23rd October 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: Ella Hall—(Showing great improvements with her reading)

Prep G: Aleisha Davon—(Having a positive attitude)

1/2 H: Deegan Lane—(Settling into his new classroom really well)

1/2 Z: Georgia Gawley—(Consistently showing school values)

3/4 B: Chloe Belfiore—(Reading clearly, fluently and deciphering tricky words)

3/4 L: Kira Roberts—(Being a caring and responsible student in the class)

3/4 Y: Lucas Webb—(Consistently doing his best)

5/6 A: Jordan Tabone—(Settling into his new school really well)

5/6 E: Bailey Lackas—(A fantastic start at Wandong Primary)

5/6 K: Tara Sibun—(Having a fantastic week of learning)

Please ensure your child has their water bottle at school so that students do not waste time leaving class to get a drink.
A Message from the Assistant Principal ............

Prep Transition 2014

Last Friday we held our first transition morning for our 2014 Prep families. We have over 50 students enrolled next year and it was wonderful to see so many new and existing families attend the transition morning. Transition visits will run for the next five weeks with the children participating in a range of activities that will help them prepare for school life in 2014. During their transition visits, children will meet all the teachers in the school as well as their buddy for next year. We look forward to seeing all the children again this Friday.

Student Leadership Day & Kidpreneur Stall

Throughout the year, our grade six leadership team has been meeting with other student leadership teams from the surrounding schools. During these sessions, students engage in a range of activities that help to further develop their leadership skills. Our students will participate in their final conference day for the year at Wallan Primary School on Friday. The students really enjoy the days, learning new skills and interacting with students from other schools.

Kidpreneur Stall

Our grade six leadership team has also been hard at work making items for sale. All profits from the sale of frames, bracelets, keyrings and cards goes towards a donation to the RSPCA. The next Kidpreneur stall will be on Thursday at recess and lunchtime. All items will be between $1.50 and $2.00.

Book Fair

Thanks to Ms Chisholm for organizing this year’s Scholastic Book Fair. It has been a huge success. 35% of all items sold goes towards the school to enable us to purchase more books and resources for the classrooms.

ThinkLinks

ThinkLinks is in its final few sessions. We had our second session for the term yesterday and the groups are making some awesome creations. Here’s a quick glimpse of some of the products. All scarecrows can be picked up from the office from today.

Wandong Primary School Book Fair

Congratulations to 3/4 Beer who were the winners of the ‘decorate your door’ competition. 3/4 B were awarded with $60 worth of books from the book fair to go into their classroom library. 3/4 B visited the book fair on Monday and chose the following titles; Elephant Rescue, Boy V’s Beast, Double Trouble, April Fool’s Surprise, Spirit Animals, There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Mozzie, 10 Hooting Owls and The Bear Went Over the Mountain.

A $50 reward was also given to Wandong Primary School. This money will be spent on books for the library. The profits raised for the school from the book fair will be advertised in next week’s newsletter!

A BIG, BIG thank you goes to all of the people that volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the 2013 book fair!  Bree Chisholm, Literacy Coordinator
Student attendance in semester two:

“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

Due to a technical problem,
this week’s attendance results are not available

Total absence days across the school for this semester

{486}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

Unit

% attendance

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**STUDENT WELFARE NEWS**

**BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN KIDS**

Parents have a significant influence towards building children’s confidence and self-esteem. Children of primary school years are on a journey to work out what they can do and how they fit into their various groups.

Confidence is more about risk-taking and trying new activities. Confident kids are more likely to make the most of their potential as they'll extend themselves both socially and learning wise. Failure doesn't reflect on them personally. Fears & anxieties, while present, don't stop them from trying new activities.

Over the next few weeks: 10 ways to build confidence in your children.

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Book Club money and orders are due back to the office by Wednesday 23rd October for issue 7

Order now for Christmas!

**I ♥ Book Club**

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**One/two News**

Students from grades one/two are asked to bring shoe boxes with lids for science.

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**STOKEs ORchARD**

**APPLES FROM $1.50/KG**

**THE PERFECT HEALTHY SNACK**

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Support your local grower

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE VALUED AT $200 +**

**TICKETS: 3 for $2**

With today’s newsletter you have received raffle tickets to sell for the local Neighbourhood Watch committee. $10.00 per book

Please try and sell as many as you can and return the tickets and money to the school office before 4th November 2013
**WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG**

**October**

- Thursday 24th October - Kidpreneur stall at recess and lunchtime. All items $2.00 and $1.50
- Friday 25th October - Swimming program
- Friday 25th October - 2014 Prep Transition

**November**

- Friday 1st November - Swimming Program
- Friday 1st November - 2014 Prep transition
- Monday 4th November - Grade two camp form and money due today
- Tuesday 5th November - Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
- Friday 8th November - Grade two camp
- Friday 8th November - 2014 Prep transition
- Friday 8th November - Swimming Program
- Monday 11th November - School Council meeting 6:00pm
- Tuesday 12th November - Thinklinks 12:30—1:30pm
- Friday 15th November - Working Bee (TBA)
- Friday 15th November - 2014 Prep transition
- Friday 15th November - Swimming program
- Friday 22nd November - 2014 Prep transition
- Friday 22nd November - Swimming program
- Monday 25th November - 2014 Prep information evening
- Tuesday 26th November - Thinklinks 12:30-1:30pm
- Friday 29th November - Swimming program.

**December**

- Tuesday 3rd December - Thinklinks 12:30—1:30pm Final
- Friday 6th December - Swimming program
- Tuesday 11th—13th December—Grade 5/6 camp
- Monday 16th December - Grade six graduation
- Wednesday 18th December - School Christmas concert
- Friday 20th December - Last day of the school year 2:30pm finish

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**From the Art Room**

Thank you to all the families who came to see the amazing work of our students at our recent art show. I was so excited to finally share with you the talent I have known existed for such a long time and I feel so proud of the level of work your children have achieved this year.

Due to the timing of our Art show, and my recent absence, student art work will not be entered into the Whittlesea show this year and you can expect all student artwork to be arriving home shortly.

Kind regards, Andrea Lewis.