26th June, 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

161 families at WPS.

92 Completed payments

= 57%
(families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week”.

Prep C: Samuel Nemeth—(A great effort with his writing this week)
Prep G: Aleisha Davon—(Persisting when reading tricky words)
1/2 H: Hayley Browne—(Displaying responsibility in the classroom)
1/2 M: Dakota Patrick—(Being a kind and caring friend to all)
3/4 B: Brodie Petrou—(Working to achieve his best in all areas)
3/4 L: Rebecca van der Geer—(Having an excellent start at her new school and being a caring person to all)
3/4 Y: Eloise Harrison—(Being bright and cheerful)
5/6 A: Zahra Al-Ghazawi—(Creating a wonderful Student Led Conference powerpoint and website)
5/6 E: Jake Nativo—(Applying himself to all Numeracy tasks)
5/6 K: Daniel Roewer—(Working diligently to complete his Student Led Conference)

This Friday
Assembly at 2:00
School end of term 2:30
A Message from the Assistant Principal……

WOW! What a day on Friday. Fair to say it was a freezing, icy start, but the sun came out and things really started to heat up. Mrs Cole and I would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped out and made our Tree Planting Day a huge success. We should all be very proud of the achievements. The school looks amazing.

A day such as this wouldn’t have been possible without the work of our gardener, Lysa, who designed the area, sourced all the plants and managed the planting on Friday. The support from our school community was overwhelming with a wonderful turnout of parents and grandparents, giving up their time to help the school. BIG thanks also goes to Shane from Pretty Sally Home and Garden in Wallan for supplying all the building materials, soil and use of the Dingo for the day. Thank you also to Sandy from Misty Valley Nursery in Kinglake West who supplied all the plants. Finally, none of this would have occurred without funding from Nestle as part of their Community Environment Program – thank you Maria for your support throughout the project. The project is now complete. Below is a re-cap of everything that occurred.

- Library area extended
- Installation of 2 x 9000ltr water tanks to harvest rain water from the BER building
- Installation of a retaining wall / garden bed at south end of BER building
- Installation of pump and irrigation lines installed in the area along Rail Street
- Fencing completed around library area and tanks
- Plants purchased and planted.

You can check out all the photos on the double page spread in the newsletter.

There were other important tree planting activities that occurred on Friday in the area behind the blue bin. We received over 300 tube plants from Mitchell Shire Council in conjunction with Planet Ark. These plants were planted by our prep, grade 1, grade 2, grade 3 and grade 6 students. Lots of parents and family members came to help out as well. The area was mulched and is looking fantastic. The students who visited Wallan Secondary College as part of our transition program and missed out on planting, will be able to plant a plant early next term.

Biggest Morning Tea

Friday also saw the Biggest Morning Tea occur. This event was organised by the Student Representative Council (SRC). We had a big crowd who enjoyed the morning tea snacks that the students had prepared earlier. A total of $234.35 was raised with all proceeds going towards the Anti-Cancer Council Australia. Well done S.R.C.

Student Led Conferences

Monday saw the first Student Led Conferences for the year, the second being tonight. It was fantastic to walk around and see the students presenting their learning and their achievements to their parents. Also, a quick reminder to visit the ThinkLinks display in the hall. There are some excellent products on display.
End of Term 2

Term two finishes at 2:30pm this Friday.
I have included a timetable for the day which has slightly different times around lunchtime and assembly.

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Chocolate Drive
Thank you to all the parents who helped sort out the chocolates for the chocolate drive. It’s a rather large task and without their assistance, the process would have taken much longer. Make sure you sell as many chocolates during the holidays (or eat them yourself 😊)

Dianella Visit
Monday saw the second visit to Dianella Hostel in Kilmore are part of our Intergenerational Program. Nine grade five students visited the hostel with Mrs Cole and Tracey Trenfield. During the course of the visit the students; read books to the residents, listened to residents read and listened to their life stories. Special thanks again to Max from Wandong Bus and Coach for their kind donation of the mini-bus for transportation.

“It was an interesting experience which I enjoyed a lot” – Charlyse Greeno

“They don’t get many visitors so it was good to visit and keep them company” – Coby Hustler

“It was fun to read books and hear about their lives” – Luke Cashen

It has been a superbly busy, interesting, exciting and productive term. I wish everyone a great holiday and look forward to starting it all again in term three.

Until Next Time.........................Have a GREAT break!

Anthony Potesta

Sutherland Street Holiday Program
Wandong Holiday Program
Winter 2013
1st July – 12th July

For information and bookings visit www.sosshc.com.au or Ph: 5781 1300

Highlights Include:
Snow trip to Lake Mountain, CERES incursion, Lego day, Roller skating excursion, The voice, Epping Leisure City excursion and a whole lot more!!

20% Discount for Online Bookings made before 28th June

Government rebates and subsidies available
Program located at Kilmore Primary School and Wandong Primary School

Support your local grower

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APPLES FROM $1.50/KG

THE PERFECT HEALTHY SNACK

OPEN 5 DAYS

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UPPER PLENTY 3756
PH: 0428 220 577

Support your local grower
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: 28
(Total number of preps: 32)
Grade one/twos: 53
(Total number of 1/2s: 73)
Grade three/fours: 50
(Total number of 3/4s: 70)
Grade five/sixes: 51
(Total number of 5/6s: 68)

Total absence days across the school for this semester
{742}

Congratulations to this week’s winners….

Prep Unit
87% attendance
Great Effort!

Congratulations

Yellow House.

Yellow House Captain and Vice-Captain, Hayley Agosta and Ben Kutz are proudly holding the winner’s cup for team Yellow House.

Missing.

One small pale green Pokemon critter.
If found, could you please send it to the school office as it is a much loved toy.

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 $..................
It's almost here...  
Indonesian is coming  
in Term 3!!

Last week we told you that in term 3 Indonesian classes will begin at Wandong Primary School. This is an exciting time as there is much to learn not only about the language, but also about Indonesian culture.

To begin our program, all grade prep to four students will be involved in an “Indonesian Spectacular” immersion day, where Sarah (our Indonesian teacher), students and classroom teachers will be involved in a variety of activities.

Students will be introduced to Indonesian culture through visual displays, powerpoint presentations, art classes (mask making) and musical performances. They will also look at traditional musical instruments, foods, puppets and other interesting artefacts.

These cultural immersion days will be happening on the first Tuesday and Friday back in term three.

So it's all systems go!
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
Term two instalment of 2013 netbook payment is due before 28th June, 2013.
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.

IVO .... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG

Thursday 27th June - Grade 5/6 Natural Disasters Exhibition
Friday 28th June - Term two finishes at 2:30pm
- Assembly begins at 2:00pm
- Term two netbook instalment due for grade four, five and six students

July
Monday 15th July - Term three begins
Wednesday 17th July - Grade three/four camp first day
Friday 19th July - Grade three/four campers return
Tuesday 23rd July - Parents and Friend Assoc meeting in the staffroom 9:15am
Wednesday 31st July - Literacy and Numeracy Night 6:00-7:30pm

August
Friday 16th August - Swimming expression of interest due today

As of term three, no specific dates for external excursions will be listed as per School Council notes.

Exciting News!
The Wandong Pharmacy has NEW opening hours
From the 1st July, the pharmacy will be opened
Mon-Fri 9am to 5:30pm
Sat 9am to 1:00pm
New Management—Friendly new face John.
There will be a new range of products, new prices and a range of services offered.
Great news for the area!

Sid’s and Kids Fundraising Market
Wallan Scout Hall
Corner Windham & Watson Streets
Wallan
June 29th 10am-3pm