27th November 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!

Congratulations to our ‘Students of the week’

Prep C: Corey Stone—(Fantastic improvements with his reading)
Prep G: Skylar Marshall—(Including accurately placed punctuation)
1/2 H: Ryan Fitzgerald—(Displaying great listening skills during CAFE sessions)
1/2 M: Haylee Dennehy—(Showing initiative and being reliable and helpful)
1/2 Z: Eruera Tapp—(Excellent poetry)
3/4 B: Lewis Coter—(Having success in trading during Maths)
3/4 L: Alex Green—(Demonstrating a computer program to the grade)
3/4 Y: Alesha McIntosh—(Being the first to help others)
5/6 A: Caitlin Harris—(Doing her best and approaching tasks with great maturity)
5/6 E: Marley Carr—(Remaining focussed when learning about time)
5/6 K: Mikayla Gibbons—(Completing her work to the best of her ability)

Have you recently asked your child/ren......
‘What did you learn today?’

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

163 families at WPS.
106 completed payments = 65% (families)
A Message from the Assistant Principal ......

Prep/Foundation Transition

Prep/Foundation transition is nearing completion with the Prep/Foundation information session held on Monday night. Thank you to Miss Giacomini and Ms Chisholm for organizing the session. The format was a little different this year with families finding out their child’s grade and teacher for next year and spending half an hour or so meeting and having a chat with them. Thank you also to Mrs Cole, Peter Drofenik, and Mick from Sutherland Street OHSC who presented information to the families. The transition process will conclude with a series of Teddy Bear Picnics scheduled for next week. This will allow the new foundation students interact with their new classmates, have some settled time with their teacher and meet with their buddies for the third time. It is wonderful to see the children so ready to start their schooling journey. If you’re wondering why I’m mentioning ‘Foundation’ instead of Prep, it’s because under the new AusVELS curriculum, the Prep level is now called Foundation. It’ll take some time to get used to and it may seem strange at first, but I’m sure we’ll all grow accustomed to referring the students in their first year of schooling as Foundation students.

ThinkLinks

We had our final ThinkLinks session for the year on Tuesday. Thank you to all the parents who helped out throughout the year. The students created some awesome products and developed different skill sets outside of the normal curriculum. This semester we ran all boys/girls groups with great success. We have some plans to make ThinkLinks even bigger and better next year. Stay tuned and we look forward to running the program again next year.

Evacuation Practice

Over the next week, we’ll be testing our evacuation procedures. We need to stay up-to-date with our procedures to ensure all students, staff and anyone else on school grounds knows what to do and where to go should an incident occur. We will be conducting two practises. One practise will be an evacuation to the church car park and the other will be an internal lock down. These will be held on separate days. The practises will also give us the opportunity to test our emergency SMS system. This is a timely reminder to families that if you have not yet updated your current mobile number, to please do so ASAP. As part of our emergency management procedures, you will receive a TEST SMS stating that the evacuation practice has been conducted.

Tables and Tables

After a table? We have some left over tables that we no longer require. There is a selection of straight and angled tables we would like to offer the community free of charge (see photos below). If you’d like to grab a table or three, please see myself of Rhonda.
Thinklinks Final Session  - Great work everyone!

- Mrs Cole’s Crew
- Mrs Cachia’s group
- Miss Adam’s Group
- Mrs Beer’s group
- Mrs Lewis’s group
- Mrs Langdon’s group
- Mrs McClure’s Group
- Mrs McIntyre’s group
- Mrs Chisholm’s group
- Mr Fearn’s group
- Mrs Chisholm’s group
- Miss Giacomini’s group
- Miss Bayliss’s group
- Mrs Yaneff’s group
AFC MUSIC
Expression of interest are now being taken for 2014 for grades two to six.

If you are interested in learning an instrument, please collect an enrolment form from the school office or contact Ash for further details.

Ash - 0408 319035  or  5787 1041

A Very Special Invitation
Wandong Primary School students are invited to participate in the Wandong Christmas Concert on Sunday night on the 15th December. The songs to be performed will be -

We wish you a Merry Christmas
Rudolf, the Red Nosed Reindeer
Frosty, the Snowman

All practises will be held at the school during school hours with Mrs Cole.

If you would like your child/ren to participate and will be attending the concert please return the form below.

I would like my child/ren
(print)..............................................................................................................to be part of the Wandong Primary School's captivating, cool and classy choir!

I do understand that my child/ren, as part of the choir, will probably be the stars of the concert and I will be attending the concert to bask in their light.

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(parent signature)
WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @WANDONG

Friday 29th November
- Swimming program.
- Parent written requests for 2014 grade placement due by today

December
Monday 2nd December
- Booklists and money due back to the school
- School Council Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 3rd December
- Final ThinkLinks 12:30—1:30pm
- Last day of school banking
- Parents and Friends Association special lunch at the Magpie & Stump at 1:30pm
Thursday 5th December
- Out of uniform day—bring a donation for the Christmas raffle
Friday 6th December
- Swimming program
- Tour de Wallan (Grade 5/6)
Monday 9th December
- Parent helper morning tea
Tuesday 11th—13th December—Grade 5/6 camp
Monday 16th December
- Grade six graduation
Wednesday 18th December
- School Christmas concert 7.00pm
Friday 20th December
- Last day of the school year 1:30pm finish

January 2014
Thursday 23rd January
- Book pickup day 9:00 until 12:00pm

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations 100 nights reading:
Taylah Clydesdale
Eruera Tapp.

