Congratulations to our “Students of the Week."

Prep B: Charli McClure - (Helping others at all times)
Prep G: Dakota Patrick - (Writing an interesting recount about a lizard)
1/2 B: Bridgette Davies - (Always showing the school value of ‘Friendship’)
1/2 C: Quinn H - (Trying really hard with his handwriting)
1/2 H: Jesse-James Bult - (Being a good friend to others)
3/4 L: Tara Sibun - (Excellent contribution in reading groups)
3/4 M: Joellee Coter - (Always doing her best)
3/4 S: Coby Hustler - (Being a motivated learner)
5/6 E: Cassie Pace - (Following the school value ‘Doing Your Best” when working with the prep students)
5/6 K: Mason Reeves - (Approaching transition sessions with maturity)
5/6 P: Lauren Jillett - (Showing persistence in her learning)
5/6 Y: Tessa Lunn - (Consistent efforts on her Writer’s Gift)

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:

Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
A Message from the Principal....

“Permission to Shine” Regional DEECD Award—
“Outstanding Education Support Team” - Wandong Primary School

Last Friday I attended the Hume Region’s “Permission to Shine Awards” in Benalla. These regional awards recognize outstanding work within school settings in the areas of teaching and learning, education support, partnerships with community and student wellbeing. I had nominated our Education Support staff for the award due to their commitment to their roles, their teamwork, their support for each other (and all students) and the way in which they individually, and as a team, strive to improve their own capacity. It was a huge delight when their names were called out to receive the award. Congratulations to our team of Ros, Jane, Helen, Annie, Donna, Tracey, Rita and Grace. We really do think your are marvellous! The award is on display in the school foyer.

Pictured below are Rita, Donna, Annie and Tracey accepting the award on behalf of all the ES staff.

Our great ES team.... Ros, Jane, Helen, Annie, Donna, Tracey, Rita and Grace. Congratulations!

Grade Placements for 2012: Our staff have begun to process of organising students into their 2012 class groupings. Our first priority is learning - and we ensure that students are placed into grades within learning groupings that ensure no child is “out on a limb”. Each classroom will have three or four learning ability groups. Our next priority is friendships. We do try our best to ensure each students is with one of the friends they have chosen, however rarely this cannot always be the case as sometimes “yard” friends are not always the best influences for learning. We trust you will support our decisions as educators. Students will meet their 2012 grade “mates” in the second last week of school as part of our regular transition program.

Pizza at the Park with the Principal: I am very much looking forward to a fun lunchtime at LB Davern Reserve on Friday 16th December, celebrating 200 nights of home reading with our super readers. Students who have achieved this challenge should have received an invitation last week. Please return your slip to the office by Monday 12th Dec.

Grant from Bendigo Bank: Last Tuesday evening I attended the Annual General Meeting and night of celebration for the Wallan Bendigo Bank. Our school captains, Bailey Denney and Lucy Linton, also accompanied me and received, on behalf of our school, a cheque for two thousand dollars. This will be added to the money we recently raised from our school fete for a large project in the near future. School Council will discuss this project at our December meeting.

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole
Christmas Raffle
You can start returning your Christmas raffle books to the office and if you can sell more, please ask for additional books.

Got to be in it to win it!

Congratulations!
Isobel Mumberson recently won a Senior Scholarship 2012 for Dancing.

Make a Wish—150 nights reading. A number of students have been granted their Reading Wish—helping as the new “Principal” of Wandong Primary School.

Many thanks to these students—Catherine, Shae, Samantha, Alaska, Stephanie.

At this busy time of the year, your help is much appreciated!

Congratulations!
Grace Hannemann was awarded a Pass with Credit in Practice of Music, First Grade, in the subject of Piano for Leisure.

Congratulations! 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 and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of lunch scraps. Last week’s total...$6.25

Wallan Venturer Scouts Disco
When: Friday 16th December 2011
Where: Wallan Scout Hall,
Cnr Windham St and Watson St, Wallan.
Time: Grade Prep-3 from 6 till 7.30pm
Grade 4-6 from 8 till 10pm
Cost: $3
Lucky Door Prizes, Hot food, snacks and lollies, Drinks, Icy poles, Glow Sticks. Prices from .20c-$2

The Kilmore Miniature Railway will be holding its last running day for 2011 this Sunday 11th December from 11am until 2pm.

The Railway is located in White Street next to the Kilmore Leisure Centre.
Rides are just $2

The next Running Day after this will be on Australia Day 2012.

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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: 29
(Total number of preps: 39)
Grade one/twos: 52
(Total number of 1/2s: 73)
Grade three/fours: 52
(Total number of 3/4s: 79)
Grade five/sixes: 55
(Total number of 5/6s: 85)

Total absence days across the school for this year {1996}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
Prep unit
74% attendance

Green House had the winning edge last week.
Well done to Green House. Proudly holding the winners cup for the team of Green house are Makayla Beauchamp and Brittany White.

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

Friday 9th December - Parents’ Club last meeting
Friday 9th December - Swimming
Sunday 11th December - School Rock Band playing at Wandong
Community Carols — L.B. Davern Reserve from 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 14th December - “Shaelea Day © WPS”— Out of school uniform and movie night fundraiser donations gratefully accepted)
Thursday 15th December - Grade Six Graduation
Friday 16th December - Pizza in the Park with the Principal (for 200 nights of home reading)
Monday 19th December - School Concert 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday 20th December - Grade five/six pool party
Wednesday 21st December - Grade three/four pool party
Thursday 22nd December - Last day of school for 2011 (Assembly at 1:00pm - 1:30pm finish)

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

Shaelea Day at Wandong Primary School
Wednesday 14th December

All families should have received a letter about our special day next Wednesday to raise funds to assist Shaelea in her rehabilitation. Remember to come to school in casual clothes during the day and make a coin donation and/or attend our movie night which starts at 6:30 in the hall (donation required) BYO Beanbag or sleeping bag. (Lollies and drinks will be on sale).

Thank you for your support!
Swimming Program
Term Four 2011

We are learning water safety and swimming skills—all at the same time and we have heaps of fun with our friends!

WANDONG FOOTBALL CLUB

Working Bee Sunday 11th December. Time: 8:00am onwards.
Pavillion landscaping.
B.Y.O Tools please!
3/4 Saunders- Learning through Mime

The 3/4’s inquiry unit this term is called ‘Influences on Me.’ Students have been looking at emotions. They had an assessment task that they did at home where they found facial expressions that represented particular emotions.

Using this knowledge the children in 3/4S, demonstrated the particular emotion through mime.

Peers then guessed the emotion. What fun!!

Our Amazing Body—5/6 Yaneff

In 5/6Y, we have been researching about our body and its systems. We worked in groups to draw a full sized model, by tracing around another student, then drew and labelled the main parts of the body. Next we worked with plasticine, in groups, to make different main parts of the body- mouth, large & small intestines, lungs, heart, kidneys, eyes, stomach and liver.

Emily & Teresa completing the heart jigsaw.

Kale, Alex Trent working on their lungs project.

Alaska and Stephanie completing the eye jigsaw.

The completed mouth project by Patrick, Tye, Reuben and Lachlan.

Jungle Kids Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Come along 22nd December from 2-4pm
All entry fees will be donated to The Breast Cancer Network Australia

Raffles  Door Prizes  Face Painting  Silent Auctions  Reward the Kids on their last day of school for 2011 with a great arvo at Jungle Kids

Where: Jungle Kids Indoor Playcentre & Cafe
2B Commercial Drive Wallan - Mel Ref 646 G11
Bec: 0411 051 270 Trinity: 0433 338 891
Ph: (03) 5783 4104