9th November 2011

‘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.

Our School Vision
- ‘World Teachers Day 2011’

Congratulations to....

Miss Cachia - (Listening to our problems and encouraging us to solve them)
Mrs Chisholm - (Setting up good classroom rules that help us learn)
Miss Saunders - (Encouraging us to be better learners and rewarding our efforts)
Mrs Smith - (Helping us with our learning)
Mrs McIntyre - (Teaching us patterns and encouraging us to do our best)
Miss McLure - (Explaining our learning and helping us to take turns)
Mrs Beer - (Always helping us when we need help)
Miss Giacomini - (Always letting us do activities which are fun)

There will be no assembly this
Friday 11th November, 2011
A Message from the Assistant Principal.

Grade 5/6 Camp
Our grade five and six students left for Canberra early Monday morning. They are having a great time and are thoroughly enjoying the experience of visiting our Nation's Capital. We'll have a full report and more photos in next week's newsletter.

(Indonesian Embassy)

Working Bee – THIS SATURDAY!
The working bee is this Saturday starting at 8am. We have lots planned for the day. These include:

- New garden and seating area around the cricket nets
- Installation of monkey bars
- Landscaping the front of the hall (Rail Street)
- Re-filling the sandpit
- General tidy up around the school

There will be a BBQ lunch and drinks for everyone involved. If you are able to assist on the day, please return the reply slip to the office. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible. Everyone is welcome, we can not do it without you! If you can only come for an hour or two it would make a difference.

Grade One Sleepover
On Friday night we had our grade one sleepover. It was a great night. Everyone was very excited and for many children, it was their first time sleeping away from home, on their own. We played games in the hall, had a lolly hunt, had some supper, watched a movie and went to bed. Thank you to Mrs Mac, Mrs Chisholm, Miss Chisholm and Miss McClure who organised the night and to Tony McKinlay who stayed the night and helped out.

Grade Two Camp
Good luck to the grade two students who are off to Upper Plenty camp this Friday. It is a wonderful camp and you will have an awesome experience.
Fete – Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} November 2:30pm

We are getting very close now to our Fete. It is now time for families to start bringing in their donations. Below is a list of where you can drop off your items. The classes and teachers will be responsible for pricing the items.

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<td>Cake Stall</td>
<td>Cakes are to be brought to school on the day of the fete. 5/6K (Mrs Crawford) will be running the cake stall.</td>
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Oaks Day Parade

What a fantastic turn out we had for our Oaks Day Dress Up last Thursday. Lots and lots of students went to great efforts to dress up as race goers, horses, jockeys, and bookmakers. We had a fun little parade where the school leaders judged the winners. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to those who won some awards.

Until next time, have a great week.
Anthony Potesta

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Working Bee Reply Slip

I (print).............................................................. will be able to attend the working bee on Saturday 12\textsuperscript{th} November (8am onwards)
I will be able to supply the following tools:

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WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

**Congratulation 150 nights reading:** Luke Cashen, Jarek O’Neill, James McDonald, Jessica Gray, Takara Thompson

**Congratulations Red House**
Reuben Coombes and Ella Drofenik are proudly holding the winner’s cup for this week.

**Lost and found**
Have you lost a ginger and white cat? One has been found in the Wandong area and is looking its home or maybe a new home. If you know anything about a missing cat, please call the office and I will give you a contact number.

**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 and fresh greens to supplement the chickens regular meals of lunch scraps.

Last week’s total……$19.95

**Ed****ucation Maintenance Allowance for 2012**
Are you eligible?
If you are eligible for a Health care card, pension card or are a foster parent, you may be entitled to E.M.A.

Please contact the office for further assistance or visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial)

We are taking application now for next year.

**Psst!… Wanna know the best Christmas gift you can get your child??????**
It’ll solve those cries of “I’m bored!” we all hear in the first week of January too!

Special Offer! For January 2012 Only!!
Four guitar lessons for the special low price of $80.

Call Bruce for more details 5784 1510
Guitar hire available.
Limited positions available.
Call early to avoid disappointment!

