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!

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week”.

Prep C: Felix Hughes—(Persisting with his Number Fluency task)
Prep G: Connor Allsop—(Reading with confidence)
1/2 H: Kaitlin O’Neill—(Fantastic story writing)
1/2 M: William Bellman—(Great attempts at all writing tasks)
1/2 Z: Reuben McMaster-Christensen—(Working hard to focus during listening times)
3/4 B: Jessica Darbyshire—(Quietly applying herself to get ‘the job done’) 
3/4 L: Hayden O’Sullivan—(Listening carefully during a whole class focus)
3/4 Y: Gavin McDonald—(Working enthusiastically during Australian History)
5/6 A: Emily Beauchamp—(An excellent science fiction narrative and trying her best in Maths)
D’arcy Bourke—(Enthusiastically participating in all learning tasks)
5/6 E: Kimberley Coad—(Writing an interesting narrative)
5/6 K: Joshua Selvaggio—(Enthusiastically tackling hurdles during sport and winning)
A Message from the Principal......

Family Games Night:  Many thanks to the families who attended our Family Games Night last Wednesday evening. It was delightful to watch students as they challenged their family members in a series of Literacy and Numeracy games. Our students are very independent with their daily Number Fluency tasks and they eagerly shared with their family how they count, add, subtract or divide in order to develop the skills to be able to complete these tasks fluently.

New toilets are on the way!  Last year our school buildings were audited by the government with a view to highlighting the buildings that may need repair or replacement. Our portable toilet block near the back gate was listed as needing some major maintenance. The building is well over 35 years old and needs work on the roof, floor, internal and external walls. Over the holidays I was able to “negotiate” for the building to be completely removed and replaced with a smaller, but new, portable toilet building. Our new building will have four girl’s cubicles, two boy’s cubicles and one urinal. Even with this reduction of toilet spaces we are still within the expected numbers for the total school enrolment when we add on the other toilet block near the art room. The external part of the new building will match our newest portables with green and cream exterior. This is a great result for our school and we now await confirmation of the process for removal and replacement of the current old toilet block.

First aid and CPR training:  On Thursday during the day and evening, many of our staff attended first aid training or completed their CPR updates. As a school we have at least one staff member in each teaching and learning team fully qualified as well as integration aides, office staff, Mr Potesta and myself all up to date with training.

Student Cluster leadership afternoon:  On Thursday afternoon, our grade six leadership team hosted students from Beveridge, Wallan, Kilmore and Broadford Primary Schools. They spent the session looking at teamwork and enjoyed creating some wonderful towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. Students had to work cooperatively across schools to ensure their tower had a strong foundation and was not top heavy. Our next session will be at Broadford Primary School in September.

Peer Mediators:  Last week we introduced our semester two peer mediators. Some students, Lachlan Tayler and Jeremy Nastevski were unavailable for the photo, so we have captured them today. Well done to all of our current peer mediators for their great assistance to students in the school yard.

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole
Primary school children are eager to learn what helps them grow big & strong. Teaching them the right lessons from the start helps them build healthy minds & bodies, and a strong foundation for academic performance.

Student Welfare Program is a voluntary program that assists the school community to support the social & emotional wellbeing of students and families. *Appointment required if you wish to speak with Toni. Please contact the office.

Second hand Uniform Sale:
Do you need a school jumper or jacket......?

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale before assembly this Friday in the hall foyer from 2:30 p.m. and again on Monday morning from 9:00 — 9:30 a.m. (assuming we have items left over.)

First in gets the best goodies.

Planning for 2014.

Exiting students:
We are now in the initial stages of planning for the 2014 school year. To assist us with staffing, please indicate if your child WILL NOT be returning to Wandong Primary School next year. (Please fill this in even if you have told the office.)

Child’s name/s: ................................................................................................................. Room/s: ............

New arrivals:
Alternatively, if you know of a relative/friend who we should be expecting next year (ie: new enrolment), please list their details below so we can check these against our records.

Their name: .................................................. Your name: ........................................

Please return to the office by Friday if possible. Thank you!
Posture Police Awards

Congratulations to our very first ‘Posture Police’ award recipients.

