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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

167 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 51%
(86 families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Emily Fitzgerald - (A positive attitude to learning)
Prep G: Jake Brincat - (Trying his best and persisting with learning)
1/2 C: Nathan Duffy - (An improved attitude to his learning and a willingness to have a go)
1/2 H: Lewis Coter - (Being a fantastic helper to everyone in our class)
1/2 M: Hannah Flannery - (Great comprehension of reading tasks)
3/4 C: Georgia Shingles - (A great exposition writing piece this week)
3/4 S: Luke Cashen - (Listening carefully during whole class focus)
3/4 Y: Charlyse Greeno - (Displaying confidence during addition activities)
5/6 E: Daniel Adam - (Persisting with difficult Maths)
5/6 K: Joelie Coter - (Developing thoughtful questions in Inquiry)
5/6 P: Kale Upton - (An excellent effort in Writing)

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:
Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
A Message from the Principal....

I really can't believe that Term one has finished and the school holidays are upon us. It has been a massive term, jam packed with activities, events and achievements.

Changes to School Timetable

Starting next term, we will be trialling some changes to the school timetable. The changes do not effect the start and end times of the school day. The changes look like this;

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<th>Time</th>
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<td>9:00 – 11:00</td>
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<td>Recess</td>
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<td>11:30 – 1:30</td>
<td>Middle Session</td>
<td>The middle sessions will now run as a full 2 hours. This enables more learning time as the whole time is used for learning and not eating lunch.</td>
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<td>1:30 – 1:45</td>
<td>Lunch eating time in class</td>
<td>Introduction of an allocated 15 minute lunch eating time in class. The class teacher will supervise the students during this time.</td>
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<td>1:45 – 2:30</td>
<td>Lunchtime</td>
<td>Lunchtime is now only 45 minutes instead of 1 hour. Analysing our data from last year, we found that many incidents and injuries in the yard occurred in the last 15 minutes of lunchtime. By making lunchtime 15 minutes</td>
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<td>2:30 – 3:30</td>
<td>Last session</td>
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The changes to the timetable were extensively discussed with staff and the changes were approved by School Council last week. We believe the changes will have a positive effect on the school. We are increasing learning time by 15 minutes per day; allowing students to complete tasks and enabling more consistent time for specialist programs. (Those classes who currently have a specialist before lunch only get a 50 minute session.) As we are shortening the lunchbreak outside by 15 minutes, we will decrease the chances of incidents or injury in the yard currently most incidences occur in the last 15 minutes of the one hour break when students become tired.

We will have two staff on yard duty throughout the whole recess and lunchbreak periods.

The bakery has been notified of the changes and lunch orders will be delivered ready to a 1:30 eating time.

As a parent how does this effect you? Ensure you pack recess and lunch food into two even amounts. Some students will be quite hungry by 1:30p.m. so ensuring they eat ½ sandwich at playlunch eating time will alleviate this problem. It will take time to readjust our bodies – like it did when we changed
Adult Community ICT Classes

Over the past two weeks, I have been running ICT classes for adults on Tuesday nights. These nights have been very successful and some great learning achieved. I will continue to run the ICT sessions again next term, but instead of Tuesday evenings, I will trial them during school hours (most likely between 2:30 and 3:30 on a Wednesday afternoon). The sessions are 1:1 and cater for all levels of computer knowledge and experience. Stay tuned for more information next term.

Bushwazee

What a great night it was last night. Our ‘60s performers did an awesome job of swingin’ and groovin’ to some absolute classics of the era. Thank you to the Bushwazee crew for coming to Wandong and to Mrs Yanef for organising the event.

Goin’ to the chapel and we're, gonna get married, Goin’ to the chapel and we're, Gonna get married, Gee, I really love you and we're, Gonna get married, Goin’ to the chapel of love

Good luck!

Good luck to Ms Saunders who gets married on Saturday. We all wish Cassie and Alex a wonderful day and hope everything goes according to plan. When Ms Saunders returns to school in term two, she'll be known as Mrs Langdon.

Supercoach – Only a few spots left!

