Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Lachlan Barnes - (Persistence in learning in all areas)
Prep G: Corey Gibbons - (Increased awareness of other cultures)
1/2 B: Macklin Spicer - (Always using the school value of ‘Doing your Best’)
1/2 C: Samantha Granieri - (Always using her manners)
1/2 H: Austin Tennant - (Having a happy and friendly start to his new school)
1/2 M: Caitlyn Hemphill - (Showing the value of ‘Friendship’ to others)
3/4 L: Tajhana Gibbons - (Fantastic speech on your childhood memories)
3/4 M: Lachlan Tayler - (Settling into his new classroom)
3/4 S: Ryan Blake - (Caring and helping others in the classroom)
5/6 E: Jake Daly - (Following the school value of ‘Doing your Best’ in writing this week)
5/6 K: Hayden Coad - (Fantastic attitude towards writing)
5/6 P: Hayley Cashen - (Consistently displaying a positive attitude to learning)
5/6 Y: Stephanie Dowsey - (Fantastic Numeracy Island project)

Please note: School is open on Monday 31st October
the day before Melbourne Cup Day
(which is a holiday.)
A Message from the Principal.

Mrs Crawford and I are excited to be back at school from our trip to India and are looking forward to the many interesting things we plan to share with our students. We started by each dressing in our new sari for last week’s assembly — an item of clothing worn by single and married ladies in India. We explained to the students the placement of the sari — depending upon marital status — and the use of coloured dye in the hair to also notify others if one is single or married. Mrs Crawford has spoken the grades five and six students about her trip and shared many photos and items of interest. I have spoken to the grades three/four students briefly and plan to share my photographs with them next week. Then it’s off to the prep—two grades.

Many thanks to Mr Potesta and Mrs Smith for “holding to fort” and providing excellent leadership of the school in my absence. It is wonderful to return from time away and not have to pick up pieces of tasks not completed.

Exciting news!! I received a very exciting text when I was overseas (actually at 5:30 a.m. due to the time difference!) but was delighted to read that Miss Saunders was announcing her engagement. We wish Cassie and her partner, Alex, all the very best for their life together.

Planning for 2012: We have begun our end of year processes, finalizing the 2011 requirements and organizing for the 2012 school year. It is very important that we know if families will not be returning next year as this impacts on the number of classes we can run and the size of each classroom. Please ensure you fill in the slip in the newsletter and return it to the school by Monday 31st October to assist us to make informed decisions.

Parent Letters: As a school, we do allow the opportunity for parents to provide the principal with any information relating to student learning that they wish me to consider when placing students into classes for 2012. Please note: This should not be related to teacher choice nor friendship groupings. It must be given in writing to the office before Friday 4th November to be considered. Late information cannot be considered once planning has begun.

Grade three/four excursion this Friday: Over the past term, as a component of our Intercultural Field Trial for the DEECD, the three/four students have completed a learning unit on intercultural understanding. Mr Potesta, Mrs Smith, Mrs Crawford and I have worked with the three/four staff, visiting the grades each week to build on their knowledge of diversity and their recognition of the value of embracing difference in order to learn more. This Friday the group will visited Ascot Vale West Primary School to begin building some ties with a city school with a variety of cultural backgrounds.

The aim of our visit is to broaden our students understanding of life beyond Wandong and is a stepping stone before we try and build links with an overseas school. Ascot Vale West Primary School was selected because that was one of the schools that supported us following the 2009 bushfires, growing pansies from seeds and delivering them to our school to plant around the garden bed to the west of our oval.

Our students will spend the day mixing with the AWPS students and will interview them, then return to school to discuss their new learning. There are over twenty eight nationalities we will communicate with throughout the day. We are all looking forward to this opportunity.

Have a great week! Rhonda Cole
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulation 100 nights reading: Jessica Darbyshire, Kyla Kelly-Manning, Toby Duncan, Austin Tennant, Takara Thompson, Jenaya Curran-Simpson

Congratulation 150 nights reading: Alaska Brenkovich, Sarah Mendola, Coby Hustler, Brittnee Marke, Stephanie Dowsey, Callum Webb.

Congratulations Red House Reuben Coombes and Ella Drofenik are proudly holding the winner’s cup for this week.

OAKES DAY DRESS UP!
Spring Fever is here so dress up in your best outfit for a fun day at school.
Come along in your racing stripes, your top hat or your pretty dress.
Horse and jockeys (pretend ones!) most welcome.
Join us for a parade at 9:00 a.m.

ART SHOW
What a great night! Were you unable to attend?
The Art pieces will be left on display until Friday if you could not come last night. The hall will be open 8:30am - 9:00am and 3:30pm - 4:00pm for parent/child visits. It’s worth a look!!
Photo display will be in next week’s newsletter.

School Fete – Friday 18th November 2011

If you are able to donate any of the following items for the school fete, please fill in the reply slip and return it to the school.

Family Name:___________________________________________

I am able to donate:

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We do not need to donations yet.
Please keep them at home until we request them. Thank you
Student attendance in semester two:

“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: 30
(Total number of preps: 39)
Grade one/twos: 61
(Total number of 1/2s: 73)
Grade three/fours: 62
(Total number of 3/4s: 78)
Grade five/sixes: 60
(Total number of 5/6s: 85)
Total absence days across the school for this year: {1639}

Congratulations to this week’s winners:
One/Two Unit
83% attendance
Super Effort!

