24th July, 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!

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week”.

Prep C: Aurora Sheehy—(Doing her best with all learning tasks this week)
Prep G: Nikayla Harrison—(Tasting all of our Indonesian foods)
1/2 H: Mathew Robinson—(Excellent listening during our “Farm” DVD)
1/2 M: Katherine Adam—(Excellent recount and maths grouping work)
1/2 Z: Noah Lunt—(Great participation on Indonesian Day)
5/6 A: Ryan Battistin—(Learning his production lines over the holidays)
5/6 E: Tajhana Gibbons—(Helping prepare the costumes for production)
5/6 K: Chantel Kennent—(Working hard to achieve her reading goal)

Assembly will start at 2:45pm this Friday
A Message from the Principal......

A belated welcome back to term three. The temperature has certainly dropped as we head into a long and cold period of school life. Students are reminded that coats, beanies (blue ones purchased from the school) and scarves are highly recommended. Scarves need to be tucked into jumpers or coats to avoid accidental strangulation, and all three items need to be removed once students enter their warm classroom. Brrrr!

The term began well with the removal of one of our old trees over the holiday break. With wind gusts expected this term, this tree (located near the oval) had recently dropped a few small limbs and was looking a bit unsafe, so out it went! Last week we had the outdoor seating installed outside the library and it looks fabulous. Thank you to Bendigo Bank for their kind assistance.

Briar’s Camp: Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I headed off to camp with the three/four students, staff and four parent helpers. I had heard about the Briar’s Camp, but in my thirty years of teaching had not been there…. and it lived up to all expectations. The staff were fabulous, the activities were exciting and the food was delicious. A huge thanks to Mr Fearn for his great organisation of the camp, to Mrs Langdon and Miss Cachia for their assistance and to Paul Selvaggio, Paul Yeend, Dave Pirie and Trish Brincat for their assistance and support over the three days. We had a great time and the students have many wonderful memories on which to reminisce into the future. See Mrs Langdon’s report on page 4 of newsletter.

Leaping into Indonesian: You will have noticed, from the front page of last Friday’s Free Press newspaper, that we began our Indonesian program last week. All students in Prep—grade four enjoyed a range of activities and the excitement level was high. Research has shown that students develop greater understanding of the structure of their first language when they learn a second language. How does this happen? Students learn about, and discuss, grammar and the components of creating sentences — the use and placement of common and proper nouns, verbs, tenses, prepositions etc in their “new” language and how this compares to their first language. This assists them to be more creative in their first language and allows them to compare how different languages work. Students will participate in a cultural based approach to the learning of Indonesian, allowing them to immerse themselves in Indonesian life. Amazingly, on camp after only one session of Indonesian, students were even practising their Indonesian language! We look forward to the program continuing to inspire our students.

Thanks Peter: Thank you to Peter Drofenik who recently replaced a number of new door closers on classroom doors. With the impending wind gusts, these will ensure fingers are kept safe. Thank you :)

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole
And a little note from Mr Potesta:

New Seating: Thank you Bendigo Bank!

Friday saw the installation of new pedestal seating in the new outdoor library space. These four new seats will provide an excellent seating area for students and teachers when using the library, or for when chilling out with friends during recess or lunchtimes. We received $8000 from the Bendigo Bank Wallan Branch as part of their Community Partnerships Grant, which allowed us to purchase and install the seating. Branch Manager, Kevin Hannam, was on hand on Friday to oversee the installation. On behalf of the Wandong School Community, I would like to thank Kevin and the Bendigo Bank for their continued support of our school.

Assistance Required.

As well as new seating installed in the library area, we also received delivery of two new blue aluminium bench/picnic tables which will be installed in the grade six area. The seating will replace the existing timber seating. Rather than having these installed by the manufacture at an added cost, we will be installing them ourselves. We have installed similar bench seats in the area at a previous working bee. Installation involves; removing existing pavers, digging eight holes and concreting the structures into the ground. We estimate the job taking no more than two hours. We will install the seating on Friday 26th July from 9am. If you are able to assist us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please let myself or Ros know at the office if you are able to attend.
Recently the majority of our grade three and four students went to Briar’s Camp located in Mount Martha.

The trip kicked off to a “fine” start when one of the buses broke down on the side of the Western Ring Road. This was a chance for students to chat and catch up on their holidays. The children are to be commended for safely and efficiently disembarking from the original bus and reboarding the replacement bus.

Eventually we turned up at the camp an hour after the other bus arrived. We had lunch, unpacked and immediately got stuck into the first round of activities.

The activities consisted of “The Leap of Faith,” a giant swing, archery, low ropes course, cubby house building, and a flying fox. These activities enabled students to step outside their comfort zones as well as teach them the importance of peer support and encouragement.

Throughout the three days, the children also participated in an array of group challenges. These included “minute to win it,” go-carting and ga-ga (a great new ball game we learnt).

The first night, students relaxed over a movie. On the second night, they had a disco. Students were asked to be accompanied by a partner and share in a dance together.

Congratulations to all students who attended the camp for their fantastic behaviour and willingness to participate in the activities.

A big thank you to Paul Selvaggio, Paul Yeend, Dave Pirie and Trish Brincat for volunteering their time and assisting in the smooth operating procedure of the camp.

