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

187 families at WPS.
68 Completed payments
= 36%

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

“What did you learn today?”

Foundation B—H—K—(Having a fantastic start to their first school year)
1/2 G: Katherine Adam—(Leading by example)
1/2 H: Carly Davon—(Being a great friend when needed)
1/2 Z: Skylar Marshall—(Being an organised learner)
3/4 A: Anthony Caminiti—(Settling in well and ignoring distractions)
3/4 B: Georgia Thomson—(Showing friendly and caring attitude to others and sharing at all times)
3/4 C: Ruby Jewell—(Being kind and helpful to others in the classroom)
5/6 A: Taylah Clydesdale—(Contributing excellent ideas about leadership during class discussion)
5/6 B: Olivia Brincat—(Being a helpful and caring member of her class)
5/6 C: Kaleb Macpherson—(Being a responsible role model to others in class)

School gates are opened at 8:30 a.m.

Please be aware that there is no teacher on yard duty until 8:45 a.m. Classroom teacher are usually in their rooms by 8:50 a.m. Once teachers are in rooms, students are allowed to drop bags into rooms/corridors then head outside for a play. For our duty of care, students should not be in rooms without a teacher present.
A Message from the Principal....

Dear Families,

What a smooth and positive start to the year we have had over the past week. Our transition process at the end of 2013 has certainly assisted students and families, by reducing anxiety and ensuring everybody knew where to go and who to catch up with from day one. Our Foundation (prep) students had a fabulous first day and enjoyed touring the school, learning important routines and completing learning tasks. There were a few big yawns noticed at pick up time – by the students – however the Foundation teachers Miss Chisholm, Miss Giacomini and Miss Green did give a big sigh of relief that the day went so well.

This year our Foundation team will be supported by Mrs Nikki Potesta. Nikki is an experienced Foundation teacher herself and we have employed her in a part time capacity to assist in the Prep area. Her roles will include overseeing planning, assisting with assessments and reviewing how we run our Foundation year... all with a view to even further improving the way we do things at Wandong. Having an extra body in the busy classrooms a couple of days over the week will certainly be an added bonus especially as we have fifty three little people in our Foundation rooms. Welcome Nikki.

We also welcome back Julie Smith. Julie is our leading teacher and has returned from eighteen months of family leave, spending time with her gorgeous daughter Jada. Julie will be working four days per week (Monday – Thursday), providing additional support in the grade one/two classrooms, overseeing Student Welfare/Student Management and guiding our new graduate teachers as they complete their first year “on the job”. Julie has a wealth of knowledge and will be seeking input from parents later in the term when we review our current Student Management process.

What to expect over the coming weeks:

Students in Foundation to grade six will complete a range of assessments. These will give us a base line from which we can progress students. These assessments cover the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Foundation students will complete most of these assessments on their scheduled Wednesday appointment time during February, whilst other staff will be complete them over the coming weeks during class time.

Grade five students will be provided with opportunities to spend time with their Foundation buddy – as has occurred on numerous occasions over the past week. Building a positive relationship (F – Gr 5) is hugely important for both the younger and older students within our school.

Grade six students will be busily preparing applications and speeches for the senior school leadership roles. Elections will occur over the coming weeks and the shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by Mr Potesta and myself – just like in real life—before the final decision is made. Our 2014 school leaders will be announced at assembly on Friday 21st February.

What’s new in 2014: This year we will be introducing a Foundation — Grade five buddy program. All classrooms will use this time to have a buddy grade and whilst this program operates every fortnight or so, our grade six students will be involved in leadership activities and provide students feedback and ideas for whole school planning and improvement. Buddy partners will spend time together completing learning tasks such as reading to each other, assisting each other with writing tasks and even playing Numeracy games..... and have the odd fun game.
School Council: All government schools are overseen by a School Council that meets eight times per year and discusses school curriculum and manages school policies, school budgets and ideas for school improvement. In next week’s newsletter there will be information about the election process for School Council this year. Please keep an eye out.