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

Thursday 27th October - Zoo Excursion grade one/two
Friday 28th October - Last day for Coles vouchers
Friday 28th October - Grade 3/4 intercultural visit
Monday 31st October - Notices for Students not returning to WPS in 2012 due today please
- Grade five netbook payment due

November

Tuesday 1st November - Melbourne Cup Day—public holiday
Thursday 3rd November - Oakes Day Dress Up
9:00 a.m. parade
Friday 4th November - Final date for parent letters regarding 2012 student placements to the office
- Grade one sleepover
Monday 7th-11th November - Grade five/six Canberra camp
Friday 11th November - Grade two camp
Saturday 12th November - Working Bee from 9:00am (more details next week)
Friday 18th November - Twilight fete at the school
- Swimming Begins
(You can check the website for more information or forms)

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 and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of lunch scraps.

Last week’s total......$2.15

PLANNING FOR 2012:

Student name/s: .................................................................
2011 class/es: ...........

My child/ren will not be returning to Wandong Primary School in 2012.
(Please return to the office by Monday 31st October 2011).

Parents of current grade six students DO NOT need to fill this in.
Education Maintenance Allowance - 2012

To be eligible for the EMA:

1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 29 February 2012 for the first instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment; and
3. You must on 1 February 2012 for the first instalment and 16 July 2012, for the second instalment:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   - be a foster parent.
   - Submit your application to the school by the due date:
     - 29 February 2012 for the first instalment*
     - 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.
   - * Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.

To be eligible for the SSB:

1. Your child must be enrolled in Prep (Year 0) or Year 7 in a Victorian registered school in 2012; and
2. Your child must be enrolled and attending a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria by census day (29 February 2012); and
3. Your child must not have already been paid the SSB for that year level; and
4. You must on 16 January 2012:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   - be a temporary foster parent.

The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.

Please contact the office for a form and we must sight the original concession card.

Wandong Junior football Club Inc
DUE TO AN UNSUCCESSFUL ELECTION FOR THE 2012 COMMITTEE THE
AGM ~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE REHELD
When: Wednesday 2nd November 2011 Where: L.B.Davern Reserve Wandong
Starting at: 7.30pm. All positions will be declared vacant.
Enquiries: Rob Telfer on 57871061

INVITED TO SAVE THE DATE

Saturday November 12th 2011
Anglican Parish of Kilmore’s annual CHURCH FETE

For more information visit
the Anglican Parish of
Kilmore website http://anglicankilmore.org.au

Crafty fun for children
Amusements and games
Auction
Fabulous morning tea and sausage sizzle
Variety of stalls
Australia Day Awards 2012

Mitchell Shire Council invites nominations for the Local Government Australia Day Awards to be presented on 26 January 2012. The awards are provided by the Australia Day Committee (Victoria) and are administered by Local Government Authorities throughout Australia on behalf of the Council.

Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years shall be eligible. Nominations are invited for the following categories:

**Australia Day Citizen Award:** to be eligible, the person must be 25 years or older on the 26 January 2012.

**Australia Day Young Citizen Award:** to be eligible, the person must be under 25 years of age on the 26 January 2012.

**Community Event of the Year Award:** presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Customer Service Centre or our website www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au. Nominations will be accepted up until 25 November 2011.

Kilmore Kookaburra Guides invites You to come along to a fun afternoon after school, to see what Girl Guides is about. We will be doing activities that might get your hands dirty!

For girls aged 5 - 10 years.

**Thursday 20th October at 3.45 - 5.00pm**

Kilmore Guide Hall, Corner Ryans & Foote Street, Kilmore

No cost is involved for the first three Thursdays.

Inquiries: Carolyn Atkinson 57810728

Bob is back!

After an extended holiday, by the looks of it in a sunny destination, Bob has returned to Wandong Primary School ready to protect our plants.

We would like everyone out there to look out for Bob and if you see anyone in the school grounds that should not be here, please ring the Police.

Congratulations to our New South Wales University participants.

Charlotte Robertson, Cassidy Garratt, Elisha Lovelace, Kane Yaneff, Brayden Lovelace and Isobel Mumberson all received certificate for participating in various topics such as Writing, Mathematics, Science, Computers and Spelling.

Lest We Forget

In remembrance

‘wear a poppy’

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

Poppies lapel pin $2.00 and wristbands $3.00
BikeEd rolled into Wandong last week – kicking off a nine week program for students in grade 5 / 6. The BikeEd program aims to help students to become more competent riders and ride safely and independently on our roads.

Students complete a bike safety check before each skills session.

Grant and Jackson practising their emergency braking

Students performing some of the Bike-Ed skills
Learning Well in 3/4 Likos

The students of 3/4L have been learning about how to write a report. They have been using the report skeleton to write about a family pet.

The report needed to include the description, behaviour and a special characteristic of their chosen animal. The students thoroughly enjoyed writing these and will continue this week by writing a report on an insect.

By Hayley Agosta

Opening Classroom Doors

This week students from 5/6 E and K taught the students in 5/6 Yaneff and Pratt how to log on to the Ultranet. Students were guided through the initial process and then learnt how to add their class Collaborative Learning space. Students in 5/6E and K have also been submitting learning tasks online using the Ultranet.