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.

Congratulations to our 'Students of the Week'

Foundation B: Chloe Mazurek (Being a kind and caring friend to the students in her classroom)
Foundation H: Brodie Hall (Reading a tricky book with confidence)
Foundation K: Alysha Ivory (Using an excellent reading voice during reading groups)
Foundation P: Mackenzie MacDonald (Writing down great facts about caterpillars)
1/2C: Iris Scott (Excellent reading)
1/2H: James Tomlinson (Great improvement with his reading)
1/2P: Aleisha Davon (Doing well on her spelling test)
1/2V: Noah Tolevski (Being a helpful member of his class)
3/4A: Charlotte Jones (Participating in class discussions and beautiful presentation of her work)
3/4B: Dakota Patrick (Creating interesting cinquain poems)
3/4J: Kaitlin O’Neill (Applying herself to all learning tasks with a positive attitude)
3/4J: Ashley Stanton (Listening attentively and participating enthusiastically at the science incursion)

Reminder
PAFA Father’s Day Stall - 2nd September 2015

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A Message from the Acting Principal

Spring is in the air, footy finals are just around the corner and the end of term is near. Hold on to your hats folks, the last 3½ weeks are jammed packed full of interesting and exciting events.

Education Support Week

Last week was Education Support week. Our school just wouldn’t run without the wonderful support we get from all our ES staff. On behalf of the school community, I would like to acknowledge and thank Annie, Melinda, Alisha, Tracey, Jo, Donna, Ros, Jane and Toni for their commitment and tireless efforts throughout the year. You’re all ace!

Dianella Visit

Last Thursday, I took some grade 5 students from Mrs McClure’s class to Dianella to do a little finger knitting. Yes, you heard right, finger knitting. It was one of the most enjoyable days I’ve had at Dianella. Wool was flying everywhere!! One or two of us even learnt how to knit for the very first time. Some of the grade 5 students fitted in like had lived there their whole lives. Shae and Shae were even offered a job. It was a great afternoon. Check out the picture below and see if you can spot the resident? Doesn’t Lachie look right at home?

Assemblies

Our changes to assembly are working really well. I hope everyone is enjoying the new format and the special presentations from Mrs Andrew’s and Mrs Rowe’s classes. This week, we’ll have a special performance from the State School Spectacular Dances. You will be impressed. As well as showcasing student achievements at school, we would also like to ‘show off’ your children’s co-curricular activities outside of school. If you would like to share your child’s motorcross, gymnastics, swimming or finger knitting achievements with the school, please let your child’s teacher know. Unit assemblies are also working well with age appropriate explanation of the SEL weekly topic and reading awards handed out.

Disco Stu is in da house!

Friday night saw our students rip up the dance floor at our student disco (or should I say 2hr sugar fest). Funds raised go toward buses that will take our students to and from the two upcoming State School Spectacular rehearsals at Hisense Arena. It was a fun night and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Mrs Castle, Ms Adams, Mrs Smith, Ms Giacomini and Mrs Beer for supervising the event. There was even a special guest appearance from Mrs Cole. We just can’t keep her away from the place.

Athletics

Good luck to our athletics team who will be representing Wandong at tomorrow’s carnival. Hopefully the weather holds out and you’ll have an awesome day. We’ll get a full run down of all the action at assembly and in next week’s newsletter.

Father’s Day Stall – Wednesday 2nd September

Next Wednesday, 2nd September is our Father’s Day stall. Earlier in the year, the SRC chose items for sale and the Parents and Friends Association have done a wonderful job ordering and putting together the stall. Don’t forget to bring your money and buy something special for dad or granddad. Items range in price from .50c to $5.

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A Message from the Acting Principal (continued)

**Story Time**

Tomorrow we have our final Story Time session for our Kindergarten Students coming to Wandong next year. The previous two sessions have been well attended and highly valued. It is wonderful to see so many eager students and parents attending the sessions. Our main transition visits will begin on Tuesday 27th October.

