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: James Mitsakis—(Showing a positive attitude and ‘I Can Do’ approach to swimming lessons)

Prep G: Trinity Hobson—(Confidently counting on from a two digit number)

1/2 C: Eloise Harrison—(Having an excellent attitude to all her learning)

1/2 H: Claire Selvaggio—(Wonderful writing all week)

1/2 M: Corey Frith—(Improved attitude to learning tasks)

3/4 C: Georgia Shingles—(Fantastic improvements with her reading comprehension)

3/4 S: Shelby Reeves—(Using a number of strategies to work out the volume of a container)

3/4 Y: Emma Drury—(Always presenting her home learning in a mature manner)

5/6 E: Jess Lees—(A brilliant effort when learning about Time this week)

5/6 K: Trent Cook—(Interesting reflections for his memory book)

5/6 P: Jenaya Curran-Simpson—(Always being a positive and helpful member of our class)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Oakes Day Dress up tomorrow
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

It’s been a short week this week with the running of the Melbourne Cup, but there is still plenty going on at school.

Kinder transitions

On Friday, the first of five prep transition sessions began. While the children were in classrooms readying themselves for school life, Mrs Cole ran an informal information session for the parents. The parent session covered a range of topics from beginning school life to uniforms. We will run another parent session in the coming weeks prior to the more formal information session on Monday 5th December.

Working bee – THIS FRIDAY!!

We are having our twilight working bee THIS FRIDAY! If you are able to attend, please return the reply slip below. There will be a BBQ and drinks for all those who attend. Jobs for this working bee will include; installation of a new tree near the cricket nets, installation of a new drain outside the 3/4 portables, installing prep art work pavers around the school, repairing brickwork and a general tidy up of the school. If you are available on Friday 9th November, please return the reply slip on page four in this newsletter.

Oaks Day Parade

Don’t forget the traditional Wandong Primary School Oaks Day Parade tomorrow. Be sure to dress up in your best race day outfits to be part of the parade. It is a fun day and we will kick off the parade around 9:10am. I wonder who will take home the coveted ‘best costume award’ this year..........?

Bike Ed

Over the past few weeks, Mr Fearn has been running the Bike Ed program with the grade five and six students. Next week, I will be heading out with Mr Fearn and the students on the ‘Say G’Day’ trail to practise our bike skills away from school. The Bike Ed program will conclude later in the term with a return ride to the Wallan Bike and Skate Park. It was a great event last year and everyone is looking forward to it once again.

Parent Letters: As a school, we do allow the opportunity for parents to provide the principal with any information relating to student learning that they wish her to consider when placing students into classes for 2012. Please note: This should not be related to teacher choice nor friendship groupings. It must be given in writing to the office before Friday 23rd November to be considered. Late information cannot be considered once planning has begun.

Toy Club

This is for all the bargain hunters out there! This is the last opportunity to purchase some cheap, and I do mean cheap, excellent Mattel toys for Christmas.

Wandong Primary School Parent’s Club have secured a ‘shopping day’ at the Mattel Toy Club on Saturday 24th November, 2012 in Derrimut. These shopping days are very hard to secure and there are only fifty tickets available. Each ticket is only $10.00 and numbered so please be very quick to secure your spot in this shopping extravaganza!

Please contact the office for booking and tickets.
Whittlesea Show

The weekend turned out some glorious weather for this year’s Whittlesea Show. As per previous years, our students entered the Creative Language and Art competitions. Congratulations to all our students who submitted work and to those that were award prizes and commendations for their work. We look forward to being a part of the show again next year. Some of the wonderful exhibits are displayed in the school foyer.

Evacuation Drill to the Church Car park

Last Thursday, we ran an emergency fire evacuation drill. The emergency siren sounded at 11:38am and by 11:45am, the whole school had assembled in a very orderly fashion in the church car park. The successful drill shows us that should a real emergency occur, we are confident that we can evacuate the school in a safe and timely manner. Thank you to staff and students for allowing for the disruption of normal class activities.

Hello and thankyou from our Student Welfare Officer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Cole, Mr Potesta, Ros, teachers, support staff and all the wonderful students and parents of Wandong Primary School for you warm welcome into your school community.

