9th May 2012

‘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

- 164 families at WPS.
  - Completed payments = 59% (97 families)

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Prep B: Findlay Edwards - (Showing persistence in all his learning tasks)
Prep G: Lucas Vicary - (Working as a supportive team member)
1/2 C: Haylee Dennehy - (Persisting with her learning tasks)
1/2 H: Hassn Al Ghazawi - (Showing great improvement in all areas of school)
1/2 M: Baily Lunn - (Persisting and showing improvement in handwriting)
3/4 C: Adrian Arevalo - (Creating good group discussions in the classroom)
3/4 S: Liam Cram - (Writing a detailed exposition piece)
3/4 Y: Olivia Brincat - (Displaying the school value ‘Doing Your Best’ when writing her exposition)
5/6 E: Ben Kutz - (Writing a very strong conclusion for his exposition)
5/6 K: Jack Leithhead - (Asking thoughtful questions about his learning)
5/6 P: Jacinta Robinson - (Using emotive language in her exposition)

Supporting students with Allergic Reactions:

Our school is continuing to support students who suffer from allergic reactions.

Food Allergy Awareness Week 14th May - 18th May, 2012
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

What's been going on?

It's been a big week at Wandong Primary this week. We've had the 5/6 inter school sports tournament, Mother’s Day stall, school photos, Mathletics PD for parents, first aid course for teachers and parents, the introduction of iPads in the prep to two classrooms and iPods in the grade 3-6 classrooms.

iPads
This week I have been going into all grade P-2 classrooms to introduce students to iPads. Each class has six iPads, each with over one hundred educational apps. Teachers and students have been very excited with the new technology and are looking forward to integrating them into their classroom program. Each class will retain their existing laptops or desktops as it is important for our students to develop their technology skills on a range of devices. To help support the CAFE literacy approach in 3-6, we have introduced iPods into all the grade 3-6 classrooms. A big focus in CAFE is listening to reading. The iPods are loaded with audio books for students to use during their reading groups. They are also a very versatile mobile device for students to use as well.

Mothers Day Stall and School Photos
Thank you to Parents Club for organising and running the Mother’s Day stall yesterday. Without your tireless efforts, fundraising events such as these don't happen. There will opportunities for students to purchase gifts on Friday at lunchtime if they haven't done so already.

Also, thank you to everyone who helped with the running to our school photos today. It all ran very smoothly and I didn’t see any vegemite smudged faces on anyone.

Mathletics PD for Parents
On Wednesday we ran a Mathletics PD for parents as part of our “ICT for Community” program. We had six parents attend and they hopefully gained a better understanding of how teachers use the program and how they can use it at home to assist with their child's understanding of mathematics. It is a fantastic resource and it would be great to see as many students using it at home as possible.

Continuing our ICT for Community program, I will be running a session on iPads and demonstrating some of the apps and how the students in Prep, Grade one and Grade two will be using them. The session will be on Wednesday 16th May at 2:30. It will be a fun session and it would be great to see you there. If you are interested in attending, please return the reply slip.

Thinklinks
Thinklinks is really gaining momentum. Groups are now in the middle of their activities and are producing some impressive items and food that has been sold. We would like to invite all members of the school community to come and experience Think Links during Education Week on Tuesday May 22nd from 12:30 - 1:30. More information in next week's newsletter.
NAPLAN
Next week, our grade three and five students will participate in NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN is an acronym for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. On Tuesday 15th May, students will participate in Language Conventions and Writing, on Wednesday 16th students will participate in Reading and on Thursday students will participate in the Numeracy test. NAPLAN tests are conducted at the same time all around Australia. Over the past few weeks, teachers and students have been hard at work preparing for the tests. An information pamphlet was sent home tonight to families with the newsletter.

Interschool Sport
On Thursday, our grade 5/6 students competed in their interschool sports tournament against other schools in our cluster. At the end of the day on Thursday, I received a very pleasant phone call from a teacher at Kilmore Primary School who told me that our students displayed outstanding sportsmanship towards their opponents and encouraged all the other participants. We even had students play for the opposition to make up numbers. We also received an email from a different school, explaining how our students persevered, made a big effort and never gave up at basketball. It is encouraging and wonderful to see our students represent themselves and the school so well at these types of events. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Movie Night
On Friday 11th May, Ms Cachia and Mrs Crawford are running a movie night to raise money for our Wakakirri team. “We Bought a Zoo” will start at 5:45pm in the school hall. Entry to this fantastic night is a gold coin donation. Hope to see you all there.

School Tour
Our next school tour for prospective families is on Wednesday 16th May at 9:30am. If you would to book for the tour, please phone the school on 5878 1232.

