‘The Puggle Post’

2nd May 2012

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 = 56%
(93 families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: William Bellman - (Showing persistence in Writing all week)
Prep G: Cody Cartwright - (Attentive listening)
1/2 C: Karlee Rae Ritchie - (Having a go at all her Numeracy tasks)
1/2 H: Jack Johnson-Breheny - (Trying hard and showing improvement in his reading)
1/2 M: Dakota Patrick - (Reading fluently and confidently)
3/4 C: Lily Hastilow - (Persisting with re-naming numbers in Numeracy)
3/4 S: Jennifer Cocks - (Reflecting on interesting vocab words)
5/6 E: Kurtis Burge - (Adding lots of detail to his expositions this week)
5/6 P: Jackson Lunt - (Helping others by explaining strategies in Numeracy)

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:

Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
A Message from the Principal....

School Review: Every four years, every government primary and secondary school undergoes a school review. School staff and the school community look at the goals that were established at the start of the four year cycle and then track and unpack the data to determine how successful the school was in achieving these goals. The data analysed includes the teacher’s assessments of the students at the end of each year, on-line assessment data completed at school by students during the four years, NAPLAN data, the Parent Opinion Surveys, the Staff Opinion Surveys and the Grades 5/6 Student Attitude to School Surveys.

In addition to this, schools seek feedback from students, School Council members and the wider school community.

Last week we began the process. Staff have started to look at the school data and students have been interviewed regarding the positive things about our school and the areas for improvement. Our next step is to have some forums to gain parent’s ideas and input.

Over the coming weeks I will hold two “Parent Feedback Forums” — Tuesday 22nd May at 2:30 p.m. and Friday 25th May at 9:00 a.m.

We will discuss three key questions:

1. What does our school do well?
2. What would you like to see our school doing in five years?
3. What things do we now need to work on to get to the five year goal?

If you are able to attend, your input would be greatly appreciated. If you cannot attend, please feel free to jot down your ideas and send them through to me at the office.

Prep Parents' Coffee and Chat Morning: Following on from our successful coffee morning last term, we will be holding another Prep Parents' Coffee and Chat morning on Friday 18th May. We will discuss issues related to bedtime, morning routines and anything else you wish to discuss. Please come along for a friendly social chat. Hoping to see you there.

Lunchtime Clubs: This week we have started up our lunchtime clubs program. As the weather cools, this is an alternative on offer to students should they prefer to stay indoors and participate in some hands on tasks. I enjoyed doing “Construction Club” with a number of students on Monday, eagerly assisted by our grade six student leaders. We thank Lucas and Callum Webb who kindly donated some Lego to our school. Some members of the “Construction Club” enjoyed using the Lego whilst others made some vehicles out of equipment recently purchased. We would happily accept any other donations of equipment for our construction club.

Until next week ~ Rhonda Cole
2012 PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM:

Last week our eleven grade five Peer Mediators completed one day of training at school. They investigated the following areas:

- Why conflicts occur
- How people react to conflict
- The importance of good listening when trying to solve problems
- How to paraphrase back what someone has said (to ensure you heard the message correctly)
- Mediation—what is it and what is it not
- The qualities of a Peer Mediator.

When they had completed their training they discussed the process to be followed when peer mediation was required. This process includes ensuring students in conflict reflect on the school values and then together brainstorm a solution. The Peer Mediators are not there to solve the problems .... they are there to assist others to solve their own problems.

Our Peer Mediators also participated in some role plays to refine their skills.

This week our Peer Mediators are beginning their time in the yard. They are working in groups of four to ensure they feel supported by each other and the teachers on yard duty. They are wearing orange fluorescent vests (to ensure they can be seen) and have lanyards around their necks to identify themselves to the other students.

Next week they will begin to work in pairs, always having the yard duty teacher available to take on issues they consider to be too large.

Congratulations to our 2012 Peer Mediation team.

School Photos

School photograph order envelopes will be sent home today. Please fill out the envelope and return it to the school as soon as possible.

We also have family envelopes available at the office.

Activities at Home to Help our Children in Literacy and Numeracy

Each week in the newsletter there will be either a Literacy or Numeracy activity that you can do with your child/ren. There will be handy hints and ways you can help your child develop literacy and maths skills. We will provide practical activities for you to do with your child at home and questions you can ask your child to help them learn. Stay tuned.

