tension. It also makes them feel respected and comforted. It can diffuse many potential temper tantrums.

**Final thought:** People have entire relationships via text message now, but I am not partial to texting. I need context, nuance and the warmth and tone that can only come from a human voice. (Danielle Steel – Novelist)