Until next time, have a great week,

Anthony Potesta

Community ICT Training Reply Slip

I (PRINT) ...........................................................................................................................................would like to attend the Community ICT training session on Wednesday 16th May on iPads from 2:30 – 3:30

Signed:...........................................................................................................................................
**WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG**

### MAY

- **Monday 14th May** - School Council meeting - 6:00pm
- **Monday 14th - 18th May** - Food Allergy Awareness Week
- **Monday 14th May** - Forms and money for One/Two Incursion due today
- **Wednesday 16th May** - ipad session for parents - 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 16th May** - Forms and money due for District Cross Country - Pyalong
- **Wednesday 16th May** - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
- **Thursday 17th May** - Out of uniform day for Allergy Awareness Week (gold coin donation to go towards research)
- **Thursday 17th May** - Incursion for Grade One/Two - Craft Power
- **Thursday 17th May** - Parent’s Club Meeting — 9:15am in the staffroom
- **Friday 18th May** - Prep Parents Coffee and Chat Morning (9:00 in the library)
- **Monday 21st May** - Education Week begins (more details to follow soon)
- **Tuesday 22nd May** - Parent Feedback Forum for school review 2:30 pm
- **Friday 25th May** - Parent Feedback Forum for school review 9:00 am
- **Wednesday 30th May** - Prep Excursion

### JUNE

- **Friday 1st June** - Pupil free day (Report Writing day)
- **Thursday 14th June** - Parent’s Club meeting — 9:15am in the staffroom
- **Thursday 14th June** - Division Cross Country
- **Friday 15th June** - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
- **Thursday 7th June** - Division Cross Country - Bundoora
- **Saturday 16th June** - Mattel toy sale $10.00 per ticket
- **Friday 29th June** - Term two finishes 1:30pm

### JULY

- **Monday 16th July** - Term three begins
- **Thursday 19th July** - Parent’s Club meeting - 9:15am in the staffroom

### AUGUST

- **Wednesday 1st August** - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am
- **Tuesday 28th August** - District Athletics Carnival
- **Friday 31st August** - School tour for 2012 new students 9:30-10:30am

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

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**Community Notices**

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](http://www.kyliecakes.net) or

Email: kylie.cakes@hotmail.com

Ph: 0407 513 438

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**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
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: 32
(Total number of preps: 37)
Grade one/twos: 61
(Total number of 1/2s: 69)
Grade three/fours: 58
(Total number of 3/4s: 61)
Grade five/sixes: 64
(Total number of 5/6s: 81)

Total absence days across the school for this year { 367 }

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
Three/Four unit (95% full attendance)
Outstanding attendance effort team!

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…….$6.35 (This total also contains the money from the sale of the very fresh eggs)

Congratulations.
Yellow House were winners last week.
Our House Captain and Vice Captain - Hayley Cashen and Abby Hurst are holding the winner’s trophy.

STARTS TODAY

Get ready to shop ‘til you drop!

Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids are again combining to bring much needed resources into the school. The process for this year has changed and when you shop you will receive a sticker for every $10 spent at the registers. These stickers then get placed on a sticker card, the full card can be dropped into the box at the office.

So empty out your pantry now and get ready to fill it up again!

Three/Four News

As a result of next week being NAPLAN week, the grade 3/4 students will not be receiving home learning on Tuesday 15th May. They are however, expected to continue their home reading every night.

Cathrine Yaneff, Cassandra Langdon, Bree Chisholm

SCHOOL REVIEW PARENT FEEDBACK FORUMS:

Parent name/s: ..................................................

I will be attending the Parent Feedback Forum on

Tuesday 22nd May at 2:30 p.m.  or

Friday 25th May at 9:00 a.m.

to provide my feedback on what the school is doing well and to suggest ideas for the future.
Congratulations to the following students who have finished the challenge!

Katherine Adam, Nicholas Adam, Max Davies, Daniel Adam

Remember to read at your year level (any books below your current year level will not be verified — if you are in grade five/six and read and finish books in levels P-2 or 3-4 they will not be counted).

Books entered on the website as finished are verified and updated nightly.

PARENTS (and grandparents) of primary and secondary students, in all states, territories and countries, are warmly invited to take part in this year’s online conference, to be held later this month by Parents Victoria, in Australia. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in, online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. *You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part.* Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

**Topics & program**

The exact timings of the hosted sessions within the (non-stop) conference program will be emailed to registrants shortly before the conference begins. Details on the topics and days of the draft conference program can be found at the end of this email.

**Register online at no cost**

The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012 website will open at exactly 6am on Sunday 20 May at: [http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/](http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/)

*Please note: The ‘placeholder page’ that is currently visible at this website address will automatically redirect to the live conference homepage, at precisely 6am on Sunday 20 May. Please register yourself online, at the above website address, before you participate in the online conference.*

The conference will feature six ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria or expert commentators from a number of different associations. Each 24-hour period will focus on a different topic that is currently of concern to parents. The seventh day will provide an extra opportunity to have your say on all of the topics discussed earlier in the week. There will also be one continuous online discussion that will last all week.

**Prizes for participation**

- **iPad** – The Parents Victoria member school with the greatest number of individual participants over the entire conference.

- **Flip camera** - The school with the most individual participants who comment on the week long question.

