27th May 2015

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.

Magical Maths Dress Up Day

Reminder
Early assembly 29th July - 2:50pm start

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Education Week Activities: We are all still recovering from a big last week. Our Education Week celebrations were all full of fun as we combined a range of events and activities across the week.

Our Maths Dress Up day was creative with students and staff dressing up as numbers, patterns, measuring tools, dice and playing cards. Some people have amazing ideas and every year I think I should take photos for ideas for the following year.

Wednesday’s Bake Sale was very popular. Mrs Castle baked all Tuesday night with additional goods donated by the parents of the State School Spectacular students. Thank you for your support.

During the week, each student coloured a mini football jumper for their preferred footy team. On Thursday after school, our Numeracy Coordinator, Mrs Andrew, created a whole school pictograph and I am quite disappointed that the most popular team was Collingwood!

It was fabulous to see students, and parents, participating our Walk to School Day on Friday. Luckily the weather was fine. Many parents dropped their children off near the fire station, and the school bus parked a little bit away from the school so bus travellers could also participate. The stickers were popular, with toddlers even wanting to get one placed on their jumper or coat. Thank you to Mrs Chisholm for organising this event.

Friday’s Crazy Hair Day raised $321.50 to support Kate Leavold’s big hair cut with plaits, coloured hair, wigs and lots of hair teasing witnessed in the school yard. We thank parents for supporting this great initiative. An electronic transfer of this money has gone through to the Australian Alopecia Areata Foundation.

Many families enjoyed playing a range of Maths games on Friday afternoon as an end of finale to Education Week. The students were very excited to host their visitors and share the fun with them in their classrooms. Whilst Foundation visitors played “Go Fish” and “Uno”, Grade one/two visitors played “Bingo” and “Make to ten” card games. Grade three/Four visitors enjoyed “1000 or Bust” and “Mathletics” whilst five/six visitors were involved in “Flip Up Multiplication” and “Multiplication Bingo.” Every week is Education Week at Wandong Primary School, however it is fun to join in the state wide celebrations of this important event.

Then, to top off the week, 187 children were signed into the school disco to raise funds for State School spectacular team. The music was thumping and the kids were dancing. Popcorn, lollies, cakes and cookies were washed down with a range of drinks, with Tanya Libardi racing off the get extra supplies about half way through the event. (Thanks Tania.) The Bake Sale, disco and the sausage sizzle held a few weeks ago has raised over $1100 for the State School’s spectacular Team. A great effort, and well done to Mrs Castle and Miss Adams, for their organisation of these fundraising events.

Winter Clothing: As we get closer to Winter, it is timely reminder to ensure students bring warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves to school. Coat, gloves, beanies and scarves will be removed indoors, providing an extra layer for when students head outside. Please remind your child to tuck his/her scarf into the school jumper to avoid it being caught on play equipment or grabbed by another student.

Pathways and entrances to rooms: Before and after school, it is important that we keep classroom doorways and pathways clear. This is especially important on the pathways near the little play equipment. Six classrooms of students need to use this path, so please keep congestion to a minimum.

Stranger Danger: Unfortunately, in the community there are some unsavoury people. Such people have appeared in nearly towns and those a short distance away. Please ensure your child is well aware of stranger danger. When I am made aware of these situations, I do inform families via a letter. It is important that families check communication pouches on a daily basis.
A Message from the Principal (continued…)

Parent resilience information session: On Monday night our Social Worker Sharon Blackwell held an information session on building resilience in children. She discussed the importance of modelling how to look on the bright side, having courage and labelling and talking about our emotions. Thank you to the parents who attended, and for participating in the discussions. If you weren’t able to attend there are a few spare handouts which are available in the school foyer in the Whole School notice tray.

Have a good week. Rhonda Cole

What a busy fortnight at Wandong Primary School!

BOGAN BINGO

CRAZY HAIR DAY & FUN MATHS AFTERNOON

*** DISCO ***
**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 21st May and Wednesday 27th May:

**Whole school:**
- OSHC School Holiday brochure
- Stranger Danger information
- PAFA Stokes Apple Fundraiser

**Selected Families:**
- Camps Sports & Excursions Fund assistance information and application form

**Selected Students:**
- Vic State Spectacular rehearsal transport permission form

**Individual grade levels:**

**Foundation:**
- Bendigo Discovery Science & Technology Centre excursion permission & payment slip

**One/Two:**

**Three/Four:**

**Five/Six:**

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

**THINKLINKS 2015**

This picture shows students working on their current Thinklinks project last week. Great to see older students assisting the younger ones.

**FREE TO GOOD HOME**

2 YEAR OLD COCKATIEL NAMED CHLOE COMES COMPLETE WITH CAGE

IF INTERESTED

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS ON 0404 006 017

**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

227 families at WPS.

136 Completed payments

= 60%

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

“What did you learn today?”

What did you learn today?”

Have you recently asked your child/ren……
We would like to thank the following businesses for kind donations in support of our Bogan Bingo Night:

Following is a note that was received by one of our students after the Foundation High Tea. We thought it would be nice to share with our school community.

**Parent's & Friends Association Chocolate Drive**

**Chocolate Drive Fundraiser**

Chocolates will be sent home in the last week of term two to sell over the holidays. All families who do not return this form will be allocated a box of chocolates to sell.

Opt out form: Please fill in if applicable to your family.

I (print)................................................. (Parent name)

**DO NOT WISH** to receive a box of chocolates to sell this year.

Eldest child’s names ......................... Eldest child’s grade ..................... Parent’s signature : ......................................
This term, all students at Wandong Primary School are learning about acting during their Performing Arts lessons. We have been playing games to learn about improvisation and learning about different acting techniques such as how actors use what they know about their character to help their performance.

