28th November 2012

‘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 B: Emily Fitzgerald—(Assisting her classmates, demonstrating ‘Care’ for others)
Prep G: Deegan Belfiore—(Persisting with challenging reading tasks)
3/4 C: Bryannon Bellman—(Always showing the school values of ‘Care’ and ‘Respect’)
3/4 S: Grace Hannemann—(Reading consistently in class)
3/4 Y: Charlie Delaney—(Trying her best when working with addition)
5/6 E: Lauren Jillett—(Writing a very detailed explanation about Global Warming)
5/6 K: Tye Duncan (Writing a fantastic explanation)
5/6 P: Jackson Lunt (An excellent and well detailed explanation)

Booklist due back by the 10th December, 2012
A Message from the Principal….

Dear Families,

As the end of the year draws closer, I remind all parents to please keep checking the “Coming Events” column in our school newsletter. We have a number of exciting things happening in the coming weeks, including our Parent Helper’s morning tea, Pizza at the Park with the Principal, the annual Christmas Concert, excursions and camps, Grade Six Graduation and the whole school transition visits to new classrooms. Please pop the relevant dates into your diary or calendar.

Dianella Visit: What a delightful day! Congratulations to our kind and caring Grade Five students who did themselves proud when they hosted the residents from Dianella. The photos on the next page demonstrate the importance of the day, including the fun had during the morning when the food was prepared. A special thanks to Toni and Annie for assisting us to make the day a huge success and to Max from Wandong Bus and Coach for his kind donation of transporting the residents to and from our school at no cost.

Transition Visits: All students (except 2013 Preps) will visit their 2013 classroom to meet their classmates on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th December during the school day. On Monday 17th December, at their third visit, they will meet their 2013 teacher. Students new to our school in 2013 have been invited to attend these sessions to begin developing their friendship groups. This process will allow all students to head off on the Christmas holiday break with knowledge about where to line up, who they can expect to be in their class and who will be their teacher.

Christmas Concert: Our Christmas Concert, planned for Monday 17th December, will be a great opportunity for students to point out their 2013 teacher to their family. Staff will be available for a “quick” chat prior to the concert beginning.

Principals for the Day: At such a busy time of the year, I have been recently helped by “principals for the day” Olivia, Corey, Georgia and Sarah. They have assisted me to run reading groups, conduct tours for prospective parents, clean and sort school equipment and even proof read last week’s newsletter! Well done to these students on their excellent effort with home reading.

Pizza at the Park: Get ready….. we head down to the park on Wednesday 19th December for our celebratory pizza lunch with all students who have completed 200 nights of home reading. Home reading books are being collected by teachers for stocktake on Friday 7th December so if students are close to 200 nights keep reading! Last year we had over 120 students at the park – let’s see if we can break that record!

Bereavement: It is with much sadness that we inform the school community of the recent passing of Mrs Beer’s mother. A number of staff supported Robyn at the funeral on Monday. We send our thoughts to Robyn and her family at this very sad time.

Rhonda Cole
VISIT BY DIANELLA RESIDENTS TO SPEND TIME WITH OUR GRADE FIVE STUDENTS.

New Website:
Our new website has gone LIVE!!! The new website can be found at the same address www.wandongps.vic.edu.au. It is more aesthetically pleasing and much easier to navigate. We also have a new feature which allows users to subscribe to the newsletter. Simply click on the link located on the lower right hand side of the home page, put in your email address, and you will receive each week’s newsletter in your email inbox.

Over the coming weeks, if you would prefer to receive the newsletter in this way instead of a hardcopy, please let us know and we will won’t send home a copy with your child. This will help us to be more kind to the environment by keeping our paper usage down as well as saving money. Also, check out the videos of school events in the video page! These will be updated weekly.

A delightful day! Thank you Wandong Bus and Coach for your support.

Blue House beats the rest!
Blue House won last week with the most house points.
Holding the winner’s cup this week is Trent Cook Blue House Captain
**Chook News...**

5 cent Friday...

