‘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.

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**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

162 families at WPS.

Completed payments = 70%

(114 families)

Have you recently asked your child/ren…….

"What did you learn today?"

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**Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”**

- Prep B: Jaedon McCrum—(Being a kind and considerate class member)
- Prep G: Blair Fitzpatrick—(Writing neatly on dotted thirds)
- 1/2 C: Mathew Robinson—(Trying really hard in Maths)
- 1/2 H: Bridgette Davies—(Always working to the best of her ability)
- 1/2 M: Baily Lunn—(Great reading all week)
- 3/4 C: Nadia Barbour—(Writing a detailed procedure about how to make a juggling ball)
- 3/4 S: Jennifer Cocks—(Caring for everyone in her grade)
- 3/4 S: Thomas Simon—(Working as a team member at his table)

(Thomas was supposed to be in last week’s newsletter but was accidentally left off—again! Sorry Thomas)

- 5/6E: Shani Hustler—(Always applying yourself to all learning tasks)
- 5/6 K: Molly Libardi—(Having a go at tricky questions relating to ‘Time’)
- 5/6 P: Blake Dennehy—(Writing a well structured letter with great ideas)
It’s great to be back. Thank you to everyone for their kind words and support. Baby Eva is a little angel and in enjoying her time with us. My wife Nikki is recovering well, and apart from a severe lack of sleep, we have settled well into our new family life.

BBQ stall at Bunnings Warehouse — Craigieburn
Thank you to everyone who helped out on Saturday at our BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings Warehouse in Craigieburn. Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who cut up onions for the day. It was a successful day and we raised a massive $1245.00 for the school. Thanks to Sue from Bunnings for allowing us to be part of the day and we look forward to having more fundraising BBQ days in the future.

Revved Up—Turning angry energy into positive action
Today, Toni Vicary and I attended a Boys Education seminar called ‘Revved Up”. Revved Up is an anger management initiative designed initially for boys, but relevant to all students. The program helps young people to recognise their own responses to different stressful situations that occur in everyday life and provides strategies to assist them in relating to others. Mrs Cole will attend a similar seminar next week which focuses on girls, and their behaviours. We then aim to run these as separate workshops for our 5/6 students with clear focuses for the boys and the girls.

Our Champion Sport Teams
This week, our sporting teams are on the road, in regional final games. Yesterday I went to Mary Mead in South Morang with Ms Pratt and the basketball team. It was a tremendous effort and well done to everyone for competing. Good luck to Ms Cachia and her rounders team and to Mrs Crawford and her softball team who are competing in finals on Friday. I’m sure you’ll do us proud!

Thinklinks
Thinklinks was on again this week and groups are hard at work completing their projects. Remember, if you are able to help out in your child’s Thinklink group, we would love to see you at the school.

New Landscape Area
It’s nearly time……..Yep that’s right, the grass is starting to look really settled at the moment and is turning a beautiful shade of green. The sprinkler system is all connected and we are nearly ready to take down the barrier tape and start using the area. We will let students know next week.

Until next time…….have a great week
Anthony Potesta
Even the regional director Arthur Townsend dropped by for a snag cooked by Tammy Mason.

Preparations for the BBQ. Thank you to all the people who volunteered in cutting up onions. Most of you can relate to the picture.

The next shift starts with Rob Harrison, Sandra Bartolo and Robyn Beer.

Thank you also goes to Georgia Shingles, Stacey Kelly, Annette, Tarni and Kiara Upton, Ros for helping on the stall.

(Thank you, Maree Kelly for sending the yummy biscuits)

Rhonda Cole and Bernie Cram at the end of a very successful day.

Kylie Shingles was flipping sausages and Rob Harrison tossing the onions.

Oh yes, we offered a gourmet selection of products!
Muffin Break Muffin Vouchers: Just for you for a little ‘me time’!

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.

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MUFFIN BREAK VOUCHERS:

Family name: ..........................................................

Eldest child’s name: ......................... Grade: ......

Please send home ............... voucher/s for four muffins

with my child at a cost of $8.00 for one voucher (4 muffins) or $20.00 for three vouchers (12 muffins).

I have enclosed $......... with my order.      Signed: ..............................................

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Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is now over! It was a fantastic book fair this year. We hope that everyone has had a lovely time reading their new books to themselves, their family or their friends.

