“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**

- 165 families at WPS.
- Completed payments = 62% (102 families)

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

“**What did you learn today?**”

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**Wakakirri**

On Friday the 20th July over sixty students travelled to Moonee Ponds to compete in the Wakakirri Story Dance Competition. It was a long day. We arrived at our destination at 12:00pm and didn't leave until 9:30pm that night! Our day was filled with a rehearsal, as well as preparing our hair, makeup and costumes. At 7:00pm, all of our parents came to watch us do our performance. We loved hearing the cheers from our families. All students who were involved were fantastic and made the school proud.

“Wakakirri was a lot of fun. My most favourite part was performing in front of the audience.” - Mikayla 5/6K

“Wakakirri was so much fun. My favourite part was when we heard all of our family in the audience cheering for us.” - Kiara 5/6K

A BIG thank you to everyone involved, especially our amazing parent helpers, Sharon Delaney (for beautiful face painting on our animals), Gail Leavold and Kristie Robertson.

Kate Crawford and Emma Cachia

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**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.**

All enrolment forms are due back to the school by **3rd September**.
A Message from the Principal....

Parent Opinion Survey:
A key strategy to school improvement is determining our progress and looking for ways to further improve. Data is collected via three avenues — staff surveys, student surveys and parent surveys. The results of these surveys are analysed and are used to assist us with future planning. Next Monday, forty of our families will receive parent survey forms. The school computer system randomly selects the forty families. Once families have completed their survey, it is sealed up and returned to the school. The school then sends all of the returned, sealed surveys into Melbourne where they are collated and returned to us. As a school we do not receive individual family responses, but we do receive the collective answers. We also receive any written comments made by families. It is vitally important that families return the survey to give us the widest net of responses possible. Please keep an eye out in your child's school bag next Monday for a large survey envelope—you may have been selected.

Wakakirri

Wow! - What a great night last Friday evening. Congratulations everyone (staff, parents and students) involved in this year's WPS Wakakirri entry. What a fantastic job! A special thanks to Mrs Crawford, Miss Cachia and Miss Pratt for their planning of the performance and the endless hours they spent making costumes and organising music and dance practices. Also thanks to Kristie Robertson, Gail Leavold and Sharon Delaney for assisting us all day in Moonee Ponds—organising hair and makeup — and to the other school staff who assisted; Mrs Beer, Mr Fearn and Mr Potesta. We all had a great day and night together and by the smiles on the students’ faces, I think they all had fun too!!

Below is a lovely email that popped up on my computer first thing Monday morning...... thank you Catherine.

“Just a note to congratulate everyone (staff, parents and students) involved in this year’s WPS Wakakirri entry – what a fantastic job! Whether WPS wins an award or not, in my opinion, you’re all winners and everyone should be very proud of the end result. A bright and colourful display, well-rehearsed and beautifully delivered, the environmental message ‘bin it, don’t beach it’ was both timely and relevant. Bringing together such a big stage production is no mean feat but the WPS team pulled it off – and some!”

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole
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: 49
(Total number of 34s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 60
(Total number of 5/6s: 82)

Total absence days across the school for this semester 56

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
Three/Four Unit
(80% of students had full attendance)

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

WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG

July

Thursday 26th July - Parent’s Club meeting 9:15am in the staffroom
Friday 27th July - National Tree Planting Day
Monday 30th July - Book Club orders due today
Tuesday 31st August - Card stall (fundraiser for Wandong Pre School)

August

Wednesday 1st August - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
Thursday 2nd August - Grade Five visit to Wallan SC
Friday 3rd August - EMA applications due today
Monday 13th August - Conveyance Allowance forms due
Wednesday 15th August - School House Sports day
Friday 17th August - Curriculum Day - No students at school
Friday 24th August - Special Friend’s Day
Tuesday 28th August - District Athletics Carnival
Friday 31st August - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

September

Friday 7th September - Footy Colours Day
Monday 10th September - Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes
Wed 12th—Fri 14th Sept - Grade Five/six camp
Wed 19th Sept—Fri 21st - Grade Three/four camp
Friday 21st September - Last day of term three

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

Stall for Wandong Pre School:
Over the past few weeks, two of our students, Grace and Jessica, have been very busy making a variety of beautiful cards which they would like to sell as a fundraiser to support the Wandong Pre-School. The cards are suitable for the arrival of a new baby, for birthdays and for Christmas. A stall will be held next Tuesday (31st July) at lunchtime and at 3:15 p.m. to sell the cards – with prices of cards ranging from 50c to $2.00.
For Sale
We now have acrylic beanies available for sale. Navy blue, one size, toasty warm and only $6.00.

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...$18.55
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

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

Woolworth Earn & Learn
JUST FOUR WEEKS TO GO!
The Earn & Learn program finishes on the 12th August, 2012.
We have collected 20,450 points and are well on our way to reach our target of 25,000.
If you have any cards that are incomplete, we have stickers donated from community members to help fill the cards.
So keep eating, keep collecting and help us reach our goal.

Thank you
Thank you to Grace Hannemann who entertained the assembly with her absolutely beautiful keyboard practice for her grade two.
Annie and Ros were very happy to have Grace practise in the office area during lunchtime.

Well done Grace!