Drink Bottles: All students should be bringing at least one drink bottle of water to school each day. During class learning time, students can access this when they become thirsty. It is very disruptive to the class if students need to leave class to get a drink during learning time. Please make sure that a water filled drink bottle is in the school bag every day.

Swimming Carnival: On Friday 14th February we will be holding our first ever Wandong Primary School whole school swimming carnival. There will be a range of swimming events and fun novelty events on offer throughout the day.... We even cater for the non swimmers. The only staff member at school that day will be Ros so all students are expected to attend the swimming carnival.

Free to a good home: We have a range of tables and student computer desks that we no longer require. These are currently located in the bike shed. If you are interested in any of these, they are free to a good home. We also have ten x 17" flat monitors that are free to take. Please see Ros in the office.

Catching up with staff: All teachers attend compulsory school meetings on a Monday after school, Wednesday after school and Thursday before school. To ensure teachers can give you their full attention, please make an appointment with your class teacher if you require a meeting that needs an extended period of time or a level of confidentiality. Casual shorter chats before or after school are fine but please remember that staff are often busy setting up classrooms or getting learning tasks organised.

Welcome to our new families and staff

Welcome to the Tan, Riddell, Roberts, Lyons and Beattie families who have joined us this year.

We also welcome new teachers Bridget Bayliss, Jessye Blakis, Kira Green, Jessica Christie and Simone Gallinaro.
STAFFING FOR 2014

Rhonda Cole
(Principal)

Anthony Potesta
(Assistant Principal)

Julie Smith
(Leading Teacher)

Ros Hulett
(Business Manager)

FOUNDATION TEAM:

1/2 TEAM:

Hannah Giacomini
Room 7
Class: H—F

Melanie McClure
Room 4
Class: 1/2 Z

Bree Chisholm
Room 8
Class: B—F

Simone Gallinaro
Room 3
Class: 1/2 G

Kira Green
Room 6
Class: K—F

Heather Chisholm
Room 9
Class: 1/2 H

3/4 TEAM:

Robyn Beer
Room 12
Class: 3/4 B

Jessye Blakis
Room 11
Class: 3/4 A

Jessica Christie
Room 10
Class 3/4 C
STAFFING FOR 2014 Continued

GRADE 5/6 TEAM:  SPECIALIST TEAM:  OFFICE SUPPORT:  STUDENT WELFARE:

Jaclyn Adams  Cal Fearn  Jane Drury  Toni Vicary

Room 2  P.E. / Human  Relationships

Class: 5/6 A

INTEGRATION TEAM:

Emma Castle  Cathrine Yaneff  Annie Beaman  Tracey Trenfield

Room 5  Visual Arts  Integration Aide  Integration Aide

Class: 5/6 C

Bridget Bayliss  Jodie Hempel  Jo Selvaggio  Donna Baker

Room 1  Science Gr 1-6  Integration Aide  Integration Aide

Class 5/6 B

Ice Creams

Starting this Thursday and then every Thursday from then on, we will be selling ice creams and icy poles at the school. The money and order is taken in the classroom at the beginning of the day process. Please send you child to class with the money if you wish to order delicious treat for your child.

Ice creams (choc wedge style) - $1.00  Icy poles - 50¢
Wandong Netball Club

Registration Day for 2014 Season

Saturday 15th February 2014

Sue Marstaeller Pavilion

10.00 am – 11.00 am

Club Fees - $70.00

VNA fees: $45.00

Payment Accepted:

* Cash
* Cheque

* Direct debit can be made to the WNC bank account but proof of deposit must be shown on the day.

Registration forms and payment can be posted to:
Wandong Netball Club, P.O Box 369, Wandong 3758

prior to the 15th February.

NO Late Registrations will be accepted after the 15th February.


Positions in all teams are filling quickly so register on the day to ensure your child has a place in a team as team numbers will be capped at 10 and players will then be placed on a waiting list to see if a second team can be formed.