During term four, I will be implanting small group activities to get to know the children a little better. These programs will include:

- Tactile/sensory play groups
- Social interaction groups
- Transition groups ~ Kinder/prep
  ~ Grade six to Secondary school
- Empowering and resilience groups

This term I will be at Wandong Primary School Monday—Friday. If you would like to contact me for an appointment to discuss your child/rens health, wellbeing or welfare, please leave your name and contact details at the office so I can make an appointment at your convenience.

Cheers, Toni

Working Bee Reply Slip

I .............................................................. will be able to attend the working bee on Friday 9th November from 3:30 onwards.

I will be able to supply the following tools:

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Muffin Break Muffin Vouchers: Haven’t got your vouchers yet? Time is running out for this great bargain.

Earlier this year we were fortunate to win the Muffin Break Facebook competition. Half of the muffins were sold to families with the remainder of the muffins being provided through a voucher system. Vouchers are available for purchase through the newsletter or directly from the front office. What a great idea with the school holidays coming up. No doubt many of us will be at Epping Plaza enjoying endless hours of shopping over the holiday break and a cheap nice muffin with a nice cuppa will fill that hunger gap.

**Cost:** Each voucher will provide you with **FOUR** Muffin Break Weight Watchers Muffins

- Each voucher of four muffins costs **$8.00 each** (which totals **$2.00 per individual muffin**) or **3 vouchers**

(12 muffins) for **$20** (which totals $1.60 per muffin)

Vouchers can only be used at the **Epping Plaza store** and are valid until **31st December 2012**.

Don’t forget that these muffins can be frozen so they are also a cheap, nice lunch box filler.

Money raised is **all profit for the school** and will be used to pay for the instant turf we have laid on our new terraced area near the hall. Thank you for your support.

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**MUFFIN BREAK VOUCHERS:**

Family name: ……………………………………………..

Eldest child’s name: ………………………..  Grade: ……

Please send home ……………… voucher/s for four muffins

with my child at a cost of **$8.00 for one voucher** (4 muffins) or **$20.00 for three vouchers** (12 muffins).

I have enclosed $.......... with my order.      Signed: ……………………………………….

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**Congratulations to Grace**

Grace Hannemann was awarded a Pass with Honours in Practice of Music Second Grade in the subject of Piano.
Chook News....

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, nesting straw and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of lunch scraps.

Last week’s total...$10.05
(This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs which are available from the office)

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulation 100 nights reading:
Jack Leithhead,
Chad Ion,
Elijah Hazeldine,

Congratulation 150 nights reading:
Lily Hastilow,
Tatum Laughlin,
Hayley Agosta,
Lucas Vicary

Congratulation 200 nights reading:
Liam Cram,
Jedro Lunn,
Georgia Shingles,
Sarah Mendola,
Xavier Hemphill

Congratulation 250 nights reading:
D’arcy Bourke,
Alexandra Battistin,
Isaak, Harrison,
Lewis Kambouris,
Molly Libardi,
Zoe Warne

Uniform Shop
Any orders for uniforms can be placed at anytime at the office. The orders can be filled and picked up the next day. If there are any items out of stock, they will be ordered and delivered usually within one week.

Literacy ~ Story-telling
Story-telling is a great way to extend your child’s language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story.

Story-telling might be about:
• A favourite character from a book or television program.
• Another family member.
• Your child’s favourite toy.

Here are some tips to start your storytelling:
• Make it exciting, with different voices, puppets or props.
• Start with what interests your child.
• Create a character and setting.