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:
Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
National Tree Planting Day: This Friday
This Friday, all grades will be involved in National Tree Planting Day at school. A roster of class times is below. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun. Students can bring tools from home and garden gloves — please just label them all so we can return them to their owner if we find them. Thanks to Adam our gardener who has collected a range of delightful plants which we can now use to further beautify our school.

Preps will plant the front of the school between 9:10 and 10:00

1/2C and 1/2M will plant around the chooks between 10:00 and 10:45

1/2H will plant around the chooks between 11:30 and 12:00

All the 3/4’s will plant around the monkey bar area between 12:00 and 12:45

Finally, the all 5/6’s will plant around the monkey bars and big fort area between 12:45 and 1:30

Also during the 5/6 time, we will plant more plants in the grade 6 area and the 5/6’s will also help Mr Potesta put up some of the prep hand tiles.

Should be lots of fun…….lets just hope for some nice weather.

Broadford Secondary College will celebrate it’s 50th Anniversary in October this year.
Past students and staff are invited to join in the celebrations over the weekend of 13/14th October.
Details of registration and events are available at www.broadfordsc.vic.edu.au : contact the school on 035784 1200 and our Face Book page Broadford Secondary College 50th Anniversary. Hope to see you there!

Semester One Attendance Awards.

Attendance Certificates: The front page of last week’s newsletter featured most of the students who achieved attendance certificates for semester one. The following students were unable to be photographed on that day. Congratulations to these students for their fantastic attendance.
WORKING out difficult words
It is important to give your child time and strategies to read or write any long or unfamiliar words.

Before telling your child the word when he or she is reading, try these prompts:
- Look for clues for the word’s meaning in the sentence.
- Look at the word closely. Does it look like another word you know?
- Can you break the word down into smaller parts?
- Do the words before and after this word help?

Before spelling a word for your child when he or she is writing, try asking: Does it look right?
  - Does it sound right?

Conveyance Allowance
You may be eligible if you live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended.

Please call into the office to collect a form.

If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact the office.

Closing date for applications is 10th August, 2012 (no late applications will be processed)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY 30 JULY 2012 FOR ISSUE No. 5

Wandong Junior Football Club

Annual Fundraiser Party
Magpie & Stump Hotel, Wandong
Friday 27th July @ 7.30pm till late

Tickets: $50 per head
Includes: 3 course meal, drinks, prizes and more...

GENTS - BLACK TIE LADIES - DRESS TO KILL

RSVP: 14th July - strictly limited tickets
Call Bianca 0407 321 831 to order your tickets

There are still a few places left for this fabulous event so call Bianca on 0407 321 831 asap

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Semester two

If you hold a Health Care Card and did not apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance at the beginning of the year.

Please call at the school office and complete a form for the second instalment. Parents/guardians who applied for the first half of the year do not need to complete a second form as this is done automatically.

However, if your health care card has expired since the first day of term one (3rd February, 2012), you do need to present your new card to the school office for verification as soon as possible.

Closing date for Semester two applications if Friday 3rd August, 2012
Prep B have had a circus tent arrive in their classroom this term and the children are very excited.

They are learning how to put on performances using different costumes and puppets for their teachers and peers and special visitors.

They will integrate what they learn about different cultures into their performances throughout the term.

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**Lunchtime Clubs**

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**WE NEED YOU!**

The new Lunch Time Clubs time table began on Monday 23rd July.

As you can see, there is room for parent volunteers to come in and lend a hand.

If you are able to come in for any of the days at lunch time, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards, Bree Chisholm - Lunch Time Clubs Co-ordinator
Last Wednesday was cold and wet so 3/4Y took their reading session to the library. We have been learning about ‘inferring’ from clues within the text and from objects hidden in a box, from their sense of touch, sound and our prior knowledge. Mrs Yaneff explained what was in the box with clues such as: it is made of hard plastic, it is square in shape and it opens. From these clues we thought it might have been: a lunch box, a book or a CD case. The CD case was the correct answer. Mrs Yaneff then read some more of ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ and we had to infer from what has been read to date, how the mother was feeling about Jack bringing home ‘magic’ beans, after she threw them out of the window and went to bed without any food to eat. We then borrowed a book from the library and with a partner read paragraphs to each other and inferred how the character was feeling or what was going to happen next in the story, using clues from the read passage of text.

Some of the students continued on from yesterday, to listen to a story ‘The Midnight Zoo’ on the iPod. Mrs Yaneff then borrowed two books for our class novel: Deltora Quest – ‘The Maze of the Beast’ and Alice in Wonderland. We all got to vote which one we wanted to be read first. Deltora Quest was the clear winner.

Visiting the library has been fun and exciting and we all got to borrow a book to take home, if we wanted to. Utilising the library as a resource during reading sessions was fun and different. We are going to be visiting the library during this session every Wednesday. Here are some photos of us enjoying the reading session in the library.

Happy reading to all, from Mrs Yaneff and the students in 3/4Y.

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**Adults verses Students Basketball Game**

**this Friday lunchtime.**

Parents are invited to join our staff for an “Adults verses Students” basketball match.

This fun activity will begin at 2:15 p.m. and finish just before assembly. The adults will play against the grade five/six students.

Even if you’ve never played before…. come along and have a go.

Hope to see you there 😊