Also, thanks to Miss Cachia, Mrs Cole and Mr Fearn for all their hard work and impeccable organisation. Without these people, the students would definitely not have been able to experience such a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

Mrs Cassandra Langdon
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: 29
(Total number of preps: 34)
Grade one/twos: 54
(Total number of 1/2s: 71)
Grade three/fours: 66
(Total number of 3/4s: 72)
Grade five/sixes: 57
(Total number of 5/6s: 68)

Total absence days across the school for this semester: 848

Congratulations to this week’s winners:....
Three/Four Unit
91% attendance
Well done!

EMA

Applications for EMA must be submitted by 2nd August 2013.
You may be eligible if you are a beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit.
Forms submitted in semester one will automatically rollover to semester two.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations 50 nights reading:
Patrick Allsop,
Tye Duncan.

Congratulations 100 nights reading:
Austin Tennant,
Caitlyn Hemphill,
Ina Baggio,
Trinity Hobson,
Findlay Edwards,
Xavier Hemphill,
Lachlan Barnes,
Lawrence Baggio,
Georgia Paxinos.

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Natalie Hannemann,
Erin-Skye Libardi,
Mikayla Gibbons,
Tara Sibun,
Felix Hughes,
Aurora Sheehy,
Zahra Al-Ghazawi,
Ryan Battistin,
D’arcy Bourke,
Hayley Mumberson.

Head lice

Any child found with head lice or nits will be sent home from school immediately.
Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly.

Congratulations Red House

Red House Captain and Vice-Captain, Tali Kean and Zander Gladman-Mitchell are proudly holding the winner’s cup for team Red House.
When is it due?

**Grade Five/Six Camp**

All deposits for the grade five/six camp to Anglesea are due Friday 11th October. To assist parents, progressive payments can be made throughout the year to pay outstanding netbook and camp expenses.

Balance of payment is due Friday 22nd November, 2013

**Term Four Swimming Program**

This program is run in term four and is open to all students, including Preps, at Wandong Primary School.

Approx cost is $90. (subject to change).

All expressions of interest must be returned by 16th August 2013

No late expressions of interest will be received after this date.

**Netbook Payments – Grade Four/Six students**

All payments for netbooks for current grade six students must be finalised by 20th September 2013.

Any overdue payments must be paid immediately to avoid further action for recovery of outstanding payments.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

All registered students can now start entering their books online.

Codes will be sent home this week

Happy reading!

Heather Chisholm

**WOW! …. WHAT’S ON @WANDONG**

**July**

- Wednesday 24th July - Grade 5/6 Winter sports carnival form and money due (no late forms will be accepted)
- Wednesday 31st July - Literacy and Numeracy Night 6:00-7:30pm
- Wednesday 31st July - Grades 3-6 Athletics training and trial forms due (no late forms will be accepted)

**August**

- Tuesday 6th August - Parents and Friends Assoc Meeting 9:00 in staffroom
- Tuesday 13th August - School tour for 2014 new enrolments 2:30—3:30
- Thursday 15th August - Special Friend’s Day
- Friday 16th August - Curriculum Day (No students at school)
- Friday 16th August - Swimming expression of interest due
- Thursday 22nd August - Grade 1/2 incursion—Mobile animal farm
- Wednesday 27th August - Father’s Day Stall

**September**

- Sunday 1st September - Father’s Day

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY 1st AUGUST 2013 FOR ISSUE No. 5

Reminder

Please return all Cadbury chocolate fundraising money to the school. If you are having trouble selling your box of chocolates, there maybe families that can help sell extra boxes so please return what you can’t sell.
Hi everyone,

Now the holidays are over and the children are back from their camps it’s time to start a new term at WOSCH. In the coming weeks I hope to have a variety of activities to suit everyone. This week the children have been discussing what they have bought at the Indonesian markets during at school. We have talked about the language and some words they have learned, last term we talked about other countries and their cultures. Some of us were lucky enough to go overseas so kids should bring along photos or post cards to show at group time. That's all from me this week.

Regards,
Julie Tennant

We are taking expressions of interest for care on the coming Curriculum day on Friday 16th August. Email Mick at mick7@live.com.au to submit your interest or to find out more information.

Childcare rebate and benefit available for all before school, after school and holiday programs; saving you more than 50%!

For information and bookings visit www.ssoshc.com.au or Ph: 5781 1300
SSOSHC blog: ssoshc.blogspot.com.au

NITS or HEAD LICE
Currently in Victoria there seems to be an epidemic of head lice with cases reported in many schools, kinders and day care centres.

We ask you to please check your children’s hair regularly and treat accordingly.
Wandong Primary School has source a natural preventative from a company called Nit Free For Me.
There are two fragrances, one for boys and one for girls, in spray bottles available for $10.00 at the office.
Please return this slip with your preference clearly marked.

I would like ...................bottle/s of Nit For Me (Girls) Family name..........................

I would like ............... bottle/s of Nit For Me (Boys) I have enclosed $.................
Come and see your child’s learning

**Literacy and Numeracy Week 2013**

**Open Night at School**

On Wednesday 31st July, between 6.00pm and 7:30pm, you are invited to come and see your child complete his/her Numeracy Fluency task and enjoy a Literacy activity together.

A fun night for all !!!

*Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles are all welcome.*

See you there.