**Drop Off Zone on Affleck Street**

I’m not the grumbling type of guy but I need to remind families to please use the bus bay on Affleck Street as a Drop Off Zone only, not a parking area. We are having multiple cars parking in the bay in the morning causing traffic issues and safety concerns for students. I understand that it is frustrating not having enough car parking spaces, but we are fortunate to have this area as a drop off. Please use it accordingly.

**Ooops…..**

Last week I mentioned the school fete and put in the incorrect date. The correct date of the fete is **Friday 9th October**. It is the first Friday back in term four. More news to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Anthony Potesta
Acting Principal

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**New Literacy Resources!**

Each year, we run a Scholastic Book Fair. The profits raised at the Book Fair then go back into the school.
At last year’s Book Fair, we raised over $1500 to purchase resources for our school!

Using our money raised from the Scholastic Book Fair, we have purchased 500 new books to go into the ‘home reading’ tubs! We have also purchased some other literacy games and resources to be used in the classrooms.

What a fantastic achievement!
Thank you again to all parents, helpers and students involved in running the Book Fair.

We will be running the Scholastic Book Fair again this year in October. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

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**CALLEJA FAMILY MEAL ROSTER REMINDER**

Below is a snapshot of the meal roster. Could families please diary their nominated date.

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On Wednesday 2nd September at 9am we will be holding a whole school ‘Read to Self’ session where the whole school will get together to build their reading stamina for 10 minutes. All families are invited to join us in the school hall for some reading. Please bring along a book to read and model good reading practises to your child!
**WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG**

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**NOTICE**

What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 20th August and Wednesday 26th August:

**Whole school:**
- Father’s Day raffle tickets

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:**
- 2015 Mitchell South School Sports Association District Athletics Championships
- Vic State Spectacular Rehearsal Hisense Arena
- Vic State Spectacular sleepover at school
- Vic State Spectacular Update

**Individual grade levels:**

**Foundation:**
- Foundation Newsletter - 24th August 2015

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:**
- 3-6 Concert ticket reminder - Wednesday
- 3-6 Concert ticket reminder - Thursday

**Five/Six:**
- 3-6 Concert ticket reminder - Wednesday
- 3-6 Concert ticket reminder - Thursday
- Year 7 - 2016 Transition information

Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in the grade level trays.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

**BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS**

**ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY**

**FRIDAY 28th AUGUST 2015**

**FOR ISSUE No. 6**

**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

231 families at WPS.

146 Completed payments

= 63%
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Earn & Learn promotion runs from 15th July to 8 September 2015 and when you shop at Woolworths you’ll receive 1 Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend.

When you have collected your stickers you can then stick them on an Earn & Learn sticker sheet which can be collected from our school office or downloaded from the Woolworths website.

Once you have filled your sticker sheet, pop it in the collection box at school or Wallan Woolworths so we can earn many new educational resources.

Our school has collected 8400 points so far but please keep collecting as the promotion does not end until Tuesday 8th September.

THE CHANCE TO WIN A KITCHEN KART FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Thanks to a partnership with Get Kids Cooking, AIS and Nestle Health, the Healthy Active Kids Program is giving you the opportunity to nominate your child’s school to win a Kitchen Kart valued at $25,000. The Kitchen Kart includes an oven, stovetop and kitchen sink, and comes complete with cooking tools, equipment, lessons plans linked to The Australian Curriculum, teacher training and online support to run simple, hands-on cooking classes for your whole school. The winning entrant will also personally receive a $1,000 VISA Load & Go Gift Card to go towards keeping their family healthy and active!

Five Runner-Up prizes of a $1,000 Visa Load & Go Gift cards will be awarded to schools, with the intention the money be used to purchase cooking or sporting equipment to provide healthy educational opportunities for their students, (winners of a runner-up prize will personally receive a $100 Load & Go Gift Card).

We ask the parents and friends of Wandong Primary School to please complete the entry form at https://www.healthyactivekids.com.au and include no more than 100 words as to “Why is it important to get your kids cooking” for the chance for our school to win this amazing prize.

CAMP PAYMENT REMINDER

Good News!

Both the Grade 3/4 Briars Camp Grade 5/6 Anglesea Camp will be going ahead.