Below is a fun game to play with your family at home to encourage creativity and improvisation.

**QUESTIONS ONLY**

This game is played with each person taking turns in a conversation using questions only.

Have someone select a scenario (such as ‘Two people about to order their meals at a restaurant’). Each player is only allowed to respond to the other players question with a question.

Rehearsals for the School Spectacular Choir have begun and all of the students are working hard to learn their songs. I am very proud of the work ethic that all students that are involved in the Mass Dance and Mass Choir are displaying - Miss Adams

On Friday, 187 students attended the school disco! The night was a massive success with all students having a great time. We had our green screen set up for student photos that will be coming out soon. Students participated in dance competitions throughout the night. The demand for food and drink was so high that we sold out of drinks very quickly and had to get some more from IGA. Thank you to Tania Libardi for getting these extra drinks for us! We also sold out of all of our food by 8:30! Thank you to Mrs Cole, Mrs Smith, Mrs McClure, Melinda Russell and Miss Adams for helping to run the night. Thank you also to the students that were in charge of running the canteen, the photo booth and the dance competitions.

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 $716.10!!!

Our fundraising Bake Sale was held on Wednesday. Lots of parents baked cookies and cakes for us to sell. We were very surprised to see how many students were lining up to purchase these yummy items and at one point the line extended up to the flag poles!! Our Bake Sale managed to raise $286.30 to contribute to our bus payments!

Wakakirri rehearsals are in full swing. We have begun recording some of our circus scenes using our brand new green screen. Everyone is very excited to see what the finished product will look like. A number of grade 5/6 students have been sorting through costumes and making props to use in both videos.
Foundation B - Opening Classroom Doors

In Foundation B this week, we have been learning and practising various card games to teach and show to our special friends who are visiting us on Friday 22nd May for ‘Open Classrooms’. We have had heaps of fun this week developing and applying our mathematical knowledge in fun and interesting ways!

Card games can teach math and memory skills, as well as strategic thinking. Also, the conversation and friendly rivalry that come with sitting down to play cards can strengthen friendly ties. Card games can also build children’s confidence: The rules are the same for everyone, and it is fun to play a game in which anyone can win.

We have learnt how to play the game UNO. When we play UNO we are improving our memory skills, as there are various pieces of information to keep in mind while playing. It also helps us to recognise and match numbers and colours. UNO improves our ability to be flexible and learn with others as we adapt and adjust to changing conditions and expectations. The flow of gameplay in UNO can change at any time. Players can play special cards that change the current colour of the discard pile, force other players to draw extra cards or change the order of all players' turns.

We have also learnt other games such as ‘Go Fish’, where we subitise dot formations and recognise numerals and ‘SNAP!’, where we automatically recall and match numerals.

So, which games will you be playing at home tonight?

Being a School Captain

What I like most about being a School Captain is being able to have the opportunity to help run such an amazing school. Being a School Captain can be a bit scary sometimes. The most nervous I’ve been was when we had the opening of our flagpole garden because I had to speak in front of so many people. Being a School Captain is an amazing opportunity. The two things that I always have to remember are to speak clearly through the microphone and to make eye contact with the audience.

Alesha McIntosh 5/6M

The best thing I have done as a School Captain is go to the Leadership Conference and learn more about leadership and being a leader. The thing that I was most nervous about was speaking in front of all the people who had fought in the war and the people that had relatives that had fought in the war and died.

Ben Drury 5/6J

What I enjoy about being a School Captain is all the opportunities and inspirational people, friendships and how you always have fun and enjoy being a captain. I think the most nerve racking thing was when I was chosen for Vice School Captain and I had to hold my very first school assembly. I urge as many year fives as possible to have a go. You never know next year you might be standing were I am now.

Zara Marks 5/6S

I like being a school captain because I get to be a role model to younger students and I get to make important decisions about the school. I like to go to the leadership meetings because I get to learn how to be a better leader in the future. When I did my first assembly I was scared but then I got used to it. It was so much fun I reckon the year 5’s should try out next year. I was scared when I was doing the ANZAC ceremony because I didn’t want to muck it up.

Cameron Selvaggio 5/6S
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

In life, you will meet lots of people. Some people will come and go, and some will stay around for a long time. It’s important to have positive relationships across all areas of your life – your school, your work, your sports and your hobbies. That’s how you stay happy and have people to talk to when things get tough.

Key Messages you can communicate to your child about relationships:

**No one has close friends all the time and most people feel lonely sometimes.**
Most people have times in their life when they feel lonely and their social life isn’t as good as they would like it to be. It isn’t the end of the world if sometimes you don’t have a close friend.

**Not everyone will like you but lots of people will.**
Nobody is liked by everybody. Being socially ‘rebuffed’ is a common experience that most children have at times. There are lots of other people to get to know. If you try to get to know people, tell them a bit about yourself, and treat everyone you meet with respect and friendliness you will make some friends.

**Friendships can change and not be as strong as they once were.**
People change as they grow and friendships don’t always last or stay strong. Sometimes people who were your friends move on to other friendships and don’t spend as much time with you anymore. Sometimes you are the one who moves on and lets the friendship go. This is normal and it happens to everyone. It doesn’t mean anything negative about you.

**Social skills are ways of behaving that help people get along and make friends.**
People are more likely to want to spend time with and be friends with you if you use the following social skills: play fairly, act like a good winner and loser, share and take turns, be kind and thoughtful and negotiate (i.e. compromise so that everyone gets at least some of what they want).

**To HAVE a good friend, you have to BE a good friend.**
You are more likely to find someone who wants to be your special friend if you act like a good friend towards them. A good friend is loyal, kind, thoughtful and fair. They stand up for their friend, spend time with them, tell them about their feelings, listen to their problems and keep their secrets. A good friend looks for the good things their friend does.