- **Flip camera** - The school with the most individual participants who comment on the Celebrating Public Education topic on Sunday 20th May.

**Registration for two people to attend the Parents Victoria annual conference in August 2012** The Victorian government school with the greatest number of individuals who participate on multiple days of the conference.

**Complimentary one-year membership to Parents Victoria** - The non-member Victorian government school with the greatest number of individual participants over the entire conference.

*To be eligible, participants must be correctly registered and leave at least one comment on the discussion boards. Schools are only eligible to win one prize. In the event that a school wins more than one category, the prize in subsequent categories will go to the school with the next highest number of eligible participants. Member schools are defined as schools whose 2012 membership payment was received by 18 May 2012.*
Casual Part Time (work from home) Opportunity

**Peter Lane Biz Development** is a specialist consultancy dedicated to working exclusively in the Business-to-Business (B2B) market.

We are currently looking to expand our operational base in the northern regional area and are seeking, ideally, stay at home employees who have a quiet working environment between the hours of 10 am - 2.30pm and basic computer literacy.

For more details, visit [www.peterlane.biz](http://www.peterlane.biz) and contact 03 5781 1591

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**MOVIE NIGHT**

‘We Bought A Zoo’

**Date:** Friday 11th May

**Time:** 5:30 for a 5:45 start in the Wandong Primary School Hall

Bring a pillow or a bean bag to sit on

Snack food and drinks will be available to purchase on the night

**Fundraising to support Wandong Primary School’s Wakakirri Team.**

Parents must stay with their children during the night as the movie we are showing is rated PG

**Entry to this fantastic night is only a gold coin donation**
Cycling Event

Big Hill Events are have a Cycling Event on the 20th May starting at Wandong which flows through the Mt Disappointment State Forest. We’re currently looking at getting the local community involved with the Event; it would be great to have the Primary School involved.

We’re looking for ten volunteers to be stationed at five different Marshal areas on the Event day. We of course would love to make a donation to the school for the number of volunteers which come and help out.

If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Alan Tregidgo
Marketing and Communications Manager
PH: 9010 6040

Anzac Cookies For Sale Tomorrow

When: Thursday 10th May, 2012
Where: At the hall
Time: Lunchtime
Cost: 50 cent each

All proceeds go towards RSL

NUTS - No Uniform@school today

Out of Uniform Day

It is Out of Uniform day for Allergy Awareness Week on Thursday 17th May. Bring a gold coin donation. All money goes towards Allergy awareness research
**First Aid Updated!**

On Tuesday, Wandong Primary School hosted a level two first aid course for staff and parents. It was a full days course but as you can see we now have competent and able first aiders with our school looking for victims!

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**Wakakirri Sausage Sizzle**

We will be having a sausage sizzle on 23rd May to raise money for the Wandong Primary School Wakakirri Team.

To order a sausage in bread for your child/children please fill out the form below before 16th May.

Please note that these will not be Hot Dogs but will be a sausage cooked on a BBQ.

The sausages will be $1.50 each.

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**Total**
**2013 Prep Enrolments**

If you are intending to enrol your child at Wandong Primary School in 2013, please submit your enrolment form as soon as possible. There may be limited places available.

To ensure that you take advantage of our new and exciting program starting in term three, please have your enrolment form in by 29th June, 2012.

### Lunchtime Clubs Term 2 2012

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Over the last few weeks in 5/6K, we have been focussing on improving our reading by using the CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding vocabulary) strategies.

We have also been writing many expositions, where we have to persuade the reader of our point of view. Currently, we are writing a letter to Mrs Cole about the subjects we would like at our school.

In Numeracy, we have been focussing on Addition, focussing on the different ways we can solve an addition problem eg: breaking up the numbers, doubles, and near doubles.
Prep Giacomini!!!

For the last three weeks we have been lucky to have a student teacher Miss Hibbert. We will miss her when she leaves. During this term we have been investigating gardening, constructing things, building things and discovering new words. During Investigations the students have been learning to take turns and negotiate sharing equipment.

We have just learned how to write basic narratives and we would like to share our stories with you.

Little Pigs Shoes!
“He was angry because the red pig stole his little sister from him. The black pig was naughty. The two pigs, the brothers were playing. The blue pig, ‘Nacho’ was looking for a friend.” Written by Chad.

Lost Shoes!
“The pig and the sheep were looking for the lost shoe. The farmer and his kids were looking all over the farm for it. And then the bigger sister found it.” Written by Sarah.

The Pig Lost His Shoe!
“The pig asked the butterfly. The pig asked the cow. The pig found his shoe.” Written by Katherine.

ART ROOM NEWS

Term two in the art room is all about construction and modelling. Giving students the opportunity to explore a range of design principles and elements, such as space, shape, texture and balance, students have been busy getting their hands messy.

Year five and six students in particular, have begun exploring sculpture and a range of techniques in clay, completing pinch and coil pots and developing their knowledge of kiln firing. In the upcoming weeks, students will work on individual designs and begin using glazes to create decorative effects.