Cassandra Langdon (Numeracy Leader) and Julie Smith (Leading Teacher)

Numeracy

Playing shop

Collect food and grocery items and label them with prices written on sticky notes or prices cut out of shopping catalogues.

1. Talk about how we pay for items using notes and coins.
2. Make paper money or use play money to buy and sell the items.
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](http://www.kyliecakes.net) or Email: kylie.cakes@hotmail.com Ph: 0407 513 438

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**WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG**

**MAY**

- **Friday 4th May** – School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
- **Friday 4th May** – Grade One/Two walk to LB Davern Reserve (weather permitting)
- **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 – 6:00pm
- **Monday 14th - 18th May** – Food Allergy Awareness Week
- **Monday 14th May** – Forms and money for One/Two Incursion due today
- **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
- **Thursday 17th May** – Incursion for Grade One/Two – Craft Power
- **Thursday 17th May** – Parent’s Club Meeting — 9:15am in the staffroom
- **Friday 18th May** – Prep Parents Coffee and Chat Morning (9:00 in the library)
- **Friday 18th May** – Pyalong Cross Country – Pyalong
- **Monday 21st May** – Education Week begins (more details to follow soon)
- **Tuesday 22nd May** – Parent Feedback Forum for school review 2:30 pm
- **Friday 25th May** – Parent Feedback Forum for school review 9:00 am
- **Wednesday 30th May** – Prep Excursion

**JUNE**

- **Friday 1st June** – Pupil free day (Report Writing day)
- **Thursday 14th June** – Parent’s Club meeting — 9:15am in the staffroom
- **Friday 15th June** – School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
- **Thursday 7th June** – Division Cross Country – Bundoora
- **Saturday 16th June** – Mattel toy sale $10.00 per ticket
- **Friday 29th June** – Term two finishes 1:30pm

**JULY**

- **Monday 16th July** – Term three begins
- **Thursday 19th July** – Parent’s Club meeting – 9:15am in the staffroom

**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)
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: 31
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 56
(Total number of 1/2s: 69)
Grade three/fours: 56
(Total number of 3/4s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 73
(Total number of 5/6s: 81)

Total absence days across the school for this year 334

Congratulations to this week’s Three/four winners.... unit
(91% full attendance)
An amazing attendance effort!

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…….$2.05 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Congratulations.
Blue House were winners last week.
Our Blue House Captain and Vice Captain - and are holding the winner’s trophy.

Get ready to shop ‘til you drop!

Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids are again combining to bring much needed resources into the school. The process for this year has changed and when you shop you will receive a sticker for every $10 spent at the registers. These stickers then get placed on a sticker card, the full card can be dropped into the box at the office.

So empty out your pantry now and get ready to fill it up again!

Mother’s Day Stall
Tuesday 8th May 2012
Remember to bring some money to school so that you can buy a great gift for Mum.
Prices from $1.00 to $5.50

SCHOOL REVIEW PARENT FEEDBACK FORUMS:

Parent name/s: ...........................................

I will be attending the Parent Feedback Forum on

Tuesday 22nd May at 2:30 p.m.  or
Friday 25th May at 9:00 a.m.

to provide my feedback on what the school is doing well and to suggest ideas for the future.
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 ……………………………………………………………………..
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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**MOVIE NIGHT**

‘We Bought A Zoo’

**Date: Friday 11th May**

**Time: 5:30 for a 5:45 start in the Wandong Primary School Hall**

Bring a pillow or a bean bag to sit on

Snack food and drinks will be available to purchase on the night

**Fundraising to support Wandong Primary School’s Wakakirri Team.**

Parents must stay with their children during the night as the movie we are showing is rated PG

**Entry to this fantastic night is only a gold coin donation**
Tallarook Primary School

Car Boot Sale

Sunday 6th May 9:00am – 1:00pm

We’ll be holding a Car Boot Sale on our school grounds.

Drive onto an allocated space, pay $15 dollars per boot or trailer and help us fundraise while tidying your home!

All welcome

The more people that arrive to sell, the more options everyone has to buy! So ask family & friends to come along and have a great day selling and or shopping!!!

Get in before Spring for your Spring Clean!

