30th May 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!

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

164 families at WPS. Completed payments = 59% (97 families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Charlie Broderick - (Trying her best at all learning tasks)
Prep G: Dominik McKinlay - (Helping his classmates)
1/2 C: Justine Nastevski - (An excellent retell of ‘Rumpelstiltskin’)
1/2 H: Ella Harris - (Trying hard all week)
1/2 M: Lawrence Baggio - (Great effort in Reading)
3/4 C: Patrick Allsop - (Showing a mature attitude to his learning)
3/4 S: Dylan Al Kadhimi - (Concentrating on his learning)
3/4 Y: Austin Tennant - (Showing the school value ‘Doing Your Best’ with enthusiasm and a smile)
5/6 E: Sarah Wootton - (A fantastic effort writing and performing her debate)
5/6 K: Mikayla Gibbons - (A fantastic advertisement about Wandong)
5/6 P: Jordan Nativo - (Displaying the value of ‘Doing Your Best’ in Numeracy)

PUPIL FREE DAY This Friday, 1st June

Students not required at school.
A Message from the Principal....

Dear Families,

**Good Luck Mrs Smith:** Last week we farewelled Mrs Smith as she headed off to have a few weeks rest before the pending arrival of her new “bub” towards the end of June. In her absence, Miss Pratt and Miss Chisholm will oversee the Literacy role at our school. Both staff will remain as full time classroom teachers (as does Mrs Langdon with her Numeracy role) but will be released one hour per fortnight to fulfil their additional duties. I am confident that both staff will do a magnificent job as is evidenced by their precise classroom Literacy programs.

**School Review/Parent feedback:** Many thanks to the six parents who attended the Parent Feedback Forums last week to provide feedback on our school and to suggest ideas for future direction as is required for our school review. However, I would like to gain feedback from a wider base, thus have included the feedback proforma in the newsletter this week. I encourage parents to fill in the proforma if possible and return it to the school.

**Great News - Student Welfare Grant successful:** Mid last year I was invited to participate in a meeting of community representatives with the previous Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, as he did a follow up visit to Wandong to check on the progress of the town following the Black Saturday Bushfires. At those discussions he questioned me about our school. My main comment to him was that ALL schools needed a dedicated person to assist and support students/families with welfare and wellbeing issues – even more-so after a natural disaster.

Soon afterwards, applications were sought for a Commonwealth funded “National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program”. I immediately applied, hoping to expand our chaplaincy support program as this had recently been wound up due to the ending of the Bushfire Support Money. (That money had been used to employ our school chaplain.) In the application I stipulated we needed a staff member new to the school in a “Student Welfare/Wellbeing” role. I am pleased to announce that we were successful. I am waiting to be informed of the next step in the process but am looking forward to interviewing prospective applicants in the not so distant future. The position will run for a three year period and will greatly benefit our students and their families. Stay tuned for more details once the position has been filled. Yeah!!

**Disco Success:** Well done to our Wakakirri students who ran a hugely successful disco on Friday night. Despite the horrible weather, they raised over $419 which will be used to fund the cost of buses to transport our students to Moonee Ponds for the event in term three. The disco could not have run without the support of Miss Cachia, Mrs Craeford, Mrs Beer and Miss Giacomini - all of whom did a great job of organising dance-offs, serving food, monitoring the door and generally having great fun! Thank you!!!

**Pupil Free Day: Friday 1st June:** A reminder that this Friday will be a pupil free day. Staff will use the day to work on semester one student reports. Having worked at seven schools over my career, I cannot commend our staff highly enough for the magnificent standard of reports that they produce. We have worked diligently over the past four years to make each report detailed and specific to each individual student – even supporting teacher comments with specific quotes from student work. This year, for the first time, our specialist reports will contain specify skill-related comments in at least one key focus area of learning.

On average, it takes each teacher over one hour to complete each student report as they are required to cross check a range of data with their ongoing assessment records. Reports will be sent home to families on Friday 22nd June. The following week, students will share their learning with their family at our annual Student Learning Conferences on either Monday 25th or Wednesday 27th June. Booking sheets for these conferences will be sent home to families within the coming week.

Rug up, stay warm and have a great week,

*Rhonda Cole*
Winter Weather: Please ensure students bring a coat or warm jacket to school so that they can “add another layer” before they head outside on cooler days. (Coat and jackets can be any colour.) Coloured scarves are also permitted, but these must be tucked inside the coat or jumper to ensure “accidental strangulation” does not occur. Winter beanies are most welcome but these must be navy blue—Ros has a supply for sale through the office. If the weather is extremely poor, or the wind is severe, we do keep students indoors over the recess and/or lunch break. BRRR!!

**MUFFIN BREAK ORDERS**

Have you ordered your Muffin Break Muffins?

The Muffin Man is coming on delivery day so get your orders in by next Wednesday.

MITRE 10 EXCURSION

This morning a small group of students presented constructions to Dan and Dani from “The Block”. A great time was had by all! In next week’s newsletter, we will provide additional information on the fun outing.

