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 B: Ali Al Ghazawi - (Always having a go at his learning tasks)
Prep G: Georgia Gawley - (Co-operating with others and teaching them a Numeracy Game)
1/2 C: Kyle Bittles - (Persisting with his Numeracy and counting back from 30)
1/2 H: Eruera Tapp - (Settling well into his new school and making lots of friends)
1/2 M: Caitlyn Hemphill - (Displaying the value ‘Friendship’ by helping others in the classroom)
3/4 C: Jack Egan - (Showing the value ‘Responsibility’ during the week)
3/4 S: Hayley Mumberson - (Using descriptive language in her narrative)
3/4 Y: Pauly Morgan-Watt - (Always helping other students during Writing on the computer)
5/6 E: Cassidy Garratt - (Being very responsible helping Mrs Baker on Thursday)
5/6 K: Hayden Roewer - (Persevering with, and improving on, your term goals)
5/6 P: Laura Granieri - (Always showing the value ‘Care’ by being a good friend in the classroom and school yard)

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS:
Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.
A Message from the Principal....

Dear Families,

**Hume Regional Leadership Conference:** On Monday and Tuesday, Mr Potesta and I attended the Hume Region’s Leadership Conference held in Shepparton with other principals, assistant principals and regional staff. The focus of the conference was on investigating a range of teaching skills and techniques that will build upon our ability to deliver curriculum, measuring student progress more accurately and using collaboration in the teaching role. Key information will now be shared with the staff at our Monday afternoon professional learning sessions.

Mrs Smith and Miss Pratt are today attending the sessions related to curriculum leadership.

**There sure was Variety!!!** Congratulations to our Student Representative Council on a great “Variety” fundraiser last Thursday. Unusual outfits, clothes inside-out or back to front, odd socks and shoes………..the list goes on. The students were delighted to see the Variety Bash Vehicles at the school at recess and were “tickled pink” by the great paintwork and crazy sounding horns on the two cars. Thank you to Sue from Variety – the Children’s Charity and the gorgeous ‘lamb’ helper for coming along to our special day. Altogether we raised $302.35. A cheque for this amount will be presented by available members of our SRC to representatives from Variety – the Children’s Charity at a special event after school on the 21st March. Thank you for your great support!!

**Parent Helpers in the Classroom:** It was great to catch up with a group of prospective “Classroom Parent Helpers” last Thursday in the staffroom. Thanks to Annette Upton, Cathy Hemphill, Charmaine Fitzgerald, Sandra Bartolo, Lysa Phelan and Ashley Christensen for their attendance. Together we discussed a range of important topics including confidentiality, what to expect within the classrooms and what to do regarding student management. We also walked through how to introduce a book to students and how best to support their attempts to read. (This is valuable information for your reading time at home as well.) It is vitally important that I have these discussions with any classroom helpers, so if you are a parent new to this experience, please attend our second (repeated) session on Thursday 8th March at 3:00 p.m. in the staffroom.

**Prep Parents’ Coffee Morning:** The first ever Prep Parents’ Coffee morning was a big success last Friday with ten parents attending. Thank you to Kara, Amanda, Nick, Eleanora, Katalin, Carli-Anne, Kate, Danielle, Rachel and Penny for their input. After introductions, we casually discussed the highlight of having a child start school, along with some of the concerns or issues that families may have experienced. The morning routine and the transition to school were big discussions. The session was a great opportunity to share ideas and seek input from other parents in the same position. The time just flew! Our next coffee morning is planned for the beginning of term two. Stay tuned for the date in the coming weeks.
**Student Leadership:** Our new student leaders are all revved up and ready to go. They completed their first professional learning session last Tuesday, discussing roles and responsibilities and deciding upon the order of events for our weekly school assembly. They had the opportunity to practise their roles with the microphone – quite a daunting task when you are a new leader, and their first full assembly last week ran very smoothly. I’m sure they will all grow into confident, well organised leaders. They have spent the past few lunchtimes creating their Leadership Limousine for the Box car race next Thursday evening. Watch out here they come!

**Fire Drill:** Congratulations to all the students who participated in the practice fire drill last Thursday. For some of our new students and our preps it would have been the first fire drill they have been involved in. It was an ‘on site’ evacuation (to a secure brick building) and the time was recorded at 6 minutes. The students were calm and well behaved throughout the practice. Thank you to our visitors who also participated.

**Welcome:** The school would like to welcome students from Assumption College who will be circulating in our school, helping out in classrooms and other areas as part of a community service project. Welcome aboard!

