31st July, 2013

‘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!

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161 families at WPS.
96 Completed payments
= 59%
(families)

Have you recently asked your child/ren:

‘What did you learn today?’

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week”.

Prep C: Alicia-Rae McCrum—(Showing the value of kindness)
Prep G: Shelby D’Silva—(Drawing a detailed map of our school)
1/2 H: Jake Roewer—(Doing a fantastic job at sounding out his words)
1/2 M: Lindsay Chalker—(Showing kindness towards others)
1/2 Z: Hayleigh White—(Fantastic story writing)
3/4 B: Toby Duncan—(Showing a positive attitude at school)
3/4 L: Alex Green—(Helping his teacher and peers)
3/4 Y: Will Vicary—(Displaying Perseverance during multiplication activities)
5/6 E: Cayden Barlow—(Writing a very interesting fable)
5/6 K: Coby Hustler—(Writing an interesting fable with a thoughtful lesson)

Open Night Tonight at School

Literacy and Numeracy Week 2013
A Message from the Assistant Principal......

New Seating in Grade 6 area
Thank you to Peter Drofenik, Rhonda Cole and the grade 5/6s for helping me with the installation of new seating in the grade 5/6 area on Friday. As well as the seating being installed, a small group of grade 5/6s also weeded and mulched the garden beds. The seating looks great and once a few smaller tasks are completed, the grade 6 area will look sensational!

Family Games Night – Literacy and Numeracy Week
National Literacy and Numeracy Week is an Australian Government initiative that celebrates the literacy and numeracy skills of young people in schools. National Literacy and Numeracy Week runs from Monday 29 July to Friday 4 August 2013. Tonight, we will be holding our inaugural family games evening. Throughout the evening, classroom teachers will run a range of fun activities for families and students to help them explore literacy and numeracy. Activities begin at 6:00pm and conclude at 7:30pm. We hope to see you there.

ThinkLinks
Yesterday, ThinkLinks began for semester two. ThinkLinks groups will look a little different this term with seven boys only groups and seven girls only groups. It will be interesting to see what the groups come up with for their activities. A list of activities will be in next week’s newsletter.
If you would like to help out during ThinkLinks, the next session will be on Tuesday 13th August at 12:30pm.
Peer Mediators
Congratulations to Hayley Mumberson, Lachlan Tayler, D’arcy Bourke, Liam Cram, Shelby Reeves, Jeremy Nastevski, Kaleb Macpherson and Hayden Lee who have completed their peer mediator training and have begun their mediator role at recess and lunchtimes for this term. These students take great pride and responsibility in their role and it is great to see them being respected in the yard by their peers. Great job guys!

Achieving High Expectation – Posture Police Awards
As a school, we have been focusing on achieving High Expectations in specific areas across the school. We are having great success with our student management focus of students getting to class on time after recess and lunchtime and we are also seeing a decrease in the number of students arriving late in the mornings. Our High Expectation curriculum focus across the school is: for students to display correct posture in every classroom situation. The reason for this High Expectation is to ensure; improved student level of engagement, quality of work, communication with peers and staff and personal health benefits. To encourage students to achieve these expectations we have established the ‘Posture Police Awards’. Each week, Mrs Cole and I will randomly come into classrooms to consider which students have the correct posture. When students are sitting on the floor we will be looking for; appropriate upright sitting position (eg: legs crossed or together at the side), body facing the person talking, hands on knees, personal space between each other and students not leaning against anything. When at their tables, we will be looking for students; displaying an upright body position (no slouching or leaning on elbows etc), chair pulled in tightly to the table, elbows off the table, non-writing hand on book and both feet on the floor. The awards will be given out at assembly each week. It should be a bit of fun and we are looking forward to handing out the first awards this week.

Curriculum Day: A reminder to everyone that there will be no school on Friday 16th August as staff participate in professional learning.

Until next time,
Have a great week, Anthony Potesta

You are invited!
Wandong PS Social Committee would like to invite parents and friends to a morning tea at Café Vento on August 20th at 10:30am. Come along for a coffee and chat. We hope to see you there!
Student leadership team starts Club Kidpreneur!

Earlier in the year, the grade six leadership team attended the Student leadership conference in Melbourne and heard about Club Kidpreneur. Club Kidpreneur is a fun way of introducing children to running a business … with a sense of charity. As a school, we signed up to be involved. We received four different business packs that contain all of the materials we need to make a successful business. Our leadership team will work in groups of three to create products which will then be sold. They will develop a business name and a marketing strategy. Once they have paid for the initial supplies, all additional funds become profit and they, as a team, decide upon a charity to which they will donate their money. We have four Club Kidpreneur teams:

Team one: Ben, Kristen and Tali
– making picture frames

Team two: Lewis, Hayley and Emily (absent)
– making key rings

Team three: Joshua, Alexandra and Chelsea
– making greeting cards

Team four: Zander, Kayley and Joelite
– making necklaces and bracelets.

