23rd May 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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

164 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 59% (97 families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Isaak Harrison - (Being more confident in himself as a learner)
Prep G: Sarah Egan - (Reading with expression and great confidence)
1/2 C: Brodie Petrou - (Persisting with ordering three digit numbers)
1/2 H: Thomas Allsop - (Trying hard with his learning all week)
1/2 M: Wala Al Ghazawi - (Persevering with challenging tasks)
3/4 C: Bryannon Bellman - (Being a helpful member of the classroom)
3/4 S: Will Vicary - (Helping his friends in the classroom)
3/4 Y: Mace Upton - (Excellent problem solving skills in Numeracy)
5/6 E: Sebastian Nizoridis - (Creating an outstanding advertisement for Wandong P.S.)
5/6 K: Zander Gladman-Mitchell - (Working hard to achieve your weekly goal)

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:

Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Education Week

There has been a lot happening this week to celebrate Education Week. It was great to see so many parents and family members walk through the school during our Open Morning and stay to see our Think Links program. Here are some photos of the day.

Pyalong Cross County

On Friday our grade 3-6 students competed in the cross country competition at Pyalong Golf Course. It was a great effort by everyone who competed. Thanks to Mr Fearn for his organisation of the day and to the teachers who attended. Also, a BIG thank you to all the parents who helped out and supported WPS throughout the event. By having strong parent support, these days to run smoothly.
N.U.T.S.

Last Thursday we held N.U.T.S (No Uniform Today @ School) day to raise money for Allergy Awareness Week. We raised $230.40. Well done to everyone for their contribution. Below is a letter of thanks.

Dear Rhonda,

Just a note to say thank you for the fantastic effort from Wandong Primary School during Food Allergy Awareness Week 2012. The money raised will continue the valuable support and research that Anaphylaxis Australia Inc undertakes for those in the community living with severe food allergies.

As you know, there is currently no cure for food allergies and the only way to prevent a life threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) is to avoid an allergen. Not impossible, but it is a daily challenge!

As the mother of a young child living with a severe food allergy, it is my hope that one day there will be a cure for food allergies. At the very least a vaccination that can remove the life threatening aspect of my son’s food allergy would be wonderful!

So thank you once again to the WPS community for its invaluable support of the work being done by Anaphylaxis Australia Inc. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for its ongoing commitment to being allergy aware by supporting the school’s request to keep peanut and tree nut products out of school lunches. This small measure really does go a long way 😊.

Catherine Watts

Think Links

Think Links will run again next Tuesday. For those groups cooking, here is a list of the recipes being made.

- Mars bar slice
- Pizza
- Cup Cakes (Recipe from the AnaphylaxisAustralia website)
- Gingerbread men

These items will be on sale next Wednesday, 30th May, 2012 at recess to all students in grades One—two for 50 cents each

“Visit from the “Block”

Mitre 10 store in Kilmore has been selected as part of the ‘The Block’ TV program road trip. Dan and Dani will be visiting the store Wednesday 30th May between 8am and 9:30. There will be BBQs, product displays, interactive games, giveaways, clown and jumping castles, and inspirational speaker Para-equestrian Joann Formosa will be speaking. On top of all those activities, we have been asked to bring some student constructions to be judged by Dan and Dani from ‘The Block’. We will be asking some students in the Think Links construction groups to have their work judged on the day. Dan and Dani will present prizes to the competition winners on the day.

Community ICT

The Community ICT sessions continue to be a worthwhile and beneficial program for parents who wish to improve their computer and technology skills and who want to find out more about how ICT is used in the classrooms. Last week we ran our session on iPads. Thank you to those who attended. Next session will be on Wednesday 6th June 2:30pm – 3:30pm. I will be running a session on how best to use the internet at home for educational purposes. I’ll show you educational websites you can use with your children and run through any safety concerns you may have when your children are online. It’s still a fair way off so I’ll put more information and a reply slip in following newsletters.