- Piper Hobson
- Alicia-Rae McCrum

For demonstrating the correct posture when completing school work.

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: 21
(Total number of preps: 33)
Grade one/twos: 40
(Total number of 1/2s: 71)
Grade three/fours: 53
(Total number of 3/4s: 72)
Grade five/sixes: 42
(Total number of 5/6s: 68)

Total absence days across the school for this semester {141}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

Three/Four Unit
73% attendance

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations 50 nights reading:
Andrew Dowell, Hayden O’Sullivan

Congratulations 100 nights reading:

Congratulations 150 nights reading:
Emily Beauchamp, Quinn Hughes, Jack Trenfield, Shelby Reeves, Joshua Selvaggio, Lewis Kambouris, Sarah Dwyer, Brooke Mazzarella, Charlie Broderick, Joshua Drury, Zoe Dwyer.
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.

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

When is it due?
Hard Hill Farm visit form and money due on 9th August, 2013.

Prep camp form and money due 9th September, 2013

Tony’s pie order and money due 11th September, 2013

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG

**August**

Friday 9th August  
- Grade 1/2 incursion Farm Visit forms and money due today

Friday 9th August  
- Second hand uniform sale 2:30 p.m. in hall foyer

Monday 12th August  
- Second hand uniform sale 9:00-9:30 p.m. in hall foyer

Monday 12th August  
- School Council meeting—6.00pm

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 at Wallan—10:30am

Wednesday 21st August  
- Storytime—12:35am—1:30pm in the school library

Thursday 22nd August  
- Grade 1/2 incursion—Mobile animal farm

Wednesday 27th August  
- Father’s Day Stall

Thursday 29th August  
- Storytime—12:35am—1:30pm in the school library

**September**

Sunday 1st September  
- Father’s Day

Friday 9th September  
- Prep camp money and form due today

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
Numeracy and Literacy Games Night

Last week was Literacy and Numeracy week. Thank you to all visitors who came along to our Literacy and Numeracy activities last Wednesday night. We had lots of people come through the school and the children were all very excited to show their special visitors their NFA tasks and their Literacy game. It was great to see many smiling faces, as the adults and children participated in the activities together.
Kids at Sea Production Update

The Grade 5/6 Production rehearsals are running smoothly this term. Students are progressing well with learning lines and performing songs and dances. A note will go home soon to families of Grade 5/6 students to inform you of the date and venue for our production.

Thank you kindly to Chris Brincat for his kind donation of cardboard which will assist us to start constructing some of our bigger props and parts of set.

We are desperately seeking the following props. If you are able to lend or donate to us any of the following items we would be very appreciative. Please send these items to any Grade 5/6 classroom.

- Wooden chest
- walking stick
- thick rope
- old tennis racquet
- old suitcase
- lantern
- Rescue ring
- oars
- leis
- fancy chair
- colourful cushions
- barrels

Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport

Congratulations to all students who participated in our Winter sports on Friday 26th August playing against schools in our local community playing netball, t-ball and soccer. Despite the bitterly cold temperature, students braved the cold weather and played all games in good spirit demonstrating a positive attitude and good sportsmanship. Thank you to parents who came and supported our teams on the day. Here is a brief update of results,

Soccer

Wandong won 1 out of 3 games and only lost by 1 point to St Patricks! Scores were as follows 5-0 win against Broadford, 0-1 loss against St Pats and 0-3 loss against Kilmore International.

Netball

The girls played well as part of a team. Special mention goes to the girls who do not play netball out of school who picked up movements and positions quickly. Netballers won 3 out of their 4 games and narrowly missed out on going to the next round.

Tee - Ball

Wandong Primary School entered 3 teams to play tee ball. All teams played well. One of our teams went to the next round in the Whittlesea division last week, but unfortunately came up against some powerful hitters!
FETE
Friday 11th October
2:30pm - 7pm

Wandong Primary School

BBQ
Cake Stall
Drinks
Lolly Jar
Lucky Dip
Jumping Castle
Showbags
Ice Creams
Face Painting
Crazy Hair & Games
White Elephant