We would like to say another BIG THANKYOU to those people, staff and parents, who volunteered their time to help the book fair to be a huge success!

This year we sold $2,971 worth of books which Wandong Primary School will benefit from greatly! We plan to get lots of new books to put into our Library!

Thank you,

Miss Chisholm and Miss Pratt

Thank you—Joanne Drofenik, Katalin Devecseri, Maree Kelly, Sandra Bartolo, Melissa Battistin, Natasha Nastevski, Robyn Mumberson and Jane Drury.

Thank you Bookfair helpers!
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...$5.05
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs which are available from the office)

You are invited to
Girls Night In
(Fundraiser for Women’s Cancer)

Come along for a night filled
With fun and games
(Bring a friend)
Donations at Door
Bring a Plate
BYO Drinks

When: Fri 26th Oct
Time: 8pm onwards
RSVP: Wed 24th Oct

For location and further details contact
Stacey 0434 358 839

Funds raised go to Cancer Council

Yellow House romps home again!

Yellow house was the winner last week with the house points.

Hayley Cashen and Abby Hurst (Yellow house Captain and Vice-Captain) are proudly holding the winner’s cup.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulation 100 nights reading:
Brittnee Marke

Congratulation 150 nights reading:
Shani McLeish, Brittnee Marke, Joelle Coter, Lucas Webb, Macklin Spicer, Brodie Reid, Thomas Downey.

Congratulation 200 nights reading:

Congratulation 250 nights reading:
Mikayla Gibbons.

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.
WOW! … WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

OCTOBER

Friday 26th October - Swimming Session

NOVEMBER

Friday 2nd November - Swimming Session
Tuesday 6th November - Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
Thursday 8th November - Parent's Club Meeting 9:15am in the staffroom
Friday 9th November - Working Bee at school
Friday 9th November - Swimming Session
Tuesday 13th November - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
Thursday 15th November - Pizza Day (Parent's Club)
Friday 16th November - Swimming Session
Friday 23rd November - Swimming Session
Tuesday 27th November - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
Friday 30th November - Swimming Session

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd December - Information Evening for 2013 Prep parents
Tuesday 4th December - Parent's Club lunch
Thursday 6th December - Out of uniform day (xmas hamper collection)
Friday 7th December - Swimming Session
Friday 21st December - Last day of term four (1:30 finish)

(Student attendance in semester two:

“EYES ON THE TARGET”
Staying below 750 absent days for semester three and four.
(approx 3.5 absent days per child)

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

Preps: 29
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 53
(Total number of 1/2s: 67)
Grade three/fours: 44
(Total number of 34s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 53
(Total number of 5/6s: 79)

Total absence days across the school for this semester {612}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

One/Two Unit
(79% of students had full attendance)

Super effort!

“Every day is an important day to be at school.”

Kilmore Kids Market

Come along rain, hail or shine to the Kilmore Kids Market. Lots of bargains for sale including Preloved baby and children’s clothing, toys, games, furniture, linen etc. Also a great variety of other stalls such as Phoenix Trading, Lovely Lolly Stations, Mooluu (children’s wear), Two Cute Stuff, Cyclones Craft Cabin, Creata Direct Learning, Livi Lou Collection, Tupperware, Art By M and Bonza Babes Nappy Cakes. Gold Coin entry. All profits go towards buying new toys for The Toy Library of Kilmore.
Saturday 27th October 10.00am-12.00pm at the Kilmore Library (John Taylor Room).
Toy Club

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!

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Voices around the Campfire Event

- Aboriginal dreamtime stories
- Aboriginal history
- Local history
- Arabic drumming
- African drumming
- Jam session
- Sing-along’s
- Radius Choir
- Face painting
- Fun kids activities
- Boomerang painting & throwing
- Face painting
- Children & Young people art/craft workshop
- SES & CFA
- Wellbeing Shed with EFT-Massages-Reiki
- Dance workshops Aboriginal-Bollywood-Clogging-Polynesian-African-Arabic

When – Saturday 27th October, 2012
12.30pm until 5.30pm
Where – State Motorcycle Sports Complex
Strath Creek Road, Broadford
Pink Panthers

