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.

Reminder

Friday 12th August - 2016 WPS Mini Olympics at LB Davern Reserve (Foundation to Grade 6)
Tuesday 16th August - 2016 ThinkLinks session from 2:00-3:30pm

www.wandongps.vic.edu.au
A Message from the Principal Team

Dear families,

Curriculum Day and School Review

Last Friday, we had our curriculum day and staff were hard at work analysing and discussing school data from the past three years. The day was a great success and we were able to have in-depth discussions about how the school has performed since 2013. On Monday, we held a parent forum to discuss our school vision and values. Thank you everyone for your contribution during the session. Our second parent forum will be tonight from 7pm. It’ll be great to see as many parents/carers there as possible to hear your thoughts and ideas.

The next step in the school review process is for the self-assessment document to be completed and sent to the school reviewer. Our reviewer will be visiting the school to meet staff and students on Tuesday 30th August and will return on Tuesday 13th September with two other Principals, Penny, our school council President and our School Education Improvement Leader for the school review day.

School Council

On Monday night we had our August school council. Here are the highlights:-

- Foundation and 1/2 camps were ratified
- Grade 6 excursion to Broadford Secondary College was ratified
- Parents and Friends Association fund raising suggestions were approved
- New lighting will be installed on the hall to light up pedestrian access to and from the gate on Rail St
- A working bee has been scheduled for Friday 20th October (more information to come at a later date)
- Rhonda discussed the school review process and an overview of school data
- The following school policies were ratified and will be uploaded to the school’s website shortly :-
  - WPS Social Media Policy and Media Use policy
  - WPS School Electronic Funds Management Policy
  - WPS Privacy Policy
  - WPS Student Learning Outcomes Policy
  - WPS Curriculum Policy
  - WPS Anaphylaxis Policy

Draft Policies for “Student Code of Conduct” and “Child Safety Policy” were presented and will be further discussed at the next School Council Meeting.

Mini Olympics – THIS FRIDAY!!!!

Don’t forget, this Friday is our Mini Olympics. Make sure you dress up in your house colours and bring your Olympic spirit. We’ll be leaving school at 9:10am and returning by 2:50pm with assembly as normal at 3pm. Foundation students will have a coloured dot on their hand to show their house colour.

Wakakirri

The HUGE events this term just keep rolling on. Can you believe Wakakirri is already upon us?! Next Friday, 50 students head off to this year’s Wakakirri heats. Our entry this year is a cracking story about our amazing Olympians representing Australia at this year’s Olympic games. Mrs Castle and Mrs Beer have been choreographing, designing, making props and rehearsing the students in their lunch break since the beginning of the year. Fair to say they’re ready and raring to go. I’m very much looking forward to accompanying them for their evening performance next Friday. Go Wandong!!!

ThinkLinks

Our next ThinkLinks session will be on Tuesday 16th August from 2pm for those parents wishing to attend. During this session, students will be finishing their designs so they can begin creating their masks or puppets. We welcome parents/carers to attend and be part of the activities.

Have a great week – Anthony Potesta

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
Wallan & Kilmore Community Bank® branches
Hello Everyone

Following are a few of the items discussed at our Parents and Friends Association meeting yesterday:

- Father’s Day raffle tickets to go out on Monday 15th August.
- Father’s Day stalls are on Wednesday 31st August and Thursday 1st September. Volunteers needed to assist with stalls on both days.
- Chocolate drive money is due back this Friday 12th August.
- Friday September 2nd is Footy Colours and Sausage Day
- Save the date for WPS Family Day on Saturday 10th September from 11:00am-3:00pm.

Next PAFA Meeting: 6th September 2016 (9:15am onwards in the library)

Thanks

Liz Clarke - PAFA President

---

**Principals Day 2016**

*A great Principal builds character, inspires dreams, encourages creativity, builds confidence, instills a love of learning, touches our hearts and changes our lives forever*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Principal, Mrs Cole, and our Assistant Principal, Mr Potesta for their tireless efforts and dedication to our school. It is with their leadership and constant encouragement that our school is able to operate so effectively and efficiently.

As a celebration of their amazing efforts and contributions to our school community, this week we will have a special message table set up in the office area. We invite you to celebrate all of the amazing things they do for our school by writing a short message of appreciation.

Thank-you,
Jessica Woods

---

**Camps**

Foundation Camp to Bounce—form and payment due 19th August

Grade 1-2 to Latitude—form and payment due 26th August

Grade 3-4 camp—form and payment due 2nd September

Grade 5-6 camp—form and payment due 16th September

---

**IMPORTANT TRANSITION INFORMATION**

Today all grade six students that are attending a government secondary school in 2017 will be bringing home their letter of acceptance. Wandong Primary School passes this onto families on behalf of the secondary schools.

Please look out for this in your child’s school bag.
### WOW! ... WHAT’S ON & WHAT’S DUE @WANDONG

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AUGUST</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 10th</td>
<td>2016 Story Time Session - 9:45 to 10.45am in the library (2017 Foundation)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Broadford Secondary Production excursion (Grade 6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Year 7 School Review feedback session from 5:00-6:15pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>School Review Parent Forum from 7:00-8:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 11th</td>
<td>Cluster Student Leadership Day at Broadford Primary School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 12th</td>
<td>2016 WPS Mini Olympics at LB Davern Reserve (Foundation to Grade 6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• PAFA Cadbury chocolate fundraising money due back today</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Wakakirri Performance excursion permission form due back today</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 16th</td>
<td>2016 ThinkLinks session from 2:00-3:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 17th</td>
<td>2016 Story Time Session - 9:45 to 10:45am in the library (2017 Foundation)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 19th</td>
<td>Wakakirri Performance at The Clocktower (Moonee Ponds)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Foundation Bounce Camp permission and payment due back today</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 23rd</td>
<td>2016 ThinkLinks session from 2:00-3:00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 24th</td>
<td>Visit to Dianella Hostel in Kilmore (Grade 5 students)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2016 Story Time Session - 9:45 to 10:45am in the library (2017 Foundation)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 24th</td>
<td>Foundation Bounce Camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Grade 1/2 Latitude Camp permission and payment due back today</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 30th</td>
<td>District Athletics Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 31st</td>
<td>Visit to Dianella Hostel in Kilmore (Grade 5 students)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PAFA Fathers Day Stall</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 8th August and Wednesday 10th August:

**Whole school:**
- Mini Olympics additional information

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:**
- Cluster Student Leadership Day reminder
- Secondary School Letter of Acceptance

**Individual grade levels:**

**Foundation:**
- Foundation Newsletter - 8th August 2016

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:** Nil

**Five/Six:** Nil

Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in the grade level trays.

### PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

- 246 families at WPS.
- 151 Completed payments

\[= 61\%\]

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

“**What did you learn today?**”
HEAD LICE
The school has been recently notified that a number of parents are having to treat their children repeatedly for head lice.
The Department of Education and Training regulations state that students should not return to school until after a recognised corrective treatment has been commenced.
Please check your children’s hair regularly.

SPARE UNIFORM ITEMS
If any members of our school community have spare second hand uniform items at home that they no longer require, could we please have them for our school sick bay as on these wet and muddy winter days they are in desperately short supply.

SCHOOL PARKING REMINDERS
Please do not park in front of the double gates at the front of the school on Rail Street. It is a no parking zone and is also an emergency vehicle access point for our school.
Also complaints have recently been received from our neighbours in Affleck Street. Please exercise common courtesy and do not park across residential driveways.
We are very privileged to have access to the church car park. It is not school property and we would certainly find it difficult if we were not allowed to park in this area. A sign is erected at the entrance of the car park to remind users about the expected manner in which the car park is to be used. Please be patient, think of others and remember that student safety is the MOST important thing.

Wandong Primary School - Lunchtime Clubs – Term 3, 2016

Wandong Primary School is holding a Footy Colours Day on Friday 2nd September. Students can come dressed in their favourite footy colours. These can be from AFL, NFL, Rugby, Soccer or your local club.
No payment or donation needed.
Wandong Primary School Parents & Friends proudly presents

Our Family Fun Day!

Date: Saturday 10th September
Location: L.B. Davern Reserve Wandong
Time: Kicks off at 11am until 3pm.

Come along for a fun filled afternoon -
Bring the whole family and enjoy the jumping castle, fire truck, face painting and of course the Footy comps. Suitable for all ages.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon or get swept up with the action.

More information next week!
Exploring Mathematics at W.P.S in Week 6

Foundation:
The Foundation students will be exploring the concept of ordinal numbers. This is perfect timing with the Olympics well underway. They will be using language such as first, second, third and fourth, all the way to tenth.

At home, you can support your child by encouraging them to use ordinal number to sequence events in the day. E.g. First I wake up, second I eat breakfast...

Fun Question: Find an Olympic sport where Australia has a first and second place in the final.

1/2:
The 1/2s will be exploring length. We will be looking at how length is used in the real world, specifically; in the Olympics. We will be holding our own mini-Olympic event and measuring length using formal (cm, m) and informal (hands, feet) units. We will investigate the language of length – long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest etc.

At home, you can support your child by encouraging them to use formal and informal units of measurement. You can measure object around the house using hand-spans or feet!

Fun Question: My hand measures 15cm from my palm to the tip of my finger. If my bed measures 200cm, how many hands will it measure?

3/4:
The 3/4s will be exploring maps and location. They will look at models of maps, discuss ‘bird’s eye view’ and design simple maps that show a familiar location. Students will explore grid references and common terms such as ‘north, south, east and west’.

At home, you can support your child by giving them opportunities to explore maps. Have an old Melways? Help your child find the house on the map!

Fun question: What direction is Wandong in from Melbourne?

5/6:
The 5/6s will be exploring the connection between fractions, decimals and percentages. They will make basic conversions of fractions into percentages. For example $\frac{3}{5} = 50\%$.

At home, you can support your child by encouraging them to look for percentages in the world around them. What do the percentages mean?

Fun Question: 25% of my number is 33. What’s my whole number (100%)?

Found an answer to our fun questions? Submit it to the office with your name and grade to go into the draw to win a prize!!
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

People can have more than one emotion at the same time. For example, you might feel happy when your lost dog comes home, but upset because he has a bruised paw. You could feel excited about finding the last piece of cake in the refrigerator, but unsure about whether you should eat it.

The important thing is to try to be aware of all the emotions you're feeling, and if they trouble you, talk about them with someone who will listen to you and can help.

Two ideas for you to try at home...

Reading: Did you know that reading also increases children's social interaction skills? Yes, there are many wonderful therapeutic stories out there that do just that. But you don't even need those. When reading your child's favorite story, don't just focus on the words on the page or the story being told. Stop and point out the facial expression on each character. Ask your child to identify the feeling and label it when they get stumped. Focusing on the feelings within the story helps kids see various feelings in action.

Feelings Puppets: Tap into your child's imaginative play and create a puppet show! Get some old socks or brown paper lunch bags and make several puppets, each depicting a different feeling. Write words that describe the feeling or causes of that feeling on the back. Draw some scenery and create a show. Remember to label feelings and point to facial expressions along the way.

Feelings are like waves. You cannot stop them from coming but you can decide which ones to surf.

Final Thought...