21st November 2012

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

162 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 70% (114 families)

Have you recently asked your child/ren...

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our "Students of the Week."

Prep B: Carly Davon—(A fabulous effort in reading)
Prep G: Dargam Al Ghazawi—(Reading with confidence and sounding out tricky words)
1/2 C: Noah Lunt—(Showing persistence with his Writing)
1/2 H: Hassn Al Ghazawi—(Being a fantastic helper)
1/2 M: Lucas Webb—(Being a kind and considerate class member)
3/4 C: Jack Trenfield—(Showing fantastic improvement in his attitude this week)
3/4 S: Liam Cram—(Helping others with the computers)
3/4 Y: Corbin Mundy—(Excellent imagination when writing acronyms)
5/6 E: Charlotte Robertson—(Displaying initiative while completing her Time project)
5/6 K: Molly Libardi—(Displaying fearless spider catching abilities)
5/6 P: Tatum Laughlin—(Always being a helpful and caring friend)
A Message from the Assistant Principal….

...........................................and the weeks just keep getting busier and busier and busier!

Assumption College Visitors

Thursday saw the final day for our Assumption College visitors. Throughout the year, groups of year nine students have been visiting fortnightly to help out in classrooms and around the school as part of their community projects. This week, we changed things up a bit and had the students cooking and designing art creations with our students. It has been fabulous having the year nines at school and we are looking forward to working with Assumption College again next year.

Bendigo Bank Award Ceremony

Last Tuesday, Mrs Cole and I, along with our School Captains, Maddison and Jack, attended the Bendigo Bank Community Awards Ceremony. Earlier in the year we received $10,000 from Bendigo Bank as part of their community partnerships program to help fund the tiered seating area outside the hall. It was great to the how many members of the community that the bank has been able to assist with funding over the last twelve months. We look forward to continuing our association with the Bendigo Bank next year, and in the years to come.

Prep Transition

On Friday we had our third prep transition session and the second information session with the prep parents. As part of the prep transition process, all teaching staff have ventured into the rooms to meet next year’s preps. It is a great chance for staff to meet and interact with the students before they officially start next year. We had a great number of parents and carers attend the information session and gain a better understanding of what life will be like when their child starts primary school.

Toni’s Lunchtime Activity Groups

This week at lunchtime, students have been participating in activity groups with Toni Vicary, our student welfare coordinator. Each day of the week, a different year level will spend time outside, interacting with each other and having fun while engaged in activities. This week students had fun with play dough, bubble wands, assorted games and making handprints. The activities will change weekly but year levels will always be on the same day. The timetable below shows what day each year level is on. We had a wonderful turnout this week and we are all looking forward to the activities planned for next week.
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Over the coming weeks, if you would prefer to receive the newsletter in this way instead of a hardcopy, please let us know and we will won’t send home a copy with your child. This will help us to be more kind to the environment by keeping our paper usage down as well as saving money. Also, check out the videos of school events in the video page! These will be updated weekly.

Please have a scroll through the site and let us know what you think.

Pizza Day

Last Thursday, Parent’s Club ran a pizza day to raise money for the school. It was a successful day with $100.00 raised. Thank you to Parents Club for organising the day and distributing the food. Also, thank you to Nana and Chris Barbour from the Pizza Factory for supplying the food.

Costing for Parent Payments and Voluntary Contributions for 2013:

These will be $110 per child with a $10 reduction if paid within the first two weeks of term one beginning. This is an increase of $10 over the 2012 charges however our charges have not increased since 2010.

Parking on the footpath

I would like to make people aware that last week, one of our parents was issued with a parking ticket and fined for parking in the small bay at the end of Affleck Street. The fine was issued because part of the vehicle was on the footpath and vehicles aren’t allowed to be parked on the footpath. Please be aware that if you choose to park in this bay and your vehicle is on the footpath, you will run the risk of being fined by the council.

2013 Book Lists:

These were sent home with students on Monday 12th November and need to be completed and returned to the school by 10th December, 2012. Thank you.

Parent Letters

As a school, we do allow the opportunity for parents to provide the principal with any information relating to student learning that they wish her to consider when placing students into classes for 2013. Please note: This should not be related to teacher choice nor friendship groupings. It must be given in writing to the office before Friday 23rd November to be considered. Late information cannot be considered once planning has begun.

Camping Out

Good luck to the grade one and two students who, on Friday, will attend the bush camp at Upper Plenty (grade 2s) and sleepover (grade 1 & 2s) at school. This is the first year that we are combining both the grade one and grade two sleepovers on the same night. The camp and sleepover is always heaps of fun and I am sure Friday will be no exception.

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Until next time, have a great week

Anthony Potesta
Grade One and Grade Two Camp

Grade One
Grade One students are to arrive dressed in their pyjamas at 7:00pm with their bedding. No changed of clothes are required.

