29th August 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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

164 families at WPS.
Completed payments = 65% (107 families)

‘What did you learn today?’

What a fantastic day it was on Friday for our Special Friends’ Day. It was great to see so many family and friends come to support the children and be part of their special day. Many hours went into preparing and rehearsing and it showed with a flawless performance from everyone. As with every Special Friends’ Day, there are many people who deserve a ‘special thanks’.

We’d like to give a very special thanks to Mrs Beer, Ms Giacomini, Ms McLure, Mrs Chisholm and Mrs McIntyre for their tireless efforts preparing the students, to our pre-service teachers Leah and Meagan for helping during rehearsals and on the day, and finally to our everyone from Parent’s Club who spent the morning and afternoon sessions preparing food and serving our families and friends. What a great day.

Australian Education Union Strike Action

Families are informed that industrial action in the form of a strike day is planned for Wednesday 5th September across Victoria. Information regarding the planned action, and classes that will be impacted upon, was sent home on Monday.
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Another little gift from the Rosebud Community: In 2009, following Black Saturday, the community of Rosebud kindly invited forty of our students to a “Day at the Beach.” Students enjoyed horse riding, a surfing lesson, a movie at the cinema and a delicious barbecue lunch, all provided to use free of charge. Soon after we returned to school, in addition, all students who participated also received a beautiful painting completed by Jen Allen a local artist from the Rosebud area. (We also have some of Jen’s work in the main office area and Mrs Cole’s office.) Last Friday we received yet another gift – a painting that portrays our students enjoying all of the activities they completed when they visited Rosebud. We once again thank Jen and the Rosebud community for remembering us and for brightening our day. We also thank Martin Dixon for dropping the painting into our school on his way past.

Before and After School Care

Due to overwhelming interest from our school community, we are pleased to announce that Sutherland Street will be running an Out of School Hours Care program at Wandong Primary School, beginning 2013.

OOSHC Program will operate 5 mornings / afternoons per week

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The OOSHC program will run from the newly completed BER building at Wandong Primary School which includes a multipurpose hall, canteen and library.

The program will ensure that children in the OOSHC program will have stimulating, positive experiences and interactions that foster their self-esteem and confidence, whilst aiming to extend & enrich children’s wellbeing & development in the school care setting.

For more information, please contact the school office on 5787 1232 or Mick Simmons at Sutherland Street Out of School Hours Care on 5781 1300.

Landscaping begins

Monday saw the beginning of our new seating area outside the hall. At 10:00 a.m. we celebrated by turning the first sod of soil with Kevin Hannam from Bendigo Bank who’s community grants program donated $10000 towards the project. Everyone is very excited by the new area and we can’t wait for it to be finished. The landscaping should take around two weeks to complete (weather dependent) and we’ll be keeping everyone updated with photos in the newsletter.
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

District Athletics

We had our district athletics day on Tuesday at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium in Mill Park. Although it was a little windy the weather was half decent for a change and our athletes turned out some awesome performances. Thanks to Ms Cachia, Ms Chisholm and Mrs Crawford for their help throughout the day. Finally, a HUGE thanks to Mr Fearn for organising and running the day.

Literacy Numeracy Week

We have had lots of interesting and educational activities to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week this week. Monday saw all classes complete a ‘Number your Name’ activity and today we had a ‘Buddy Up’ Reading Activity. Don’t forget your book character costumes for the Literacy Parade tomorrow morning. The parade will kick off around 9:10am.

Volunteers and Privacy Policy

At school council in June, the Volunteers and Privacy Policy for June 2012—June 2015 was presented and ratified. A copy of the policy is being sent home with today’s newsletter to each family.

Father’s Day Stall

We had our Father’s Day stall today. Thank you to Parents’ Club for organising all of the gifts and running the day. There will another Father’s Day stall on Friday for those who want to purchasing something extra or who have yet to purchase a gift.

To all the fathers out there, have a great day on Sunday.

Finally on the footy front, I have a new favourite team..... Gold Coast Suns. Any team that can knock Carlton out of the finals race is ok with me.

Go SUNS!

Until next time...........Have a great week!

Anthony Potesta
Dear Parents & Guardians,

Wandong Primary School are thrilled to announce that the McDonald’s Camp Quality Puppet show is coming to visit the Grade Prep students.