**INVITED TO SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday November 12th 2011

*Anglican Parish of Kilmore’s annual CHURCH FETE*

For more information visit the Anglican Parish of Kilmore website [http://anglicankilmore.org.au](http://anglicankilmore.org.au)

Crafty fun for children
Amusements and games
Auction
Fabulous morning tea and sausage sizzle
Variety of stalls

**Lest We Forget**
In remembrance ‘wear a poppy’

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Poppies lapel pin $2.00 and wristbands $3.00

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WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @ WANDONG

Monday 7th-11th November - Grade five/six Canberra camp
Friday 11th November - Grade two camp
Saturday 12th November - Working Bee from 8:00am (more details next week)
Monday 14th November - School Council Meeting
Friday 18th November - Twilight fete at the school
- Swimming Begins
Monday 21st November - Swimming
Wednesday 23rd November - Swimming
Friday 25th November - Swimming
Tuesday 29th November - Swimming

December
Friday 2nd December - Swimming
- Prep camp
Monday 5th December - School Council (final meeting)
Tuesday 6th December - Swimming
Friday 9th December - Swimming
Thursday 15th December - Grade six graduation
Wednesday 21st December - Grade 3/4 Pool party
Thursday 22nd December - Last day of school for 2011
(1:30pm finish)

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

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: 23
(Total number of preps: 39)
Grade one/twos: 36
(Total number of 1/2s: 73)
Grade three/fours: 37
(Total number of 3/4s: 78)
Grade five/sixes: 37
(Total number of 5/6s: 85)

Total absence days across the school for this year: 1838

Congratulations to this week’s winners....

Prep Unit
58% attendance

Grade Two Camp

Grade two camp is this Friday 11th November. Buses leave at 9:00am sharp and return to school is 5:30pm. Children are to be picked up on Saturday 12th November, 2011 at 8:am. Children are to bring play lunch and lunch and comfortable walking shoes. No good clothes please. Bedding can be placed in the one/two rooms from 8:30am on the Friday. All forms and payments must be returned by Wednesday 9th November, 2011. No late payments accepted.

Australia Day Awards 2012

Mitchell Shire Council invites nominations for the Local Government Australia Day Awards to be presented on 26 January 2012. The awards are provided by the Australia Day Committee (Victoria) and are administered by Local Government Authorities throughout Australia on behalf of the Council.

Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years shall be eligible. Nominations are invited for the following categories:

Australia Day Citizen Award: to be eligible, the person must be 25 years or older on the 26 January 2012.

Australia Day Young Citizen Award: to be eligible, the person must be under 25 years of age on the 26 January 2012.

Community Event of the Year Award: presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Customer Service Centre or our website www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au. Nominations will be accepted up until 25th November 2011.
GRADE 1/2 McIntyre

As part of our Home Learning, we have been asked to create a diorama of a habitat. Here are some of the FABULOUS habitats that have been presented. Come into our room to look at our great habitats. A big THANK-YOU to the parents who have assisted with this task. The students are very excited about their finished product.

What’s happening in Prep Giacomini?

Up in the air we fly

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!

Prep Giacomini have been very busy over the last few weeks. It’s not easy organising passports and getting your affairs in order for a whirlwind adventure. We began our adventure by leaving Melbourne Airport three weeks ago. After leaving Tullamarine Airport we touched down in China. While in China we visited the rice fields where we got to make our own hats. We used these hats when we worked in the gardens. Our next stop was The Great Wall of China. The students loved building their own great wall using Lego. We also learnt a great deal about dragons. We uncovered the great history of Chinese dragons. Chinese dragons have looked after the Chinese people for many thousands of years. These dragons didn’t breathe fire but instead looked after jewels and gems, winds, seas and people. Chinese dragons have five toes and the further they flew away from China, the more toes they would lose. Prep Giacomini didn’t want to depart China however our fares were booked and our Visas only allowed us a one week stay.

Next we flew to Japan. While in Japan we went to the opera and brought along our own opera masks. We also tried making origami whales and dolls. The ancient art of folding paper was a challenge that we all really enjoyed. The students even squeezed in some time to write postcards home. After passing through customs without any issues we were on our way to India. The past three weeks have been so quick. While in India we had a visit from Mrs Cole. She also shared her experiences with us. It was a lot of fun! In India we made bangles, pretty lamps and an Indian elephants head.

Well, our journey is going well. However, we have to bid you goodbye as we are heading to Vietnam and then Italy before returning home.

We are missing you all dearly!

Hope to see you all soon,

Love from Prep Giacomini
Whittlesea Show

Congratulations to the following students who received prizes for the following entries:

Hayley Browne - Highly Commended Creative Language Prep
Anita Barbour - Third Prize Creative Language Prep

Georgia Thomson - Highly Commended Creative Language Prep
Campbell Edwards - 2nd Prize Creative Language Prep
Hugh Drofenik - Commended Creative Language Prep

Joelie Coter - 2nd Prize Creative Language - Poetry Year Four
Ina Baggio - Highly Commended Creative Language Year one
Jack Johnson-Breheny - Commended Creative Language Year one

(Grade five and six students will appear in the newsletter next week)
Fete
Friday 18th November
2:30pm - 7:00pm

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