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Cayden Barlow
Dylan Al Kadhimi.

Congratulations 200 nights reading:
Claire Selvaggio,
Oliver McKinlay,
Alesha McIntosh,
Hayley Agosta,
Dakota Patrick.

Congratulations 250 nights reading:
Jesse-James Bult,
Shelby Reeves,
Jack Trenfield,
Mariam Al-Ghazawi,
Mohamad Al-Ghazawi,
Georgia Shingles,
Hayley Mumberson,
Caitlin Harris,
Brittnee Marke.

‘A Gift of Kindness’
Fundraising Art Sale. Sponsored by Corridor 13 Art Group Inc. Monies donated to local charities within the community.
Venue: Memorial Hall, Kilmore. Date: Saturday 30th November 2013 Time: 9:30am—4:00pm. Gold coin donation. All welcome. Devonshire tea at $5.00 a serve.
Posture Police Award

Congratulations to last week’s winners, Riley van Weenan, Jennifer Cocks and Zoe Dwyer all demonstrated the correct posture when completing their school work.

A big thank you!

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers who gave up some of their valuable time to contact books for the library and the classrooms.

Natasha Nastevski, Marie Kelly, Mel Marshall, Catherine Watts, Katalin Devecseri, Toni Vicary

VicHealth welcomes moves to protect kids from tobacco

The Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) has welcomed further restrictions on smoking in public outdoor areas and limits on the promotion and display of tobacco products in Victoria.

The State Government legislation, passed on Thursday, will be effective from 1 October 2014.

This bill will amend the Tobacco Act 1987 to prohibit smoking in public outdoor areas that children and young people commonly use for recreational and sporting activity.

Smoking will be banned:

- at outdoor children’s playground equipment
- at outdoor skate parks
- at outdoor areas within the perimeter of public swimming pools
- at outdoor sporting venues during under-age sporting events.

VicHealth CEO Jerril Rechter said these measures are reflective of a government that is committed to protecting Victorians from second-hand smoke and changing the social acceptability of smoking to prevent children from taking up the habit.

“Smoke free areas have multiple benefits for the community. They ensure clean air can be enjoyed by everyone, they discourage smoking as a normal public activity and also help people who have quit smoking to stay on track.

“These efforts are backed up by a longstanding partnership between VicHealth and the Victorian Government to support the activities of Quit Victoria with anti-smoking campaigns, research and cessation services."

“These are all places where families and children gather, so it is important to keep them smoke free. Protecting children from smoking is an initiative that has strong support from the general Victorian community and from VicHealth and we congratulate the State Government for these initiatives.”

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IN THE PLAYGROUND AREA

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Grade 3/4Y this term has feverishly been practising their time tables. We have played games, written them into our math books, practised them in our home learning, and two new ways this term have been:

In pairs one partner selects the cards and then asks their partner the time table problem, their partner answers then the first person checks on the calculator. Once all of this set of cards has been asked by one person within the pair, the responsibilities are then swapped around. After both student have had an opportunity of answering the time table problems they both go and get another set of problems.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed this activity, and they have all found the two mistakes Mrs Yanef made, accidently of course, in the ten times tables.

The other time table activity has been lots of fun. It’s called the ‘Time table pyramid’. Who can build their pyramid first by answering the questions correctly?

This activity is completed in a group of three, with time tables given out according to each student’s area of need. Two students have ten cups with time table problems written on them. They each have to answer their own question and the third person checks either with known facts or a calculator. That student can then place their own cup on the table or the floor. Each student takes it in turn to answer a problem on their own cup. This keeps going until one has a pyramid: first row 4 cups, second row 3 cups, third row 2 cups and finally top row 1 cup. If they complete the pyramid first they are declared the winner. The three then swap between answering problems and being the checker. If the cups are not at their need they find other cups within the classroom to practise. Once all three students have had a turn building a pyramid, they all swap cups with others in the classroom.
Procedural Writing

We have been learning about Procedural Writing and describing the steps involved in making something to create an end product. We have learnt the various purposes this type of writing is useful for. These include recipes and instructions for making something. This week we made Indonesian Kites. We described the process and evaluated the task.

How to Make an Indonesian Kite

(Ali Al-Ghazawi)

Aim: To make a kite out of paper and to see if it could fly. (Hayleigh White)

Materials: Paper, streamers, staples, sticky tape, texta, coloured pencils. (Nola Nikora)

Step #1: First we start with a piece of paper. (Baily Lunn)

Step #2: Fold the piece of paper, decorate it and stick 4 streamers on. (Lachlan Barnes)

Step #3: Stick some sticky tape on the fold. (Lawrence Baggio)

Step #4: Staple the paper together and hole punch it. (Dominik McKinlay)

Step #5: Then thread some string through the hole. (Georgia Gawley)

Step #6: Put a string through the hole. Then fly it! (Deegan Belfiore)

Evaluation: My kite could fly really high in the sky. (Georgia Thomson)

Student Banking

The last student banking day will be on the 3rd December, 2013.

A huge thank you to Robyn Mumberson for her dedication in overseeing our School Banking program.

School Christmas Raffle

Please return your school raffle tickets and money to the office as soon as possible. Who knows, they might just be the winning tickets!