Until next time, have a great week, Anthony Potesta
**WOW! ...... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG**

**MAY**
- Friday 25th May: Parent Feedback Forum for school review 9:00 am
- Wednesday 30th May: Prep Excursion
- Thursday 31st May: Buddy Bear National Day - Wear purple - gold coin donation
- Thursday 31st May: One/two unit walking to L.B. Davern Reserve

**JUNE**
- Friday 1st June: Pupil free day (Report Writing day)
- Wednesday 5th June: Final day for Muffin orders to be placed
- Thursday 7th June: Five/six radio awareness incursion
- Monday 11th June: Queen’s Birthday holiday - no school
- Thursday 14th June: Parent’s Club meeting — 9:15am in the staffroom
- Thursday 14th June: Division Cross Country
- Thursday 14th June: One/two unit walking to L.B. Davern reserve
- Friday 15th June: School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
- Thursday 7th June: Division Cross Country - Bundoora
- Saturday 16th June: Mattel toy sale $10.00 per ticket
- Tuesday 19th June: School Council meeting - 6:00pm
- Wednesday 20th June: Muffin order pickup day at school
- Friday 29th June: Term two finishes 1:30pm

**JULY**
- Monday 16th July: Term three begins
- Tuesday 17th July: Life Ed starts this week
- Thursday 19th July: Parent’s Club meeting - 9:15am in the staffroom
- Friday 20th July: Wakakirri concert

**AUGUST**
- Wednesday 1st August: School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
- Thursday 2nd August: Grade Five visit to Wallan SC
- Wednesday 15th August: School House Sports day
- Friday 17th August: Curriculum Day - No students at school
- Tuesday 28th August: District Athletics Carnival
- Friday 31st August: School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

*(You can check the website for more information or forms)*

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**Community Notices**

- **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

- **Daikin Split Systems for Sale**
  - We have two split systems for sale that were removed from two of our portables.
  - Both in working condition.

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**MUFFIN BREAK ORDERS**

- The date of the pickup for muffins has been changed to the 20th June, 2012.
- You can still order muffins until 5th June, 2012.
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

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(Total number of preps: 37)
(Total number of 1/2s: 69)
(Total number of 34s: 61)
(Total number of 5/6s: 81)

Total absence days across the school for this year: 468

Congratulations to this week’s winners:

Three/Four unit
(80% full attendance)
Super attendance effort!

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…. $6.35 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Congratulations.
House were winners last week.
Our House Captain and Vice Captain - Alex Marke and Macey Gibbs are holding the winner’s trophy.

Get ready to shop ‘til you drop!

Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids are again combining to bring much needed resources into the school. The process for this year has changed and when you shop you will receive a sticker for every $10 spent at the registers. These stickers then get placed on a sticker card, the full card can be dropped into the box at the office.

There are more cards at the office if needed or just send in your stickers.

Activities at Home to Help our Children in Numeracy

Playing shop
1. Order the food items by height (tallest to the shortest) or by cost (least expensive to most expensive).

2. Introduce kitchen scales to the play shop to weigh some foods such as a box of tea bags or a bag of rice and order items by weight.
2013 Prep Enrolments

If you are intending to enrol your child at Wandong Primary School in 2013, please submit your enrolment form as soon as possible.

There may be limited places available.

To ensure that you take advantage of our new and exciting program starting in term three, please have your enrolment form in by 29th June, 2012.

Toy Club

Wandong Primary School Parent’s Club have secured a ‘shopping day’ at the Mattel Toy Club on Saturday 16th June, 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.

WAKAKIRRI UPDATE

With just under two months until our performance date we have begun dress rehearsals and are working on polishing our routine. All of our students have dedicated a lot of time towards practising.

Congratulations to our Grade Six students that organised the Movie night and the upcoming Sausage Sizzle, Disco, Trivia Night and Clean up Wandong day. All students have done a fantastic job and we are on our way to meeting our fundraising target.

We still have some tables available for our trivia night and are looking for donations for our raffle.

If you would like to book a table or are able to donate any raffle prizes please see Emma Cachia in room one or call 5787 1232.

Parking and Pickup and dropping off children

The council have notified us of several vehicles parking in the disabled parking bay to drop off or pickup children. Also mentioned was several vehicles letting children get out of the car on the road. Please use the drop off point in Rail Street for your children’s safety.

Grade 1/2 News

Grade 1 / 2 students will need to bring an old shirt or an art smock THIS Thursday May 24th. We will be painting our houses.
Congratulations to the following students who has finished the challenge!

Hugh Drofenik, Grace Hannemann,
Katherine Adam, Nicholas Adam, Max Davies, Daniel Adam

Remember to read at your year level (any books below your current year level will not be verified — if you are in grade five/six and read and finish books in levels P-2 or 3-4 they will not be counted).