Hidden Valley Junior Golf Fundraiser
Hidden Valley Golf Club’s junior golf program is holding its annual Cake Stall fundraiser THIS SATURDAY (10th Nov).
This year there will also be artwork for sale from local artist Maria Dee and the artists from Corridor Thirteen, who support creativity for all children. (10% of the money from all artwork sold will go towards Hidden Valley Junior Golf, with another 10% going to Corridor Thirteen to support art programs for disadvantaged youth).
The junior golf program at Hidden Valley has produced a number of promising young golfers, with some members now competing at State level, and a growing number of new members coming from Wandong and surrounding schools.
If you are able to support this event by baking or donating saleable items for our stall, please contact Mrs Lewis on 0414493092 as any help will be much appreciated!
WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG

NOVEMBER

Thursday 8th November - Parent’s Club Meeting 9:15amin the staffroom
Friday 9th November - Working Bee at school
Friday 9th November - Swimming Session
Tuesday 13th November - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
Thursday 15th November - Pizza Day (Parent’s Club)
Friday 16th November - Swimming Session
Friday 23rd November - Swimming Session
Friday 23rd November - Grade one sleepover
Friday 23rd November - Grade two camp and sleepover
Tuesday 27th November - Thinklinks session (12:30pm—1:30pm)
Friday 30th November - Swimming Session
Friday 30th November - Beach Party Disco (Starting at 7pm a

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd December - Payment for 2013 Mathletics due
Monday 3rd December - Information Evening for 2013 Prep parents
Tuesday 4th December - Parent’s Club lunch
Thursday 6th December - Out of uniform day (xmas hamper collection)
Friday 7th December - Swimming Session
Friday 7th December - Prep ‘Camp’
Friday 21st December - Last day of term four (1:30 finish)

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

Student attendance in semester two:

“EYES ON THE TARGET”

Staying below 750 absent days for semester three and four.
(approx 3.5 absent days per child)

Number of students per grade level at school every day last week.

Preps: 33
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 50
(Total number of 1/2s: 67)
Grade three/fours: 45
(Total number of 34s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 57
(Total number of 5/6s: 79)

Total absence days across the school for this semester {671}

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
(89% of students had full attendance)

Awesome effort!
“Every day is an important day to be at school.”

Yellow House wins!

Yellow house was the winner last week.
Hayley Cashen and Abby Hurst are proudly holding the winner’s cup.

Lest We Forget ~ In remembrance ‘wear a poppy’
Poppies and wristbands are available at the office for remembrance day on 11th November.
Poppies lapel pin $2.00 and wristbands $3.00
Wandong Memorial Stadium Official Opening

The Mitchell Shire Council has invited Wandong Primary School families to the official opening of the Wandong Memorial Stadium on Saturday 10th November, 2012 beginning at 11:00am at the LB Davern Reserve. Refreshments and a sausage sizzle will be provided.

To help with the catering, could you please let the school know how many family members are likely to attend this wonderful event.

Family Name: .................................................................

Number of Adults..........................Number of children..........................

Please return to school tomorrow (Thursday)

PARENTS CLUB PIZZA DAY

This term Parents Club will offer our students a special pizza lunch. The yummy pizza will be available on Thursday 15th November. Cost is $1.50 per slice. Please select type of pizza and enter number of slices required.

Please fill in the slip below and return it by Tuesday 13th November so we can order the delicious pizza.

Name: ................................................................. Room : .............
Aussie (no egg) or Hawaiian - number of slices.............

Name: ................................................................. Room : .............
Aussie (no egg) or Hawaiian - number of slices.............

Name: ................................................................. Room : .............
Aussie (no egg) or Hawaiian - number of slices.............

Thank you! $............................ Enclosed
Opening Classroom Doors

From The Art Room

Term four is all about printmaking and textiles. Students have begun exploring printing with a variety of objects and investigating fibres, materials and stitching techniques. Below is what we are up to so far.

Prep students experimented printing with fruits and vegetables to create a healthy salad plate, before looking at different methods of creating prints. They have begun learning about stitching, and have used running stitch to decorate their prints on hessian.

Students in years one and two completed their London Olympic artworks for the Whittlesea show, before beginning a focus on weaving, where they are investigating the suitability of a variety of fabrics for the purpose of weaving into hessian.

Year three and four students chose to create symmetrical masks for their entries into the show, and have now begun learning the techniques of needle felting to create their own individual finger puppets.

Year five and six students have been introduced to the processes of wet felting and created individual felt artworks which some students entered into the show. They have recently begun needle felting with the view of producing three dimensional artworks.

Congratulations to all students to chose to enter work into the show this year. Many students received awards and ALL students can be very proud of their efforts!!