It is the last week before all Supercoach Leagues close for the season. So for all you Supercoaches out there, we run a private league with parents, staff and students. If you would like to join the league, the code is 144961 (the private league is open to all members of the school community)

Parents’ Club – Hotdog day and Easter Raffle

Thank you to Parents’ Club for all your efforts in running the hot dog day on Friday and organising the Easter Raffle. We were able to use our new kitchen facilities in the hall to dish up the dogs which worked really well. We had many excited students who won an Easter Raffle prize at assembly. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle.

Student Prize: Charlie Delaney
1st Prize: Brian
2nd Prize - Callum Curry,
3rd Prize- James Mitsakis,
4th Prize - Katlan Cook,
5th Prize - Campbell Edwards,
6th Prize - Jack James,
7th Prize - Abby Hurst,
8th Prize - Brooke Mazzarella,
9th Prize - Jennifer Cocks,
10th Prize - Tatum Laughlin,
11th Prize - Brodie Reid,
12th Prize - Bittles Family,
13th Prize - Abby Hurst,
14th Prize - Macklin Spicer,
15th Prize - Watts Family

Finally, I’d like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter break. If you are heading away, please be safe on the roads, and come back ready for another huge term.

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

Friday 30th March - Netbook full payment due Grade four - (if electing to purchase outright)

Friday 30th March - Term one ends (Assembly 1pm - school finishes at 1:30pm)

APRIL

Monday 16th April - Term two begins
Thursday 19th April - Parent’s Club meeting 9:15am in staff room
Sunday 22nd April - Old Community Hall re-opening
Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day - Public holiday
Friday 28th April - Final payment for 2011 netbooks (current grade six students)

MAY

Friday 4th May - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
Tuesday 8th May - Mother's Day stall
Tuesday 8th May - First Aid course level two
Wednesday 9th May - School photos
Monday 14th May - School Council meeting
Tuesday 15th May - Forms and money due for District Cross Country - Pyalong
Wednesday 16th May - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

JUNE

Friday 15th June - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
Thursday 7th June - District Cross Country - Pyalong
Saturday 16th June - Mattel toy sale $10.00 per ticket

AUGUST

Wednesday 1st August - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
Friday 31st August - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

(You can check the website for more information or forms)

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Community Notices

Learn the art of cake decorating with highly regarded cake artist, Kylie Ballard. Cake decorating classes being held at Wandong Primary School.

For future dates and for more information please visit my website www.kyliecakes.net or Email: kylie.cakes@hotmail.com Ph: 0407 513 438

Karate 4 Kids

Karate classes for children who would like to learn Karate will operate at our school in the hall every Tuesday evening. Classes will run from 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Children must be over 5 years of age. This is a "Beginners" class.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mark Abela on 0417323669

NAB AUSKICK 2012

Register now visit aflauskick.com.au or phone Lisa Dennehy 0448 395430
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: 32
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 59
(Total number of 1/2s: 71)
Grade three/fours: 51
(Total number of 3/4s: 62)
Grade five/sixes: 67
(Total number of 5/6s: 82)

Total absence days across the school for this year {180}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
Prep unit
(86% full attendance)
Yay Preps!

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

Last week’s total......$39.90 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Congratulations .
Green House were winners last week.
Proudly holding the winner’s trophy are our House Captain and Vice Captain - Macey Gibbs and Alex Marke

We need your help!
We require several items to assist with Think Links

Mrs Beer:
Old plates, cups, bowls that are ceramic and colourful
Old unwanted tiles of any colour (for mosaic work with Mrs Beer)

Mrs Yaneff:
Hammers, screwdrivers, hand saws, nails and screws. Also some off cuts of wood for the students to practise using the tools on.

Miss Saunders:
Paper plates, paper bags, newspapers and buttons

Miss Chisholm:
Calico material, cotton or any other materials, different colour materials, needles (thick and thin) and cotton, nails and screws. Any mechanical things that can be pulled apart.

Mrs Cole:
Off cuts of wood, hammers, nails, screws, paintbrushes, feathers, goggle eyes

Student Leadership joining forces!
On Monday our student leadership team participated in their second professional learning session. As a group we have invited the student leadership teams from Upper Plenty and Beveridge Primary Schools to join us as these schools are both smaller than ours and we felt we could also support their leadership teams in their development. After initial introductions, the students from Upper Plenty PS and Wandong PS investigated the attributes of a leader and rated themselves according to their personal skills and abilities.