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

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Total absence days across the school for this year {516}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

One/Two unit (88% full attendance)

Amazing attendance effort team!
WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

Community Notices

**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

**Daikin Split Systems for Sale**

We have two split systems for sale that were removed from two of our portables. Both in working condition.

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**MAY**

Thursday 31st May  - Buddy Bear National Day - Wear purple - gold coin donation
Thursday 31st May  - One/two unit walking to L.B. Davern Reserve

**JUNE**

Friday 1st June  - Pupil free day (Report Writing day)
Wednesday 5th June  - Final day for Muffin orders to be placed
Thursday 7th June  - Five/six radio awareness incursion
Monday 11th June  - Queen’s Birthday holiday - no school
Thursday 14th June  - Parent’s Club meeting — 9:15am in the staffroom
Thursday 14th June  - Division Cross Country
Thursday 14th June  - One/two unit walking to L.B. Davern reserve
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
Tuesday 19th June  - School Council meeting - 6:00pm
Wednesday 20th June - Muffin order pickup day at school
Friday 29th June  - Term two finishes 1:30pm

**JULY**

Monday 16th July  - Term three begins
Tuesday 17th July  - Life Ed starts this week
Thursday 19th July  - Parent’s Club meeting - 9:15am in the staffroom
Friday 20th July  - Wakakirri concert

**AUGUST**

Wednesday 1st August  - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
Thursday 2nd August  - Grade Five visit to Wallan SC
Wednesday 15th August - School House Sports day
Friday 17th August  - Curriculum Day - No students at school
Tuesday 28th August  - District Athletics Carnival
Friday 31st August  - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

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

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**Congratualtions.**

Green House were winners last week.

Our House Captain and Vice Captain - Macey Gibbs and Alex Marke are holding the winner’s trophy.
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.....$7.55 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

National Buddy Bear Day.
31st May 2012

To celebrate the Buddy Bear Program, our school is participating in a fundraiser for The Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

Wear all purple or something purple and bring a gold coin.
The Better Buddies will be teaching a special ‘kids only’ handshake throughout the day.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST BULLIES.

Toy Club–Toys up to 30% off!

Wandong Primary School Parent's Club have secured a 'shopping day' at the Mattel Toy Club on Saturday 16th June, 2012 in Derrimut. These shopping days are very hard to secure and there are only fifty tickets available. Each ticket is only $10.00 and numbered so please be very quick to secure your spot in this shopping extravaganza! Please contact the office to book your tickets.

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Community ICT

Our next session will be on Wednesday 6th June 2:30pm – 3:30pm. The session will explain and demonstrate how to best use the internet at home for educational purposes. I'll show you educational websites that you can use with your children and run through any safety concerns you may have when your children are online.

Community ICT Training Reply Slip

I (PRINT) .................................................................…………………..would like to attend the Community ICT training session on Wednesday 6th June on ‘Internet Use at Home’ from 2:30 – 3:30

Signed:……………………………………………………………………………………..
Opening Classroom Doors

1/2 C McLure

Writing
We have started writing our stories for Special Friend’s Day. We looked at the structure of a narrative and have made a good start on the beginning part of our stories! We look forward to finishing them and publishing them.

Reading
Our new iPads are a very exciting introduction to our reading program. We have been listening to lots of different stories on the iPads during our reading sessions to help us become better listeners and readers.

Investigations
Last week we painted our houses that we constructed in our Craft Power Incursion! We put two coats of paint on them as well as four windows and a door. Some children made hospitals, bird houses etc. The whole grade did a fantastic job and are very proud of themselves.

Literacy - Creating reading and writing opportunities at home
As readers and writers, children explore their world everyday beyond school and home. It’s important at home that you:

- share family histories and stories through talking. Encourage your child to talk to older family members.
- discuss television shows or films that you have watched together.
- encourage your child to develop their own library of books.
- talk about world events and encourage your child to look at the different sides of the story to form their own opinions.
Opening Classroom Doors

Students in 3/4Y have been busy researching, designing, making power point presentations, dioramas and posters in readiness for their presentations to the grade 1/2 students later in the term on their Inventor and Inventions. We will present on a wide range of inventors.

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All of the students (and their teacher) are quite excited as the presentation day is fast approaching. The students are very proud of their hard work and research skills.

Good luck to all 3/4 students for your presentations at the end of this term.

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 and contact 03 5781 1591
Thinklinks - Team Crawford

Last Tuesday in Thinklinks - Team Crawford made chocolate spiders. We worked together to melt the chocolate and then we each decorated our own spiders. It was lots of fun.

We did this as part of Food Allergy Awareness Week last week. It is important for everyone to be aware of anaphylaxis as we have students in our school who suffer from it.


This week we made Party Cup Cakes which is also from this website.

Trivia Night

Time: 7:00pm
Date: June 15th
$5 per person
Tables of 4

At the Wandong Primary School Hall

Please see Emma Cachia in Room 1 or call the school on 57871232 to book your table NOW!!!!

Types of Questions
Sport
Music
Nursery Rhymes
Animals
Cartoons
Geography

Lots of prizes to be won!!
There will be a raffle drawn on the night!!

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.