To help our lovely chooks, we would like you to bring in any loose change to help with the supplies they need such as grain, nesting straw and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of the lunch scraps. The money will be placed in a class jar and sent over to the office for counting each week.

Last week's total...$9.65
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs which are available from the office)

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**Uniform Shop**

Any orders for uniforms can be placed at anytime at the office. The orders can be filled and picked up the next day. If there are any items out of stock, they will be ordered and delivered usually within one week.

If you need any uniforms for 2013, please order now.

There will be a second hand uniform stall in the Art room on the 6th December.
8:45am—4:00pm

**Social Table Tennis**

Expressions of interest are sought for any people wanting to participate in a regular social game of table tennis. The intention will be to eventually build up to the availability of 3-4 tables for a regular night at a very low cost. If you are interested, please email your interest to Tony Heathcote at tijheathcote@gmail.com

**WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:**

Congratulations 100 nights reading:
Byannon Bellman

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Ruby Stebbing,
Blair Fitzpatrick,
Cody Cartwright

Congratulations 200 nights reading:
Carly Davon,
Sarah Egan,
Connor Gawley,
Kyla Kelly-Manning,
Brittnee Marke

Congratulations 250 nights reading:
Jarek O’Neill,
Connor Gawley,
Sarah Mendola,
Georgia Shingles

**Numeracy**

**Turning Maths into a story.**

By presenting mathematics as a story children can make links to their everyday life. Begin by reading books to your child that include numbers and counting. Turn everyday events or objects into a maths story:

1. Count the fruit in the fruit bowl.
2. Cut fruit into pieces. Count the number of pieces.
3. Count the pieces of toast you cooked at breakfast.
4. Add the total items of cutlery at the table.
5. Count the number of people travelling in the car or the bus.

Encourage your child to draw and talk about the number of things in the pictures they have drawn. Write down your child’s ideas as a story. Here are some examples:

1. There are five pieces of fruit in our bowl. Three are apples and two are bananas.
2. My lunchbox has four things inside. One sandwich, one orange and two slices of cheese.
Muffin Break Muffin Vouchers: Haven’t got your vouchers yet? Time is running out for this great bargain.

Earlier this year we were fortunate to win the Muffin Break Facebook competition. Half of the muffins were sold to families with the remainder of the muffins being provided through a voucher system. Vouchers are available for purchase through the newsletter or directly from the front office.... What a great idea with the school holidays coming up. No doubt many of us will be at Epping Plaza enjoying endless hours of shopping over the holiday break and a cheap nice muffin with a nice cuppa will fill that hunger gap.

Cost: Each voucher will provide you with FOUR Muffin Break Weight Watchers Muffins

Each voucher of four muffins costs $8.00 each (which totals $2.00 per individual muffin) or 3 vouchers

(12 muffins) for $20 (which totals $1.60 per muffin)

Vouchers can only be used at the Epping Plaza store and are valid until 31st December 2012.

Don’t forget that these muffins can be frozen so they are also a cheap, nice lunch box filler.

Money raised is all profit for the school and will be used to pay for the instant turf we have laid on our new terraced area near the hall. Thank you for your support.

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Student Banking

The last student banking will be on Tuesday, 4th December, 2012 for Commonwealth Bank and Bendigo Bank deposits.
**Student attendance in semester two:**

"EYES ON THE TARGET"

Staying below **750** absent days for semester three and four.
(approx 3.5 absent days per child)

**Number of students per grade level at school every day last week.**

- **Preps:** 24
  - (Total number of preps: 37)
- **Grade one/twos:** 50
  - (Total number of 1/2s: 67)
- **Grade three/fours:** 44
  - (Total number of 3/4s: 61)
- **Grade five/sixes:** 57
  - (Total number of 5/6s: 79)

Total absence days across the school for this semester {803}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

One/Two Unit
(74% of students had full attendance)

Awesome effort!

“Every day is an important day to be at school.”