Towards the end of term, we will hold a market day and sell our items to the school community. It all sounds very exciting, with the first day of production due to occur next Monday at lunchtime.
Student attendance in semester two:

“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: 26
(Total number of preps: 33)
Grade one/twos: 49
(Total number of 1/2s: 71)
Grade three/fours: 58
(Total number of 3/4s: 72)
Grade five/sixes: 58
(Total number of 5/6s: 68)

Total absence days across the school for this semester {53}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
Five/Six Unit
85% attendance
Well done 5/6 students!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY TOMORROW
THURSDAY 1st AUGUST 2013 FOR ISSUE No. 5

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG

August

Thursday 1st August - Book Club orders due today
Tuesday 6th August - Parents and Friends Assoc Meeting 9:00 in staffroom
Friday 9th August - Grade 1/2 incursion Farm Visit forms and money due today
Tuesday 13th August - School tour for 2014 new enrolments 2:30—3:30
Tuesday 13th August - Thinklinks 12:30—1:30pm
Thursday 15th August - Special Friend’s Day
Friday 16th August - Curriculum Day (No students at school)
Friday 16th August - Swimming expression of interest due
Tuesday 20th August - Social Committee gathering at Café Vento—10:30am
Thursday 22nd August - Grade 1/2 incursion—Mobile animal farm

September

Sunday 1st September - Father’s Day
Wednesday 11th September — Tony’s pies order and money due
Friday 20th September - End of term three
Friday 20th September - Grade six students netbook payments must be finalised

Congratulations Green House

Green House Captain and Vice-Captain, Emily Beauchamp and Chelsea Stamos are proudly holding the winner’s cup for team Green House.

Cadbury Chocolates

Thank you to all of the families who sold chocolates for the school.

We have received some chocolates back. If you can sell more chocolates please contact the office.
Writing in 5/6A

This week we have been looking at how to write fables. We have been reading Aesop Fables to give us ideas of how to structure our own fables. Aesop fables usually feature animals as the main characters that are taught a lesson, this is called the moral of the story. Here are some descriptions of fables we have written this week. We presented our fables as an e-book using Microsoft PowerPoint.

“My fable is about an elephant who can’t suck up any water. A pelican is flying and sees the elephant crying. Then the pelican asks what’s wrong with him. He says that he can’t suck up any water. So the pelican helps him by gathering water in his beak and putting it on his back. He comes back every single day to help him out. The moral of my story is you should help someone when someone cannot do it for themselves.” ~ Shani Hustler

“My fable has a kangaroo and a wolf who bump into each other. They have an idea to swap personalities so they know how it feels to be a wolf or a kangaroo. But they didn’t like it. It was too hard to be the other animal. So they swap back personalities. The moral of my story is it is hard to be someone you are not.” ~ Ryan Battistin

“My fable is about this woman who works in an office and a new man arrives and is never happy. One day she had lots of papers to sign and he helped her and from then they always help each other. The moral of my story is don’t judge a book by its cover.” ~ Jacinta Robinson

Wandong Outside School Hours Care

Term 3, Week 3

Hi everyone,

This week we have enjoyed dressing up for our play, the girls have been busy with the hair dressing and creating different hair styles on our models. Chad has enjoyed dressing up as a construction worker. We have board games and the guess who game is a favourite with the kids teaching me the characters that are included in the game. It’s been very cold outside so we haven’t been out this past few weeks but we have plenty of activities inside. Kids need to remember their jumpers if we venture outside. I am looking forward to this coming week with a lot more to do in our drama and dress ups. See you all on Monday.

Regards,

Julie Tennant.

We are still taking expressions of interest for care on the coming Curriculum day on Friday 16th August. Email Mick at mick7@live.com.au to submit your interest by the end of this week!

Childcare rebate and benefit available for all before school, after school and holiday programs; saving you more than 50%!

For information and bookings please visit www.ssoshc.com.au or Ph: 5781 1300

SSOSHC blog: ssoshc.blogspot.com.au
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
PIE DRIVE

We have organised with TONY’S PIES OF ESSENDON to conduct a Pie Drive.

Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Wednesday, 18th of September**.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make. Make your choice from the list below and return your order with the correct money or cheque by **Wednesday, 11th of September**.

We need the support of everyone to make this fundraising a success.

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**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL”**
Open Night Tonight at School

On Wednesday 31st July, between 6.00pm and 7:30pm, you are invited to come and see your child complete his/her Numeracy Fluency task and enjoy a Literacy activity together.

A fun night for all !!!

Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles are all welcome.
See you there.

Wandong Primary School