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 = 46%
(78 families)

Have you recently asked your child/ren......
“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Carly Davon - (Showing confidence in speaking in front of her peers)
Prep G: Dargam Al-Ghazawi - (Using his new language in class)
1/2 C: Mathew Robinson - (Hearing and recording lots of letter sounds in his recount)
1/2 H: Jesse-James Bult - (Having an improved attitude towards his reading)
1/2 M: Lucas Webb - (Displaying the school value ‘Friendship’ by helping others during writing)
3/4 C: Sarah Mendola - (Writing a descriptive and interesting narrative)
3/4 S: Ryan Battistin - (Using the revising pencils when he finished his narrative)
3/4 Y: Reece Coad -(Displaying confidence during Numeracy)
5/6 E: Joshua Selvaggio - (Fantastic improvement on his writing)
5/6 K: Courtney Bittles - (Respecting and caring for others belongings)
5/6 P: Abby Hurst - (Excellent effort on her first Writer’s Notebook page)

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

School Council Elections. We warmly welcome Kylie Shingles, Elly Thomson and Katalin Devecseri to our 2012 School Council. Our new 2012 staff representatives are Kate Crawford and Cal Fearn. These people join Peter Drofenik, Michelle Carr, Alison Stone, Penny Edwards, Mrs Cole and Mr Potesta. We sincerely thank Mandy Coter, Carol McIntyre and Robyn Beer for their great service to School Council over past years. At this stage we still have one vacancy, so other parents are invited to contact me if they would like to be involved. School Council meets eight times per year on a Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. It’s a great way to find out how the school operates and how decisions are made.

Student Leadership
On Friday we announced the Student Leadership Team for 2012. All student leadership positions were only open to grade six students and the positions are held for the entire year. Applicants for School Captain were shortlisted from the 5/6 student vote and they then had an interview with Mrs Cole and myself to outline why they wanted to be School Captain and to share some of their ideas.

Interviewing the School Captain applicants was tough and trying to decide on a decision was even tougher. All the short listed applicants interviewed extremely well; they were very confident (if not a little nervous), they had great ideas for the school and were all up to the challenge of being School Captain. After much deliberating and taking everything into account, it is with great pleasure and excitement that I present our student leaders for 2012 to the school community.

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Community ICT Training
Keeping up with advancing technologies can be difficult at times. Our children are coming home with netbooks, being exposed to new technologies and are developing strong ICT skills. Sometimes, parents and adults can be left behind. As a school community, we recognise this and would like to offer evening ICT classes for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who may feel overwhelmed by different technologies. The classes are FREE and will run for an hour on Tuesday 13th March and Tuesday 20th March from 6:30 – 7:30. I would like to begin with running two sessions on Microsoft Word. It will be a beginner course focusing on the basics of the Microsoft Word and how to become more proficient using it. I will be running the classes and they will be ‘hands on’ and interactive. We will be using school equipment, so there is no need to bring your own machines. At this stage, places are limited to 12 so if you are interested in attending, please fill in the reply slip on page seven and send it back to school. If you have any questions or queries regarding the classes, please contact me.

Assumption College – Community Links Program
Starting tomorrow, ten Yr 9 students from Assumption College will be helping out around the school as part of their Community Links Program. We are delighted to have them in the school and they will be working in the classrooms and around the school, assisting in classroom learning and helping teachers. They will be with us fortnightly for the remainder of the year.

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Community Bunnings BBQ

What an awesome day we had on Saturday at Bunnings in Craigieburn. To say it was hot is an understatement! A lazy 38°C outside and 634°C inside our little BBQ cooking tent. Collectively we estimated a weight loss of around 57kgs.

We started cooking at 8am and by 3:30 had sold 500 sausages and HEAPS of cold drinks. It was a fun day with FOX FM broadcasting and giving away prizes, jumping castles and Courtney from Master Chef doing cooking demonstrations. Thank you to Kylie Shingles, Gail, Ben and Kate Leavold, Liz and Trent Cook and Ross, Paula, Ella and Caitlin Harris for helping out on the day. It was also great to see our new school captain Maddison Agosta and her family pop in to say hi. We raised over $737.36. Without your dedication and support running fundraisers such as these just wouldn’t be possible. Also, thank you to Sue from Bunnings – Craigieburn for allowing us to run the fundraiser. We look forward to continuing our community relationship throughout the year. We will be back at Bunnings in October to run another Community BBQ day.