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**WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG**

**NOVEMBER**

- **Thursday 29th November** - St Johns “First aid in schools” (Course for students)
- **Friday 30th November** - Swimming Session
- **Friday 30th November** - Beach Party Disco (Starting at 7pm)

**DECEMBER**

- **Monday 3rd December** - Payment for 2013 Mathletics due
- **Monday 3rd December** - Information Evening for 2013 Prep parents—7:00pm
- **Tuesday 4th December** - Parent’s Club lunch
- **Tuesday 4th December** - Grade 5/6 Pool Party
- **Tuesday 4th December** - Last student banking day for 2013 (you can still make deposits yourself)
- **Thursday 6th December** - Out of uniform day (Xmas hamper collection)
- **Friday 7th December** - Swimming Session
- **Friday 7th December** - Prep ’Camp’
- **Friday 7th December** - Grade Five/Six bike ride to Wallan
- **Monday 10th December** - Booklists for 2013 due back today (Any late booklists cannot be accepted at the school)
- **Monday 10th December** - Parent’s Helper morning tea—11:00am
- **Monday 10th December** - School Council Meeting 6:00pm
- **Wednesday 12th—14th December**—“Think Links Display” in the Hall before and after school.
- **Thursday 13th December** - Grade Six Graduation
- **Monday 17th December** - School Christmas Concert
- **Wednesday 19th December** - Pizza in the Park with the Principal
- **Friday 21st December** - Last day of term four (1:30 finish)

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

**JANUARY 2013**

- **Friday 25th January** - Book pickup day
- **Thursday 31st January** - Term one begins
Opening Classroom Doors

5/6E

On the 15th November, 5/6E went on an excursion down to LB Davern Reserve. The excursion was called Water Watch. A lady that works from Water Watch was nice enough to come down and do a few different activities with us. We tested our creek water with different types of materials that she brought along. We tested the pH levels of the creek and learnt that the pH was high. We also discovered that the salinity and turbidity of the water is very high too. As we were doing these activities each group filled out a sheet to see how good our water was. An activity that we did was where each group got a medium sized tub. These tubs were filled with our creek water which had lots of different animals and insects in them. We got to have a look and fill out another sheet that had all different animals that might be in the tubs. Afterwards we all got together and compared what we had found out. We learnt that some of the animals in the creek are freshwater shrimp, yabbies, bloodworms, leeches, water boatmen, freshwater snails, mayflies and backswimmers. It was a great excursion for the 5/6’s.

By Maddison and Cassidy

3/4S Learning About Jokes

This week the children have been learning about the format of jokes and the importance of including a question. We have looked at knock, knock jokes, school and insect jokes. These are some of the examples that the children researched or told each other.

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<th>Why did the echo get a detention?</th>
<th>What is a butterfly’s favourite subject at school?</th>
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<td>Mathomatics</td>
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<th>Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?</th>
<th>Why did the flea fail his exams?</th>
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<td>Because her kids were so bright.</td>
<td>He wasn’t up to scratch!</td>
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<th>Where would you put an injured insect?</th>
<th>What is the difference between a fly and a bird?</th>
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<td>In an antbulance!</td>
<td>A bird can fly but a fly can’t bird!</td>
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<th>What is the difference between a train and a teacher?</th>
<th>John: Doctor, “I can’t go to sleep”.</th>
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<td>The teacher says, ‘spit out your gum’ and the train says, ‘chew, chew chew’.</td>
<td>Doctor: “Why?”</td>
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<td>Told by Shelby</td>
<td>John: “Because I am not tired!”</td>
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<td>Told by Ryan</td>
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Beach Disco

30th November 2012   7 – 9pm.

This exciting event is for the whole school. We are looking for donations of cans of soft drink. Please drop them off at the office or at Mrs Beer’s room from anytime.

Thank you to the many families who have donated so far.

Thankyou, Robyn Beer.
BOOK FAIR REORDER

Did you order a book from our scholastic book fair?

If you did, and you haven’t yet got it, please be sure to come and see 
Miss Chisholm before the end of this week!

Some people have come to see me already to let me know that they haven’t 
received their book yet, so thank you to those people. I would like to contact 
scholastic with all of the missing books together. I will be contacting scholastic 
about missing orders on Friday 30th November.

Thank you

Miss Chisholm

P-2 Literacy Coordinator