For more information: Phone: Nicole 5792 1752

Wandong Netball Club & Wandong Junior Football Club

MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT

At Wandong Sports & Community Centre

SATURDAY 5th MAY 2012

Featuring

‘Wallace & Gromit, The Curse of the Were-Rabbit’ (PG) 6.30pm & ‘Looney Tunes: Back in Action’ (PG) 8.00pm

Two movies & Two slices of pizza

ONLY $5.00 per child

Pizza arrives at 6pm!

Drinks, chips, popcorn & lollies also available to purchase.

Bring your pillows! Bring your sleeping bags!

Children fully supervised & signed in and out at the door

Contact Pauline Bourke – 0405 260 140 with any queries. Hope to see you there!

Thinklinks

Mrs Cole and her band of happy Thinklinkers will be painting their creations next week. If you have any paint that they can use (not craft paint) could you please send it to the school. Small sample paint tins, left over house paint, any colour would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop them off at the office.
2013 Prep Enrolments

If you are intending to enrol your child at Wandong Primary School in 2013, please submit your enrolment form as soon as possible.

There may be limited places available.

To ensure that you take advantage of our new and exciting program starting in term three, please have your enrolment form in by 29th June, 2012

Lunchtime Clubs
Term 2 2012

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We have been doing Read to Self, Read to Someone and Listening to Reading. We have been working on using punctuation when we are reading aloud. Coaching or Time is a strategy used in Read to Someone. If you are stuck on a word your partner asks ‘Coaching or time?’ If you say ‘Coaching’ your partner helps you to figure out the word. If you say ‘Time’, they give you time to have a go at the word yourself. – ADRIANA

We all have book boxes in the 5/6 rooms. They are helpful because we put our books in there and when we have reading time we go and choose a book from our book boxes. We have chosen the books in there based on our interests and whether we understand them. – SEBASTIAN

We have been practising reading in our minds in Read to Self and reading aloud to our friends in Read to Someone. We have been practising Listening to Reading, listening to stories on our netbooks or on CDs. CAFE stands for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary. In Reading we have been focussing on making our voices bigger and clearer when we are reading aloud. – JENAYA

One of the strategies we have been working on is called Cross Checking. Cross Checking is a strategy to use when you are reading and you get to a tricky word. You have a go at the word and then you ask yourself, ‘Do the letters match the word?’ and ‘Does the word make sense in the sentence?’ and if you answer yes to both of those question you have read the word correctly! – COOPER

I like CAFE because we can work together and discuss the book.
   Jennifer

CAFE allows me to read to someone.
   Shelby.
Your Muffin Break order form has been sent home today. All orders and payments are due back at school by Thursday 17th May. Delivery and pickup will be Tuesday 29th May.

We will be also asking Kindergarten parents if they would like to order muffins. Their order forms will go out next week to give you all a chance to order before that occurs.

Remember we only have 1000 muffins to sell - that’s 250 packs of 4.

Thank you, Wandong Parents Club

During CAFE we have learnt strategies such as cross checking, where we make sure we know the words by asking ourselves, “Do letters match what we say, does it sound right and does it make sense?” We have also looked at retelling parts of the story.

— Tessa

We have learnt lots of different strategies for comprehension, fluency and accuracy, such as picking a good fit book, checking for understanding, cross checking and backing up and re-reading.

— Lewis

CAFE helps you read and learn. — Tyler
During CAFE, I get to read by myself and I read heaps. - Thomas
Numeracy in 3/4S

This week we have been learning how to accurately measure length. We learnt you don’t measure at the end of the metre ruler but start at the zero. Also now I know which side is centimetres and which side is millimetres. We learnt that 1cm = 10mm. Students in our grade have made a picture of a house and accurately measured the length of the sides and written the measurements in centimetres.

Written by Catherine and Sheree

1/2H

We learnt about the ANZAC’s and made Anzac slice with our buddies. It was fun and yummy!!

5 / 6 E

This week in 5/6 E we have been learning about writing expositions. We have learnt that an exposition is writing that presents our side of an argument.

“I have learnt that I need to include why my argument is important in my writing. My favourite topic to write about is ‘All Graffiti is Art’, I argued that it is art” - Hayden

“I have learnt that I need to use emotive language in my expositions so that the reader is interested in what I have to say” - Jess

“I have enjoyed writing about ‘Computer Games are a waste of time’. I enjoyed this because I had a lot of reasons against this topic” - Sebastian