Like Wandong Netball club on Facebook to keep up to date!!

Fees due:

Registered Players – VNA only $45.00

Non registered Players – Club fees $70.00 and VNA $45.00

Lunch Orders from the Bakery for Students.

Please note, there is now an dated price list for ordering lunches from the bakery. This new price list was sent out on a bright pink sheet. There will be a small grace period, one week, and then the new prices will apply.

Please do not ‘drop’ lunch orders into the bakery in person as they cannot guarantee same time delivery. All lunch orders must be sent from the school in the order bags.

Swimming goggles for sale:

Be prepared for the swimming carnival….. We have a range of child sized swimming goggles available for sale from the office.

Only $3.00

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS

ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2014

FOR ISSUE No. 1
**Conveyance Allowance**

Are you eligible?

If you reside more than 4.9 kilometres from your nearest school, not your school of choice, you may be eligible to receive a travel allowance from the government.

You can request an application form from the school office. All application must be in by 7th March, 2014. Late application cannot be processed.

**EMA**

Education Maintenance Allowance

If you or your child has a health care card from Centrelink, you may be eligible for EMA.

Forms are available from the office.

All applications must be received before the 28th February. No late application can be processed.

**Wandong Primary School**

**Scholastic Book Club 2014**

Welcome back to school and back to book club. There are eight issues of book club for the year and two issues are handed out per term. If you would like to order from the book club catalogues all you need to do is fill out your order form and hand your money and order into the office before the due date, which will appear in the newsletter.

Your books will be delivered to the student in their classroom unless it is stated on your order that a parent will collect the ordered books from the office.

Enjoy.....

**Australia Day Award**

Robyn Mumberson was the proud recipient of Mitchell Shire’s Certificate of Appreciation at the Australia Day awards. Robyn has worked tirelessly in the community and has also volunteered many years at Wandong Primary School.

**Congratulations Alesha**

Alesha McIntosh recently competed in district swimming competitions.

Alesha received—Gold for backstroke

Silver for freestyle

The team relay came second in the medley relay and first in the freestyle relay.
School Uniforms
School uniforms can be purchased anytime during the week. Unfortunately, orders cannot be filled on the spot. Please leave your filled out uniform order form at the office and it will be filled as soon as possible.

Student mobile phones and electronic entertainment equipment
All students are required to hand their telephones into the office before the morning bell goes. Any personal belongings brought to the school are not covered by the school and will not be replaced if lost or broken.

Student Banking
Student banking will begin next Tuesday 11th February. Any banking received this week will be held at the office.

Raffle Winners 2013
The winners of our fabulous Christmas raffle drawn in the last week of last year are:
1st—Jacinta & Mathew Robinson.
2nd Karlee Rae Ritchie
3rd Annie Holt
4th Grace Hannemann
5th Brooke Mazzarella
6th Jane Drury
7th Abigail Hume
9th Jordan Tabone
10th Ernie
11th Jack James
12th Georgia Paxinos
13th Evan Hardwick
14th Natasha P
15th Charlie Broderick
16th Abigail Hume
17th Patrick A
18th Bellman Family
19th Tye Duncan

The student prize was won by Alexandra Battistin.

We hope all the winners and their families enjoyed their goodies on the holidays.

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by purchasing tickets.

Wandong 2014
Season Info

Club Registrations for 2014 will be open as of Sunday the 16 Feb 2014. Come down to the LB Davern Reserve between 10.00am and 1.00pm for registration and free sausage sizzle.

Training commences on Thursday 20th of Feb at the LB Davern Reserve.

Under 10: 4.00pm
Under 12: 4.30pm
Under 14: 5.00pm
Under 16: 5.30pm
U16 informal training as of Tuesday 4th Feb 5.30 to 6.30

For latest details on WJFC please go to: (You don’t need to be a Facebook member)
http://www.facebook.com/WandongWarriors

Phone Nick for further info: 0428 424812