Working Bee

FRIDAY 16th MARCH 3PM – Lock it in your diaries!!!!! We had a hugely successful twilight working bee last year and school council has decided to run one again. Please, if you are able to offer your services on Friday 16th March, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a BBQ and drinks for all those who attend. Jobs for this working bee will include; installation of monkey bars (near cricket nets) and edging, removal of goal posts (we will be putting up some portable ones for the footy season) and general tidy up of the school. If you are available on Friday 16th, please return the reply slip below.

Until next time, have a great week.

Anthony Potesta

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**Working Bee Reply Slip**

I (print).............................................................. will be able to attend the working bee on Friday 16th March (3:30 onwards)

I will be able to supply the following tools:

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Easter Holiday Program

Over the past few school holidays, the YMCA has successfully run holiday programs at Wandong Primary School that were funded by the Victoria Bushfire Recovery Fund. These funds have now ceased, however, the holiday program has not. Sutherland Street Child Care has committed to running the program for the next three school holidays. The program will run during the upcoming Easter holidays. There is an information night booked for Monday 5th March from 7 – 8 pm. (see below for details). For further information, please contact Mick at Sutherland Street on 03 5781 1300 or email at mick7@live.com.au

Name: ‘Wandong Holiday Program’ operated by Sutherland Street Out of School Hours Care
Location: Wandong Primary School

Enrolment procedure: Enrolment will be the same as the Sutherland Street Holiday Program with parents submitting an enrolment form printed from our website: www.ssoshc.com.au/ssoshc_enrolment.pdf or collected from Wandong Primary School reception, Sutherland Street Childcare and Kindergarten Kilmore or Sutherland Street Childcare and Kindergarten Wallan, then returned to Sutherland Street Childcare and Kindergarten at 65 Sutherland Street Kilmore.

Booking procedure: Bookings will be taken from Wednesday 7th March till Thursday 12th April unless booked out. Booking can be made online through our website www.ssoshc.com.au or by calling Sutherland Street Childcare and Kindergarten on 03 5781 1300.

Bookings are NOT made through the school.

Program date: Week 1: Monday 2nd April - Thursday 5th April
Week 2: Tuesday 10th April - Friday 13th April

Parent information evening: Monday 5th March, 7pm - 8pm at Wandong Primary School. We will be introducing ourselves, discussing enrolment procedures, fees, government rebates and subsidies, the educational programs and answering family questions.

WANDONG HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Operated by Sutherland Street OSHC

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

Parent Information Session
Monday 5th March, 7pm to 8pm
At Wandong Primary School
We will be discussing enrolment procedures, educational programs and government rebates and subsidies.

For more information:
www.ssoshc.com.au
Ph: (03) 5781 1300
Fax: (03) 5781 1477

Program located at Wandong Primary School:
Rail Street Wandong

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.

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.

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 or call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50

*Wandong Holiday Program and Sutherland St. OSHC are approved Child Care providers.
WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

Thursday 1st March - SRC out of uniform fundraiser for Variety Club (gold coin donation)
Friday 2nd March - Prep Parents’ Coffee Morning in Library 9:00-10:00 a.m. All welcome!
Monday 5th March - Divisional swimming carnival - Coburg
Monday 5th March - Parent information session for holiday program
Wednesday 7th March - Prep Open Morning — “Investigations”
Thursday 8th March - Family Box Car Night (Start building your entry now!)
Monday 12th March - Public Holiday — no school (Labour Day)
Tuesday 13th March - Adult classes for ICT - 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday 13th March - Forms and money due for 5/6 Interschool sports tournament
Wednesday 14th March- Out of Uniform day. (Bring a donation for the Easter Raffle)
Thursday 15th March - Grade 5/6 Interschool sports tournament
Friday 16th March - Twilight Working Bee 3:30 - 7:00p.m.
Tuesday 20th March - Adult classes for ICT - 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday 23rd March - Hot Dog Lunch day
Friday 23rd March - Easter Raffle drawn at assembly
Tuesday 27th March - Bushwhazee Dance event
Friday 30th March - Netbook full payment due (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
Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day - Public holiday
Friday 28th April - Final payment for 2011 netbooks (current grade six students)

MAY

Tuesday 8th May - Mother’s Day stall
Wednesday 9th May - School photos
Tuesday 15th May - Forms and money due for District Cross Country - Pyalong

JUNE

Thursday 7th June - District Cross Country - Pyalong

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

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

Cupcake workshop on Saturday 24th March
Fondant Basics Class on Sunday 25th March.