I believe these sessions will not only built the capabilities of our own school leaders, but will skill our leadership team up to then work with the other senior students at our school to ensure all students have the chance to become a leader within their school.
First Aid Course Level Two@Wandong Primary School
Tuesday 8th May 2012
1pm - 7pm

Cost: $130 (Includes light refreshments)
Course Contents include: CPR, First Aid accidents/injuries & using portable defibrillators.
If you are interested in attending please complete the tear off slip below and return it along with a $50 booking fee.
The remainder of the money can be paid on the day of the course.
There are limited places available so be quick to secure your place.

First Aid Course Level Two
I (print)……………………………………………………………………….. will be attending the
First Aid course Tuesday 8th May, 2012 at the Wandong Primary School, beginning at 1pm
until 7pm.
I have enclosed $50.00 booking fee to secure my position and the remainder of $80.00 to be paid on the day of the course.
Signed ………………………………………………………………………..
LEARN GUITAR WITH ASH!

Would your child like to learn how to play the guitar?

My name is Ashley Christensen. I have an Advanced Diploma in Jazz and Performance and currently play in two bands, one jazz and one original rock. I love playing music and believe that it should be **FUN**.

In 2012, I will be offering guitar lessons at Wandong Primary School. They will run on Tuesday afternoons. Children will be withdrawn from class to do the lessons. Times will be negotiated with teachers and rotated so that your child is not missing the same session each week. Although the lessons are during school time, they will be run independently to the school, in the same manner that Amy's Keyboard lessons have run this year. All bookings and payments need to go through me.

Individual lessons are $20 - 20mins.

Learn in pairs will be $12 each - 20mins. (similar age and ability)

Expressions of interest and all other queries contact Ash.
ph 0408 319 035  57871041  ashchrist33@gmail.com

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**Casual Part Time (work from home) Opportunity**

**Peter Lane Biz Development** is a specialist consultancy dedicated to working exclusively in the Business-to-Business (B2B) market.

We are currently looking to expand our operational base in the northern regional area and are seeking, ideally, stay at home employees who have a quiet working environment between the hours of 10 am - 2.30pm and basic computer literacy.

For more details, visit [www.peterlane.biz](http://www.peterlane.biz) and contact 03 5781 1591

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**WANDONG HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

*Operated by Sutherland Street OSHC*

**Open Monday to Friday**
7:00am - 6:30pm
**Starting Easter 2012**
Closed Public Holidays

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**Rates**

Includes excursions, incursions, meals and educational programs

| Promotion: | $50 | Book online before Friday 30th March |
| Standard: | $70 | Book after Friday 30th March or by phone |

**Please note:** The fees shown above are before any applicable government subsidies and rebates have been deducted. Once applied the actual out of pocket expense could range from $5 to $35 per day.

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**Child Care Benefit**

Child Care benefit is a payment from the Australian Government that helps you with the cost of child care.

**Who can get Child Care Benefit?**

You can get Child Care Benefit if you are a parent, foster parent or grandparent with a child in your care who is attending a child care service approved by the government*. The amount of Benefit you receive varies according to factors such as income and employment status.

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**Child Care Rebate**

The Child Care Rebate helps working families with the cost of child care. The Child Care Rebate covers up to 50% of out-of-pocket child care expenses for approved child care up to the annual cap.

**Can I get the Child Care Rebate?**

If you receive the Child Care Benefit you most likely will be eligible for the Child Care Rebate. Many families with very high incomes are able to receive the Child Care Rebate, so even if you do not receive any CCB because of your income, you still might be eligible for the 50% rebate.

To find a detailed description of these subsidies and rebates please visit our website: [www.ssoshc.com.au/CCB.html](http://www.ssoshc.com.au/CCB.html) or call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50

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*Wandong Holiday Program and Sutherland St. OSHC are approved Child Care providers.*
Investigations provide a broad range of experiences and types of play so that children are immersed in a rich range of thinking, oral language, literacy and numeracy experiences alongside opportunities to consolidate their social and emotional maturity. Some examples of these investigations are constructive, imaginative, explorative, sensory and directed.

**PLAY**—is purposeful, reflects the interests of children, involves literacy and numeracy, promotes social skills, promotes oral language.

