27th November 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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

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106 completed payments = 65% (families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our ‘Students of the week’

Prep C: Latoyia Tapp—(Writing an interesting letter to Rapunzel)
1/2 H: Cooper Meulenmeesters—(Showing fantastic improvement with his writing)
1/2 M: Kyle Bittles—(Being a kind and helpful class member)
1/2 Z: Lachlan Barnes—(Participating well in all class discussions)
3/4 B: Samantha Granieri—(Being a caring and helpful member of the class)
3/4 L: Mohamad Al Ghazawi—(Trying hard with making his simple machine)
3/4 Y: Bridgette Davies—(Displaying the school value ‘Doing your best’ in everything she does)
5/6 A: Hayley Mumberson—(Writing a fantastic portfolio)
5/6 E: Cody Draper—(An improved attitude towards all learning tasks)
5/6 K: Sarah Mendola—(Working hard on all tasks set for her)

This Thursday, 5th December is out of uniform day.
Please come out of uniform and bring a donation for the Christmas hampers which will be raffled on the night of the Christmas concert on Thursday 18th December.
A Message from the Principal …..

The end of the year is fast approaching, with still so much to tuck in. As we work through this very busy time, we still find the time to participate in special activities.

Hosting Dianella residents: Last Friday our grade five students did an amazing job at hosting the elderly residents from Dianella Aged Care Hostel in Kilmore. The students visited the village on four occasions during the 2013 year and now it was our turn to look after the residents. During the first two hours of the day, all grade five students prepared the food, making delicious sandwiches and whipping up two batches of scones. The jam was added, the cream dolloped on top and the cuppas made….. then the residents arrived.

Our students were amazing—serving the residents and ensuring they had sufficient to eat. Recently we have applies for a FRRR grant to enable us to do more with the residents into the future — possibly taking them shopping and even an outing to the movies. If successful, our grant money will pay for bus travel and entry to a few special places and we will be able to enjoy some excursions together.

It is beautiful to see the joy on the faces of both the residents and our students. This is certainly a very valuable and rewarding program that we run at this school, and it just goes to show that learning can happen anywhere and at anytime.

Transition:

2014 Foundation Students (Preps): Our official transition process has finished for our 2014 Foundation students with their final event being a teddy bears picnic on the oval with their grade and teacher this week. The students are now all very well prepared for next year and we thank their families for working with us to ensure a smooth start to their schooling.

2014 Grades one-six: Staff are currently organizing grade groupings for our 2014 grade one - six students. This is a HUGE task - ensuring we attempt to create the best learning groups across the whole school. We realise parents have ideas and concerns, and some have shared these with us, however please be accepting of our final decisions as we have to consider 262 students and their needs for next year. A massive task to accomplish.

Due to the grade five/six school camp being in the second last week of this term, it is highly unlikely that students will visit their new classrooms and meet their teacher until the last week of school. We are not overly happy with this as usually we begin in the second last week, however we need all teachers to be here for the transition sessions.

It is planned that staff new to the school in 2014 will be able to attend at least one of the three transition sessions planned.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea:

Just a reminder to all of our wonderful parent and friend helpers to keep next Monday 9th December beginning at 10:45—11:30 free to join us in a special thank you morning tea from the school. Invitations will be sent home this week.

Best wishes Miss Cachia…. Soon to be Mrs Castle.

On Saturday Miss Cachia will take the big plunge and marry her fiancé Dean. We wish both of them a lifetime of happiness together. Best wishes for a wonderful day.
A Message from the Principal …..cont

School Council: Our final School Council for 2014 was held at Hogan’s Hotel on Monday evening. Following the meeting, the members enjoyed a nice meal together as our school’s way of saying thanks for their hard work and dedication. We are extremely grateful that we have an efficient and cooperative membership for School Council, as this allows for quick decision making and ongoing focus on continuing to improve our school. I would like to formally thank all School Council members for their dedication and support during the 2013 school year.

Principal Helpers: What great help Caitlin, Charlyse and Ruby were on Monday when they assisted me as mini principals—their prize for completing 150 nights of home reading. The girls completed five very important tasks throughout the day—organizing lists for 2014 grade placements (no names just blank grids), sorting the kitchen cupboards in the hall, placing important information into envelopes, organizing 2015 enrolment forms (yes we have enquiries already!!!) and watering the plants. Thanks for your help girls—it was much appreciated.

Have a great week, Rhonda Cole

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200 Nights of Home Reading — Pizza at the Park!

Wednesday 18th December 2013.

The time is fast approaching for us to enjoy a pizza lunch at LB Davern Reserve. We will be enjoying our yummy lunch on Wednesday 18th December.

This week, invitations/order forms will be sent out to all students who have already completed their 200 nights of home reading. We will continue to add names onto the list until Friday 13th December so if you are nearly there, ….. keep reading.

Please make sure all order forms are returned promptly as we have LOTS of students attending this year and want to ensure we order for everyone.

Could all outstanding library books please be returned to the office. Borrowing services will be suspended soon due to the year end. Invoices will be issued for outstanding books and students will be unable to borrow next year.

1 / 2 M OUT IN THE SANDPIT

Last week 1 / 2 M went outside into the sandpit to measure containers of sand for our Numeracy topic on CAPACITY. It was a lovely sunny day and we all worked co-operatively in groups of 4 or 5 students. We estimated how many cups it would take to fill different sized containers. We counted the cups of sand to measure each different sized container. Some containers took lots of sand and others didn’t take much sand at all. It was fun measuring cups of sand.
Posture Police Award

Congratulations to last week’s winners, Corbin Mundy and Grace Hannemann who demonstrated the correct posture when completing their school work.

Gold Certificates

Congratulations to Emmeline Nastevski and Felix Hughes. Both students have received three gold tickets throughout the year.

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG

December

Thursday 5th - Out of uniform day - bring a donation for the Christmas raffle

Friday 6th - Swimming program
  - Tour de Wallan (Grade 5/6)

Monday 9th - Parent helper morning tea

Tuesday 10th - Grade 6 Orientation Day—government schools

Wednesday 11th–13th —Grade 5/6 camp

Wednesday 11th—Grade 3/4 Xmas excursion party

Monday 16th - Grade six graduation

Wednesday 18th - Pizza in the park with the Principal for 200 nights reading

Wednesday 18th - School Christmas concert 7.00pm

Thursday 19th - Grade 1/2 end of year excursion/party

Friday 20th - Last day of the school year 1:30pm finish

January 2014

Thursday 23rd - Book pickup day 9:00 until 12:00pm

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations 50 nights reading:
Patrick Marks

Congratulations 100 nights reading:
Corey Stone, Riley van Weenan

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
William Bellman

Congratulations 200 nights reading:
Lucas Webb, Karlee Rae Ritchie, Georgia Paxinos, Felix Hughes

Congratulations 250 nights reading:
Emily Beauchamp, Jack Leithhead, Emmeline Nastevski, Zoe Dwyer, Skylar Marshall, Wala AlGhazawi