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

Wallan (party plan) Market Fundraiser
Saturday March 3rd 10am until 3pm
Raffle on the day tickets $1 each or $2 for 3 Prize will be a basket of goodies donated from stall holders
Some of the stall include Tupperware, Body Shop at Home, Phonix Trading, Nutrimetics, Party Lite, Avon and much more

Wallan Indoor Junior Netball Competition
Season starts Thursday March 1st at Roy Robson Stadium in Wallan.
Registrations now open for teams;
Age groups U9, U11, U13, U15.
Please see Juniors section of the website for all details. http://www.wallananddistrictnetball.org.au/ or call Liz 0408551110
Team entries closed 17/2/12

Community Notices
Variety Dress Up Day:
Congratulations to our new SRC — Student Representative Council members.

Their first fundraiser for the year will be an out of uniform day tomorrow to raise funds for "Variety" — the Children's Charity.

Variety have supported Wandong Primary School in the past — replacing bikes for students who lost them in the fires and extending our big fort area with new playground equipment. They also contributed to our new shade sail, along with the Shane Warne foundation.

Variety have also purchased a mini bus for our cluster schools to use — Mr Fearn took some of our swimming competitors to Lancefield in the mini bus last Friday.

Now it's our turn to raise funds for other students.

Students are invited to come in "variety" clothes — odd socks, funny hair, uniform inside out or bathers with a woolly tracksuit…… anything you think looks a bit unusual.
Please provide a gold coin donation to your SRC representative.

Variety will hopefully be bringing a 'Variety Bash' car for display.

Thank you!

Prep News!
The prep unit are looking for a doll's house, big or little, gardening tools and pots and trains and train tracks. Thank you.

Community ICT Training Reply Slip

I (PRINT) ........................................................................................................would like to attend the

Community ICT training sessions on Tuesday 13th March and Tuesday 20th March from 6:30 – 7:30

Signed:............................................................................................................
THAT'S RIGHT RACE FANS! IT'S BACK - THE FAMILY 1 BOX CAR G.P. IS RETURNING TO WANDONG IN 2012!

THE FAMILY 1 G.P. EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 8TH MARCH AT WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL RACEWAY
(SCHOOL OVAL)

RACERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN BOX CAR RACERS FOR THE SHOW 'N' SHINE AND F1GP EVENTS.

ALL BOX CARS MUST MEET THE STRICT F1 GP REGULATIONS. EACH BOX CAR RACER MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE STUDENT AND ONE ADULT ON BOARD (DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS MUST BE SURROUNDED BY THE SAFETY OF THEIR RACE CAR - THIS RULE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED DUE TO THE DROFENIK DESIGN 1.1 BEING RULED ILLEGAL)

RACERS ARE THEN REQUIRED TO HOP INTO THEIR RACERS (AND CARRY THEM) AND RUN THE DEMANDING TRACK.

ALL RACERS MUST BE SPORTING BIG SMILES AND FUELED WITH FUN.

RACE FANS NEW TO THE F1 GP ARE WELcomed - WE ENJOYED A LARGE CONTINGENT OF RACERS AND VEHICLES LAST YEAR. RANGING FROM F1 CARS, TO RALLY CARS & V8 SUPERCARS, AND EVEN TO LARGE TRUCKS AND BUSES CARRYING WHOLE FAMILIES. SOME OF THESE AMAZING CARS ARE SHOWN ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.

SO GET DOWN TO THE SUPERMARKET, HARDWARE STORE, WHITE GOODS STORES, ETC... AND GRAB THOSE LARGE CARDBOARD BOXES.

FRIDGE BOXES MAKE FOR A GREAT START.

OFFICIAL EVENT PROGRAM

CAR'S MARSHALLEd AND PARKED - 5:30
SHOW 'N' SHINE - 6:00
CATEGORIES - BIGGEST, BEST PAINT, MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY (MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS),
TEACHER'S CHOICE,
BEST GIRLS, BEST BOYS, RACIEST, BEST THEMED, BEST LIVERY
MAIN EVENT - FAMILY 1 GP RACES. - 7:00