Preps undertake investigations four times a week

One/Two grades undertake investigations two times a week.
The Wandong Public Hall is re-opening!

The Wandong Public Hall is re-opening after some amazing renovations and is having a grand re-opening. As a school, we have been asked to have a promotional stand. We are hoping to have a raffle and show some of the children's artwork. The stand will be set up from 9 am and we would love some help throughout the day please.

If you could help on the stall, even an hour, it would be great. Please let the office know if you are available. It will be a fun filled day and a great way to show off Wandong Primary School.

ENROLMENTS NOW BEING TAKEN: For term two coaching

Luke Dixon joins Kinglake Ranges Tennis Club as a qualified and experienced coach and state grade player from Kooyong Lawn. View the KRTC website and facebook page for up to date information.

MLC Tennis Hot Shots is Tennis Australia's junior participation program. Children learn to play on the right size court, using racquets that are perfect for small hands and balls that don't bounce to high!

Red Stage | Explore | Ages 5 – 7
The Red stage is for beginners. The red ball is larger than a yellow ball and doesn't bounce as high (just 25 per cent compression). The courts and nets used in the Red stage are much smaller and easier for kids to move around. Duration: 30 minutes.

Orange Stage | Develop | Ages 8 – 10
After mastering the Red stage. Children move onto the Orange Stage where the ball bounces a little higher (50 per cent compression) and the court is a bit bigger. Duration: 30 minutes.

Green Stage | Encourage | Ages 9 plus
The ball used in the Green stage has a higher compression (75 per cent of a yellow tennis ball) and children play on a full sized court. Duration: 45 minutes.

Cardio Tennis, Mum’s (and Tiny Tots) program, Junior and Adult Group coaching, Private and Semi-Private coaching (Tue, Fri & Sat) and racquet re-stringing also available.

* The above ages are indicative only and dependent upon ability and experience.

To enrol and discuss options, please contact Luke on 0413 182 943.

Beauty Secrets
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You’re invited…..

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Take advantage of this one day only offer, and you will also receive 50% of your first DMK Treatment!

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CAFE Reading
Grades 3-6

CAFE is a way of structuring the reading block so that every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks. These research-based tasks are fun, engaging, and have big impacts on student reading. The students receive whole group reading strategy lessons each day. The students work independently on one of the CAFE reading components. During this time, the teacher will provide focused, intense instruction to individuals and small groups of students.

Daily Reading Components:

• **Read to Self**: The research continually shows that the very best way to become a better reader is to practise, practise, practise! Your child will read books at his/her “just right” level daily, practising reading strategies from the CAFE menu.
• **Read to Someone**: Reading to someone helps develop reading fluency and comprehension, and it’s FUN!
• **Listen to Reading**: Listening to reading helps children develop reading fluency. It also allows them to access texts that they can’t read independently yet.

CAFE is a collection of highly effective reading strategies that the students will be taught to use, to help them become better readers.

These strategies are organised into four areas:

• C is for **Comprehension**: “I understand what I read.”
• A is for **Accuracy**: “I can read the words.”
• F is for **Fluency**: “I can read smoothly, with expression.”
• É is for **Expanding Vocabulary**: “I know, find and use interesting words.”
Tim from the Shrine visits Wandong 5/6 students

Last Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March Tim Whitfield (a retired soldier) visited the 5/6 students. For the grade 6 students, this was the second time they met with Tim and they were very excited about seeing him again.

Tim talked about what it was like to be a soldier in countries with a tropical climate (to tie in with our Inquiry Unit about Asia). Students were able to try on uniforms from different eras, as well as see backpacks, artillery and memorabilia from Tim’s days as a soldier.

Overall, it was a fantastic learning experience, one that the Grade 6 students will be able to draw upon when they participate in the Anzac Day School Awards.

“Tim taught us a lot about wars in Asian countries and how hard it would be to go out there. It was really interesting” – Makayla 5/6K

“I liked how he showed us the uniforms. It was really interesting to look at the differences between them” – Tessa 5/6K

Kilmore Miniature Railway

The KMR will be holding an Easter Run on Sunday 8th April commencing at 11am and finishing at 3pm.

Rides are just $2 and there will be a BBQ and entertainment plus prizes for the best ‘Easter Bonnet’

A great day for all the family.

Enquiries 5781 1711