Please note that the due date for the final payment of both camps is Friday 4th September.
On Friday, 143 students attended the school disco! The night was a massive success with all students having a great time. We had lots of fantastic costumes including Elmo, Olaf, Maleficent, Johnny Depp and many, many more!!! Students participated in dance, limbo and best dressed competitions throughout the night. Thank you to Mrs Cole, Mrs Smith, Mrs Beer, Miss Giacomini, Mr Potesta, Miss Adams and all of the parents that stayed for helping to run the night. Thank you also to the students that were in charge of running the canteen. The disco was a fundraiser for us to pay for the buses to get to and from Hisense Arena. Thanks to a massive effort from everyone that attended, we were able to raise $402.05!!!

Last week, Miss Adams took the students participating in the Mass Choir to a rehearsal at Melbourne Town Hall. The students learnt some choreography to perform as they are singing and had the opportunity to hear what each of their songs will sound like with the main vocalists singing. All of the students that attended were outstanding. The final countdown is on until our performances and everyone is getting very excited. The students that are representing our school will be performing at assembly very soon!

Rehearsals are in full swing for our massive performances! All of the students are doing really well remembering their songs and dances. They are very excited to be performing for you in the Whittlesea Secondary College Auditorium.

The decision to perform in Whittlesea and not in Wandong was made so that all members of the audience would be able to see the students perform as Whittlesea had tiered seating. It also give students an opportunity to perform on a real stage with lighting.

Tickets for these performances will be sent home closer to the concert after we have had a chance to advertise any additional tickets that are available.

PLEASE NOTE: Initial ticket orders are due before Friday, 28th (THIS FRIDAY)

Additional tickets will go on sale next week!!!!
In Grade 5/6J this term, our Reading program has undergone some changes – and we have been enjoying exploring Non Fiction texts at our own reading levels.

Each Monday we launch into our new focus text for the week. We all read about the same topic, but the vocabulary in our texts are different, and have been changed into words that we each understand.

Our Reading setup has mirrored what we are learning in ‘Inquiry’, and all the texts we have been reading are about ‘Natural Disasters’. These texts have been in the format of information reports or newspaper articles. These are also our focus text types in Writing.

Through exploring disasters such as earthquakes, bushfires, hurricanes, tsunami’s and cyclones we have been focusing on further developing the following skills:

- Getting our knowledge ready through making meaningful connections.
- Expanding our vocabulary by exploring less familiar words in the text.
- Using evidence to support our interpretations of the text.
- Making meaning from what we read by forming opinions about issues that are raised within the text.
- Reflecting on what we have read and recognising it’s importance in our world.

We begin each session by ‘Reading to Self’. This is the time where we explore good fit texts of our own choice, that are of interest to us. During this time, we work individually on our reading goals. We then launch into our whole class reading, discussing meaning and forming opinions about the new information presented to us. The grade then splits up into four different groups, one always working with Mrs Woods.

Our reading block has been more interesting this term, and it has been great exploring texts on a deeper level.
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus for this week is.....

Many people think that, in a conflict, one person has to win and another has to lose. But if both people work together, they can come up with a win-win solution that satisfies both of them!

Helping Kids Negotiate Win Win Solutions

- **Support your kids to work through conflicts as calmly as possible.** Try to remain neutral if you can and let your kids sort it out with your help. Remember that conflict is not bad, it’s an every day part of life and a great opportunity to learn.

- **Encourage your kids to say how they are feeling, what they are concerned about, and what they need, in a calm manner.** Using ‘I’ Statements – “I feel X when Y happens”- can be a good place to start.

- **Help your kids listen to each other.** Encourage them not to butt in while the other is speaking, remind them they will all get a turn to speak. Use mirror listening, where you paraphrase and repeat what has been said out loud can help make sure everyone feels heard and that we all understand each other’s points of view.

- **Encourage your kids to think of ways they can solve the problem.** Ask them “What could we do so that everyone feels good?”

- **Help them put the solution into action.** Encourage your kids to give something a try, even if they are not sure. Perhaps even offer to revisit the situation after ten minutes of having a go.

Start early with lots of support and modelling for children, and as they get older hopefully some simple prompts and questions will get them on the right track.