Grade Two
Buses leave at 9:00am sharp. We will be back at the school by 5:30pm. Bedding is to be placed in the library in the morning. The only change of clothes required are pyjamas or track pants to sleep in.

Uniform Shop
Any orders for uniforms can be placed at anytime at the office. The orders can be filled and picked up the next day.

If there are any items out of stock, they will be ordered and delivered usually within one week.

If you need any uniforms for 2013, please order now.
There will be a second hand uniform stall on the 6th December.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2012 FOR ISSUE No. 8

Toy Club—Last week

This is for all the bargain hunters out there!
This is the last opportunity to purchase some cheap, and I do mean cheap, excellent Mattel toys for Christmas.

Wandong Primary School Parent’s Club have secured a ‘shopping day’ at the Mattel Toy Club on Saturday 24th November, 2012 in Derrimut. These shopping days are very hard to secure and there are only fifty tickets available. Each ticket is only $10.00 and numbered so please be very quick to secure your spot in this shopping extravaganza!

Please contact the office for booking and tickets.
Chook News….

5 cent Friday...

To help our lovely chooks, we would like you to bring in any loose change to help with the supplies they need such as grain, nesting straw and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of the lunch scraps. The money will be placed in a class jar and sent over to the office for counting each week.

Last week’s total...$12.65
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs which are available from the office)

Literacy
HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ, WRITE, SPEAK AND LISTEN – Part 1
In the early years of primary school, students learn to read through rhymes, storytelling and following along with their favourite book. Learning to write begins with scribble and drawings.

The activities below will help your child develop these skills.
1. Share rhymes and songs and encourage your child to join in.
2. Save safe cardboard and household items for your child to build with. Ask your child to describe what they are building.
3. Have a dress-up box for your child to use for imaginative play.
4. Listen to your child and respond to their ideas with questions and ask for more information.
5. Write down your child’s stories as they tell you and encourage him or her to read it back to you.

Future Motocross Champs!
Chad Ion and Cooper Meulenmeesters competed in the two day Motocross at Seymour last weekend.
Muffin Break Muffin Vouchers: Haven’t got your vouchers yet? Time is running out for this great bargain.

Earlier this year we were fortunate to win the Muffin Break Facebook competition. Half of the muffins were sold to families with the remainder of the muffins being provided through a voucher system. Vouchers are available for purchase through the newsletter or directly from the front office..... What a great idea with the school holidays coming up. No doubt many of us will be at Epping Plaza enjoying endless hours of shopping over the holiday break and a cheap nice muffin with a nice cuppa will fill that hunger gap.

Cost: Each voucher will provide you with FOUR Muffin Break Weight Watchers Muffins

Each voucher of four muffins costs **$8.00 each** (which totals **$2.00 per individual muffin**) or 3 vouchers

(12 muffins) for **$20** (which totals $1.60 per muffin)

Vouchers can only be used at the Epping Plaza store and are valid until 31st December 2012.

Don’t forget that these muffins can be frozen so they are also a cheap, nice lunch box filler.

Money raised is **all profit for the school** and will be used to pay for the instant turf we have laid on our new terraced area near the hall. Thank you for your support.

Andrew Fuller
Clinical Psychologist and Family Therapist
Fellow, Department Psychiatry and Learning and Educational Development
University of Melbourne
Ambassador for Mind Matters
Member, National Coalition Against Bullying

27th November @ 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Wallan Secondary College

**Talking about strategies to support the transition from Primary School to Secondary College**

**Developing Resilience**

Andrew will help parents, teachers and students to develop a range of strategies to support the transition from 2012 – 2013. On 21st March, 2013, he will return to Wallan Secondary College to help us assess our student’s progress and look at further ways to develop resilience.

We are pleased to announce that there will be no cost as this event is funded by the Department of Health, Hume Region.
On Monday morning at 8:40am there was a lot of activity on the basketball court. This is all part of KidsMatter – to provide an inclusive and energised way to start the day. It was great to see so many people involved. There were students skipping independently, with partners and large groups. There were even teachers and the Assistant Principal (Mr Potesta) skipping. Many parents and carers watched as everyone was enjoying exercising, having fun and playing together.

KidsMatter activities we provide are: Thinklinks, After School activities and Lunchtime Clubs.

Monday morning skipping will occur each week and we would love to see as many parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers as possible joining in with the activities.

Even if you don’t want to, or can’t skip, you can swing the rope for the kids to jump through. **If you did miss it, check out the clip of the skipping morning on the video page on the website 😊**

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**Beach Disco**

30th November 2012 7 – 9pm.

This exciting event is for the whole school.

Looking for donations of cans of soft drink.

Please drop them off at the office or at Mrs Beer’s room from anytime now on would be appreciated.