Books entered on the website as finished are verified and updated nightly.

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National Buddy Bear Day.

31st May 2012

To celebrate the Buddy Bear Program our school is participating in a fundraiser for The Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

Wear all purple or something purple and bring a gold coin.

The Better Buddies will be teaching a special kids only handshake throughout the day.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST BULLIES.**
Opening Classroom Doors

Prep Investigations.

We built a house out of straws.

We made robots out of duplo blocks.

Investigations is lots of fun. We learn to create and solve problems with materials.

Casual Part Time (work from home) Opportunity

Peter Lane Biz Development is a specialist consultancy dedicated to working exclusively in the Business-to-Business (B2B) market.

We are currently looking to expand our operational base in the northern regional area and are seeking, ideally, stay at home employees who have a quiet working environment between the hours of 10 am - 2.30pm and basic computer literacy.

For more details, visit www.peterlane.biz and contact 03 5781 1591
Opening Classroom Doors

Grade 1/2
Early Years Learning Developmental Framework

As part of the 1/2 Investigations, the children participated in a ninety minute workshop run by Craft Power. They were given pre-cut templates of a house and used glue, nails and hammers to construct them. Over the coming week they will paint and decorate them with windows and doors! All the children really enjoyed themselves and are very proud of their structures.

RECIPES FOR THINK LINKS:

Listed below are the items that will be cooked next Tuesday in Think Links.

Mars Bar Slice - Cup Cakes (Recipe from the AnaphylaxisAustralia website)

These items will be on sale next Wednesday, 30th May, 2012 at recess to all students in grades Prep—two for 50 cents each
Last Friday saw the annual running of the Mitchell South District Country at Pyalong Golf Course. It was a freezing cold morning with the threat of rain looming – however the only thing that rained all day was awesomeness from our team of runners!

The gruelling course was first tackled by our 9 / 10 Girls and eventually beaten by Shelby. Shelby taking first blood from the course and the events first win! Jazmin soon followed her team mate home in 4th and Jennifer stormed home 7th. Congratulations girls, and good luck next month at the Division Cross Country!

The 9 / 10 Boys pushed their way to the start line and looked just as determined for results. Wandong’s boys ran strongly and the results came through again. Joshua coming home in 4th and Luke following in 8th. Both boys also qualifying for the Division Cross Country.

The 11 year boys and girls made their way to the 3km start line. They would be tackling the course and the tricky downhill start as a whole pack.

For the girls – it was Grace and Kayley leading the others comfortably, even having time to walk the back straight and enjoy the lovely surrounds. Pacing herself within the top five was Emily, waiting for her moment to pounce.

Grace and Kayley were never threatened at the front. Grace taking the line honours and with Kayley 2nd, followed by Emily in 5th. The trio all qualify for the Division Cross Country next month also.

Our boys ran strongly and crossed the line with cheers from team mates as they just missed out on a top ten placing. Well done boys.

The final event on the card was the 12 / 13 boys and girls. The stampede off the start and down towards the first turn was epic and was heard as far as the Pucka ARMY base (so we are told). Our runners all held their place within the top 20 and finished with pride! Well done!

The overall point’s winner on the day was Saint Pats, Kilmore. However - storming home in 2nd with our highest ever points score finish was WANDONG!!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM AND GOOD LUCK TO THOSE REPRESENTING THE MITCHELL SOUTH DISTRICT NEXT MONTH.
Trivia Night

Date: June 15th
Time: 7:00pm

Types Of Questions
Sport
Music
Nursery Rhymes
Animals
Cartoons
Geography

Lots of prizes to be won!!
There will be a raffle drawn on the night!!

$5 per person    Tables of 4

At the Wandong Primary School Hall

Please see Emma Cachia in Room 1 or call the school on 57871232 to book your table NOW!!!!
Date: Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} May
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Wandong Primary School Hall.
Students will be fully supervised

Once children are inside the disco, they will not be allowed to leave until they are picked up by an adult.

\textbf{All Children must be picked up before 9pm}

Snack foods will be available to purchase on the night

\textbf{We are fundraising to support Wandong Primary School’s Wakakirri Team.}
The music will be G-rated.

\textbf{To enter it is only a gold coin donation}
I hope to see you there!