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**Working Bee Reply Slip**

I (print).............................................................. will be able to attend the working bee on Friday 16th March (3:30 onwards)

I will be able to supply the following tools:

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Learn the art of cake decorating with highly regarded cake artist, 
Kylie Ballard.
Cake decorating classes being held at Wandong Primary School.
For future dates and for more information please visit my website
www.kyliecakes.net or
Email: kylie.cakes@hotmail.com
Ph: 0407 513 438

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2012 FOR ISSUE No. 2

WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

Thursday 8th March - Family Box Car Night
Thursday 8th March - Classroom Helpers session (repeat for those who missed it.) 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 8th March - Parent’s Club AGM (All welcome 9:15am)
Monday 12th March - Public Holiday — no school (Labour Day)
Tuesday 13th March - Adult classes for ICT - 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday 14th March - Book Club orders due today
Wednesday 14th March - Out of Uniform day. (Bring a donation for the Easter Raffle)
Thursday 15th March - Grade 5/6 Interschool sports tournament
Friday 16th March - Twilight Working Bee 3:30 - 7:00p.m.
Tuesday 20th March - Adult classes for ICT - 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday 23rd March - Hot Dog Lunch day
Friday 23rd March - Easter Raffle drawn at assembly
Tuesday 27th March - Bushwahzee Dance event
Friday 30th March - Netbook full payment due (if electing to purchase outright)
Friday 30th March - Term one ends (Assembly 1pm - school finishes at 1:30pm)

APRIL
Monday 16th April - Term two begins
Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day - Public holiday
Friday 28th April - Final payment for 2011 netbooks (current grade six students)

MAY
Tuesday 8th May - Mother’s Day stall
Wednesday 9th May - School photos
Tuesday 15th May - Forms and money due for District Cross Country - Pyalong

JUNE
Thursday 7th June - District Cross Country - Pyalong

(You can check the website for more information or forms)
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
Preps: 18
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 23
(Total number of 1/2s: 71)
Grade three/fours: 33
(Total number of 3/4s: 62)
Grade five/sixes: 37
(Total number of 5/6s: 82)

Total absence days across the school for this year: {142}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
Three/four unit
(53% full attendance)

Parent’s Club
Parent’s Club will be meeting in the school staffroom tomorrow morning at 9:15am.
Please come along and join in the discussions.
Toddlers and babies are all welcome.

HEAD LICE
From time to time throughout the year we have reports of Head Lice at school. Regularly check your child’s hair is the best method for detection.
Lice sometimes do not cause an itch, sometimes you need to look carefully to find them.
Please remember after treating your child’s hair, all bedding and hats need to be treated.
The following website can also provide information: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phb/headlice

HELP NEEDED!!
We need some helpers to contact new books that we have purchased. Once contacted, the new books can go out into classrooms.
If you can take some books and contact at home, please see Ros in the Office.

Muffin Break - Facebook
There is only one week left to cast your vote and pester your family, friends, work mates and neighbours into voting for Wandong Primary School.
We are currently first in Victoria and fourth on the grand leaders board.
We have a very good chance of winning so please vote before 13th March, 10am.

Congratulations Yellow House.
Yellow house have romped home with the winner total last week.
Proudly holding the winner’s trophy are our Yellow House Captain and Vice Captain - Hayley Cashen and Abby Hurst.
Wandong Tennis Club Lights Up

The Wandong Tennis Club would like to invite you to the Grand Opening Ceremony this Thursday 8th March 2012 at 7.30pm at the tennis courts for a BBQ and turning the lights on at dusk.

If anyone is interested in playing night tennis either socially or competition please contact Karen 5787 1061.

Community ICT Training Reply Slip

I (PRINT) ...........................................................................................................would like to attend the Community ICT training sessions on Tuesday 13th March and Tuesday 20th March from 6:30 – 7:30

Signed:............................................................................................................
First Aid Course Level 2
@ Wandong Primary School
Tuesday 8th May 2012
1pm - 7pm

Cost: $130
(Include light refreshments)

Course Contents include:
CPR, First Aid accidents/injuries
& using portable defibrillators.

If you are interested in attending
please complete the tear off slip
below and return it along
with a $50 booking fee.
The remainder of the money can
be paid on the day of the course.
There are limited places
available so be quick to secure
your place.

First Aid Course Level Two

I (print) .......................................................................................... will be attending the
First Aid course Tuesday 8th May, 2012 at the Wandong Primary School, beginning at 1pm
until 7pm.
I have enclosed $50.00 booking fee to secure my position and the remainder of $80.00 to be paid
on the day of the course.

Signed .........................................................................................
Bring your own picnic dinner.
Cans of soft drinks, ice creams and icy-poles will be available to purchase on the night.