Free T-Shirt Free Ball

Skills Program

For Girls Prep-Year 8

- A Fun Introduction to Basketball
- A Chance to Develop Basketball Skills.
- A chance for parents to learn about the game.
- But most of all, it's about having Fun.
- Each Child receives a Basketball*

Join Anytime

When: Friday 5:30-6:30pm
Where: R.B. Robson Stadium
Bentinek St, Wallan
Program Duration: 6 weeks
Session length: 60min
Cost: $30
Includes: Basketball and T-shirt
Commences: Friday 9th November

Register any time! See wallanbasketball.com.au
or email pinkpanthersbasketball@gmail.com for more information

*Includes a Pink Panthers T-shirt
SWIMMING

Swimming is on this Friday so please remember to pack bathers and towels.

We have goggles available for sale at the office.
$2.00 a pair.

3/4 Inquiry Unit
“Life In An Ecosystem”

Tips

CHANGE A LIGHT BULB AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN SAVE.

An energy-saving light bulb might not seem cheap but over its lifetime it could save up to 75% of electricity consumption and a lot more besides. Like the planet for example. You shouldn’t flick the switch on and off all the time, because you will waste electricity.

By Austin T, Olivia B, Patrick A, Tyler C and Bryannon B.

Lest We Forget
In remembrance
‘wear a poppy’

Poppies and wristbands are available at the office for remembrance day on 11th November.

Poppies lapel pin $2.00 and wristbands $3.00
This term in 5/6E we are learning about the environment. We have split into cooperative learning groups to participate in a range of hands on activities to learn about different aspects of the environment. Some of these activities are a terrarium to learn about the air cycle, a canvas to show how food webs are connected, posters to show why we need to reduce, reuse and recycle and science experiments to learn about greenhouse gases and the water cycle.

“I really like the terrarium because it encourages us to grow plants and have fun while learning about the environment” - Sebastian

“The hands on activities are great because I get to choose what I want to learn about” - Adriana

Wandong Junior football Club Inc

DUE TO AN UNSUCCESSFUL ELECTION FOR THE 2013 COMMITTEE THE AGM ~
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE REHELD

When: Tuesday 30th October 2012
Where: L.B.Davern Reserve Wandong
Starting at: 7.30pm.

All positions will be declared vacant.

Enquiries: Darren Greenhalgh on 0438708742
NO COMMITTEE, NO CLUB!

This will be the last opportunity to obtain a committee or we fold!
SPRING INVESTIGATIONS IN 1/2H

This term for our ‘Weather in our Backyard’ Inquiry we have started learning about the current season, Spring. During our Investigations time we have been ‘busy beavers’ investigating features of Spring; adjectives to describe this season and the months of Spring. We have made weather vanes, Spring blossoms, sunflowers from reading grid coordinates, Hairy Harrys that grow grass hair and have been reading lots of fiction and non-fiction books. Here’s some photos of our Spring investigations.

Literacy

ENCOURAGE your child to read or write with a specific purpose in mind – Part 2

Some ideas include:

Use instant messaging to communicate with family and friends together.
Keep a diary so that your child can record events, feelings etc.
Make and write greeting cards.
Write a shopping list for a recipe you and your child wish to make.
Capture a video of your own review using a web camera, or the movie function of a digital camera or mobile phone. View other videos made by children by clicking the Watch link on the Connect-Primary website https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/primary/pages/Default.aspx
Play appropriate computer games that require reading.
Download podcasts to listen and discuss.
Opening Classroom Doors

Learning in 3/4S

This term in Writing the children are learning about procedural text. They followed instructions given to them to make a juggling ball and then transferred this into writing their own procedure.

“I enjoyed making the juggling ball because I liked learning and helping other people”, said Alesha.

“I like putting the birdseed in because we all had to work together”, said Tyler.

“I liked the bit where you had to cut holes in the balloon”, said Catherine.

“I like pouring the birdseed in. It felt funny on my finger when I was pushing it down”, said Grace.

Congratulations to our Term Two Neighbourhood Watch winners.
The following students have been selected by the teachers for showing outstanding community spirit.

Adriana Young
Charlyse Greeno
Jack Leithhead
Liam Cram
Samantha Granieri
Cayden Barlow
Kaitlin O’Neill
Shae McDonald
Trinity Hobson
Emily Fitzgerald