**On Thursday 30th August @ 2:30pm**

This is a free performance and we are delighted to be involved. The students will be learning about inner beauty as opposed to external beauty and about equality.

If you have any further queries in regards to this performance please see Hannah Giacomini.

Are you currently looking at enrolling your child at School in 2013?

Consider bringing your child along to Story Time at Wandong Primary School. Story time is an opportunity for you and your child to spend time together within the school environment. Come along and enjoy the wonderment of listening to fabulous tales and learning new rhymes. Story Time is fun and interactive! It is a special time that you and your child can spend together. Your child will get to take something home as a memento of their time at Wandong. Toddlers are more than welcome to attend these sessions.

**Thursday 6th, 13th & 20th September**

@ 2:30pm in the Library.
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

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...$11.50
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2012 FOR ISSUE No. 6

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS!

Next Friday, 7th September, dress up in your favourite footy gear. Any code - AFL, NRL, RUGBY UNION AND SOCCER.

Don’t forget to bring your gold coin donation to support young people fighting cancer.
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: 57
(Total number of 1/2s: 67)
Grade three/fours: 48
(Total number of 34s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 60
(Total number of 5/6s: 82)

Total absence days across the school for this semester {310}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

One/Two Unit
(85% of students had full attendance)

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

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

Thursday 30th August - Dress up day ‘favourite book character’
Friday 31st August - School tour for 2012 new students (9:30-10:30am)
Friday 31st August - Father’s Day stall at lunchtime
Friday 31st August - Final payment for 5/6 camp due today
Friday 31st August - Final payment for 3/4 camp due today

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd September - Father’s Day
Monday 3rd September - Our Story Incursion—Prep-six
Tuesday 4th September - Thinklinks session 12:30 -1:30pm
Thursday 6th September - Storytime in the library 2:30—3:30pm
Friday 7th September - Footy Colours Day
Friday 7th September - Tony’s Pies of Essendon delivery day and pick up day
Monday 10th September - Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes
Monday 10th September - Grade five students visit to Dianella Hostel for reading (Group Two)
Wed 12th—Fri 14th Sept - Grade Five/six camp
Thursday 13th September - Storytime in the library 2:30—3:30pm
Tuesday 18th September - Thinklinks session 12:30 -1:30pm
Wed 19th Sept—Fri 21st - Grade Three/four camp
Thursday 20th September - Storytime in the library 2:30—3:30pm
Friday 21st Sept - Term three payment for netbook due
Friday 21st September - Last day of term three

OCTOBER

Monday 8th October - First day of term four

Congratulations to Joelle Coter who competed in the State Pennant Championships for Gymnastics last weekend. She received a 1st for Beam, 2nd for Vault, 2nd for Bars and a 5th for Floor.

Her team placed 3rd overall.
Fantastic effort Joelle!
"OUR STORY"
Whole school incursion
When: Monday 3rd September
Where: School Hall
Cost: $6.00 per student
OR $10 per family of 2 or more children.

"PARENT'S CLUB FUNDRAISER"
Pie Drive
We have organised to conduct a Pie Drive with Tony’s Pies of Essendon.
Tony’s Pies will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on Friday 7th September.
All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.
Enclosed with today’s newsletter is a yellow order form.
Please return your order and payment to the office before Wednesday, 29th August.

Numeracy
MEASURING things
Use a wall measuring chart to measure the height of people in your family.
Explore other ways of measuring using a cup, jug, teaspoon, icy pole sticks, foot prints or hand lengths.

WANDONG MILO CRICKET
GIRLS & BOYS
SYRS OLD TO GRADE 6
Registration Day: Saturday 6th September 11am-1pm
Starts: Wednesday 10th October 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Enquiries: Adam Dennehy – 0422 444 278 or Lisa Dennehy – 0448 395 430
REGISTER & PAY ONLINE NOW
Opening Classroom Doors

Cinquain Poems in 3/4 S

The children have been learning about different types of poems. This week they have been focusing on Cinquain Poems. The children are able to describe the features:

- 5 lines
- Doesn’t rhyme
- Not about a person

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Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime Clubs are up and running! Mrs Cole’s Construction and Card Club is an absolute winner with children lining up waiting for the fun to start!