Thankyou, Robyn Beer.

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**Yellow House shines through!**

Yellow House won last week by winning the most house points.

Holding the winner’s cup this week are Hayley Cashen and Abby Hurst Captain and Vice Captain
**WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG**

### NOVEMBER

- **Wednesday 21st November** - Dianella residents afternoon tea
- **Friday 23rd November** - Swimming Session
- **Friday 23rd November** - Grade one sleepover
- **Friday 23rd November** - Grade two camp and sleepover
- **Tuesday 27th November** - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
- **Thursday 29th November** - St Johns first aid in schools
- **Friday 30th November** - Swimming Session
- **Friday 30th November** - Beach Party Disco (Starting at 7pm)

### DECEMBER

- **Monday 3rd December** - Payment for 2013 Mathletics due
- **Monday 3rd December** - Last Student Banking day
- **Monday 3rd December** - Information Evening for 2013 Prep parents
- **Tuesday 4th December** - Parent’s Club lunch
- **Tuesday 4th December** - Grade 5/6 Pool Party (notes out soon)
- **Tuesday 4th December** - Last student banking day for 2013 (you can still make deposits yourself)
- **Thursday 6th December** - Out of uniform day (Xmas hamper collection)
- **Friday 7th December** - Swimming Session
- **Friday 7th December** - Prep ‘Camp’
- **Monday 10th December** - Booklists for 2013 due back today (Any late booklists cannot be accepted at the school)
- **Thursday 13th December** - Grade Six Graduation
- **Monday 17th December** - School Christmas Concert
- **Friday 21st December** - Last day of term four (1:30 finish) *(You can check the website for more information or forms)*

### JANUARY 2013

- **Friday 25th January** - Book pickup day
- **Thursday 31st January** - Term one begins

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**Student attendance in semester two:**

**“EYES ON THE TARGET”**

*Staying below 750 absent days for semester three and four.*

(Click 3.5 absent days per child)

**Number of students per grade level at school every day last week.**

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**Total absence days across the school for this semester {734}**

**Congratulations to this week’s winners....**

Three/Four Unit (86% of students had full attendance)

Awesome effort!

“Every day is an important day to be at school.”
What is a ‘Procedure’?  ~  It is specific steps outlining how to accomplish a task.

This week 3/4 Yaneff have been writing a procedure about ‘Changing the colour of white flowers’.

We needed a few materials:

- Cup
- Water
- Small branch of white flowers
- Food dye (we had red)

Method:

1. Send student to fill the cup three quarters full with cold water.
2. When the cup (and student) return, place in 3 or 4 drops of food dye in the water.
3. Place the stem of the flowers into the cup with the water and food dye.

It is now 10:30 am. How long do we need to wait? We predicted the time it would take to see the white flowers change colour to red or pink. Our predictions were: half an hour, one hour, two hours and three hours. After half an hour and later one hour we all checked the colour of the white flowers, alas they were still white. We were becoming disheartened...

5. Check the flowers to see if they have changed colour.

Just before going off to Art we again checked our white flowers...they were PINK!!!!!!!

Our white flowers had changed after two hours, but the white flowers in Mrs Langdon’s grade turned blue almost immediately. Why is there a difference in time? Is it because we had a different colour? We had the same flowers (courtesy of Mrs Cole).

If you know could you please come and tell 3/4 Yaneff as we are all puzzled.

6. Enjoy the coloured flowers daily.

We are all happily enjoying our ‘pink’ coloured flowers and maybe next time we might try purple.

From the puzzled, but delighted students and teacher in 3/4Y.
Wandong Netball Club
Family Photo Fundraiser

Where: Wandong Sports and Community Centre

When: Sunday 25th November 2012

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Cost: $15. This includes a framed family photograph.

Photographer: Rebecca Lincoln

To secure a time for your family photograph please call:

Rebecca 0411 051 270
Melissa 0438 117 483

Once your booking has been made with Rebecca you will be contacted to confirm your time.

A minimum of 10 bookings must be reached for the day to proceed.

Please tell your friends and family members.
This photograph would make a perfect gift for Christmas!!

For more information contact Robyn Mumberson 0419011064

Grade 6 Graduation

Save the Date!!
The Grade Sixes have been busy preparing for their upcoming Graduation. They have been working hard to learn a new dance as well as new songs. You’re welcome to come and be part of this exciting night!

When: Thursday 13th December

Where: Our school hall

Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Please note all children must be fully supervised and inside the hall at all times.

Just a reminder - No smoking on the school premises.
Student Banking

The last student banking will be on Tuesday, 4th December, 2012 for Commonwealth Bank and Bendigo Bank deposits.
GOLD COIN ENTRY

Friday 30th November

Beach Party

7pm - 9pm

In school hall

Drinks, cakes and lollies will be for sale

Dress in Beach clothes