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

183 families at WPS.

117 Completed payments = 63%

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

“What did you learn today?”

ANZAC Day Ceremony.

Well done to all the grade six students who contributed to the ANZAC Day ceremony on Thursday afternoon. It was a solemn ceremony of remembrance for all the soldiers who died whilst fighting for our country and a ceremony of recognition for those involved in peace keeping operations. The grade six students who spoke, did so with confidence, reverence and respect. You made us all very proud. Lest we forget.

It was lovely to receive the following email from a parent over the weekend....

Hi Rhonda,

I just wanted to pass on my congratulations to the Grade 6 students and teachers for an excellent ANZAC Day service at assembly last Thursday. The students were extremely solemn and respectful of the event and conducted themselves with dignity. The information they gave was extremely well delivered with confidence and poise. I could not have been a prouder member of the school community or a prouder Mum of a Grade 6 student. Could you pass on my thanks also to the teachers for their wonderful preparation of the Grade 6’s.

Don’t forget to buy tickets in our super Mother’s Day raffle. Plenty of prizes up to win.
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Newsletters: From the beginning of term three, we will no longer be printing newsletters to take home as hard copies. All newsletters will be available on the school website or via email. To ensure you receive your newsletter via email, please follow these simple instructions. (If you have already subscribed, you do not have to subscribe again.)

- Head over to the school website @ www.wandongps.vic.edu.au
- Click on Newsletters
- Click on ‘Subscribe to Newsletter’
- Fill out the form and hit “Submit”. Your request will get approved and you will begin receiving newsletters via email.

If you experience any issues subscribing to the newsletter, please let me know.

If families do not have access to the internet and are unable to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter, will we continue to provide a hard copy. Please see Ros to ensure your name is placed on our list of “hard copy” newsletters.

We will continue to remind families in each newsletter until the end of term.

Graffiti: A HUGE thanks to Shane from Pretty Sally Home Hardware for donating paint, rollers, trays and brushes to cover up some of the unsightly graffiti that was sprayed around our school over the recent holidays. Now that we have the equipment, we need assistance to paint over the graffiti. If you are able to assist, please see Rhonda or myself.

Emergency Evacuation Practice: We would like to inform families that we will be conducting an emergency evacuation practice tomorrow (Thursday 1st May) at approximately 11:30am. The evacuation practice will be out of the school, over the blue bridge and we will assemble in the shopping car park. In the event of a serious incident at school and we had to leave the site, this would be an evacuation emergency point.

Parents and Friends: Each year, funds raised by Parents and Friends are allocated to support classroom program budget. This year, $300 has been put towards the IT budget and the purchase of iPad covers for the new Foundation class. The covers will ensure the iPads stay protected and safe. Thank you!

School Photographs 7th May: Don’t forget that next Wednesday is our school photos. Make sure you’re looking your spiffy best 😊  If you are able assist the photographers on the day, please contact the office.

Until next time...................have a great week.

Anthony Potesta

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We need your help.......Indonesian program:

Our Indonesian program has started and we are very excited about the upcoming visit to our school by two teachers from Indonesia. As part of the Bridge program, we are required to house these visitors for their two week stay. (One male and one female teacher) If you are willing to host one of our visiting teachers for a few days, please return this slip to the office.

Family Name: ..................................................... Contact number: ............................

I would be happy to host one of the visiting Indonesian teachers.
Mother’s Day Raffle

Have you purchased your tickets for the Super Mother’s Day raffle yet?

Pictured above are just some of the fabulous items up for grabs and more are being added shortly.

How can I win these fabulous prizes?

At lunchtime, our wonderful Student Representative Council members will be selling raffle tickets in their classrooms for $2.00 per ticket so please send along money with your child.

The more you buy the better the chances of winning.

All proceeds go to purchasing materials for the classrooms.

Tickets can also be purchased from the office.

Welcome back Sarah.

Sarah Merry will be teaching Indonesian again this year. Sarah has been visiting classes in grades Foundation to Four.

The 25th April, 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the landing by the ANZAC at Gallipoli. This week I have spoken with our grades five and six students about establishing a flag pole area on the terraced lawn adjacent to the school hall to commemorate this event. Together we have planned a project that we will now present to MP Rob Mitchell for inclusion in the grant applications for the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program.

The project will involve establishing a new garden bed, installing two white flagpoles, installing external speakers on the hall, displaying a commemorative plaque and planting out the garden bed. If successful we hope to have it completed for this year’s Remembrance Day in November.

Prior to submitting our application, I invite any members of our school community to share their ideas. Please contact me if you would like to contribute any ideas.

With thanks, Rhonda Cole
WOW! ... WHAT'S ON @WANDONG

May
Thursday 1st— Gr 5/6 Winter sports training permission form due today

Wednesday 7th — School photographs

Thursday 8th — Mother’s Day stall
    - Student leadership cluster event—Upper Plenty
    - Scholastic Book Club money and orders due

Friday 9th—Mother’s Day stall (extra) and raffle drawn at assembly

Monday 12th—School Council meeting—6:00pm

Tuesday 13th—Parents and Friends Ass. Meeting—(9:15am in the staffroom.)

Friday 16th—Crazy Hair day—gold coin donation

Tuesday 20th—2014 School tour—9:30—11:00am
    - Thinklinks 12:30pm—1:30pm

Thursday 22nd—5/6 Excursion money and form due today.

June

Tuesday 3rd—Thinklinks 12:30pm—1:30pm

Monday 9th—Queen’s Birthday public holiday

Tuesday 10th — Curriculum day — no students at school.

Thursday 12th—2014 School tour—9:30—11:00am
    - Thinklinks 12:30pm—1:30pm

The following notices were sent home this week:

Whole school:
Individual grade levels:

Foundation: PMP notice
    Active After School notice

One/Two: Active After School notice

Three/Four: 3/4 Camp info pack

Five/Six: 5/6 Winter Sports notice
    5/6 Camp info pack

All notices are uploaded to the school website. Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in the grade level trays.

New Faces

Wandong Primary School welcomes eight pre-service teachers this term. They will all be observing our staff in classrooms learning and teaching various lessons.

Welcome — Leah McWhinney, Helen Mortimer, Maddison Ribarich, Amy Kerr, Sonia Kapur, Semra Gudogan, Michelle Ericson and Anita John.