10th September 2014

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

182 families at WPS.
123 Completed payments = 70%

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

“What did you learn today?”

Foundation B: Isabella Douglas (Being a focused learner last week)
Foundation H: Ashlynn Taylor (Settling into her new school with ease)
Foundation K: Jackson Naylor (Focussing hard when completing his handwriting)
1/2 G: Brodan-Kye Cornwall (Helping others to count coins in Numeracy)
1/2 H: Erin Roberts (Helping other in her class)
1/2 Z: Riley Van Weenan (Excellent behaviour on the museum excursion)
3/4 A: Haylee Dennehy (Helping to welcome a new member to the class)
3/4 B: Baily Lunn (Trying his best to complete all learning tasks)
3/4 C: Mathew Robinson (Asking questions to help guide his learning)
5/6 A: Lachlan Hall (Trying his best and improving his book presentation)
5/6 B: Jack Trenfield (Writing a detailed explanation piece)
5/6 C: Jade Tremayne (Managing distractions during learning time)

Reminder

Footy Colours Day - Friday 12th September
Wear your favourite AFL, NRL, Rugby or Soccer gear!
Gold coin donation
A Message from the Principal....

It was lovely to return to school this week to the smiling faces and welcoming comments from our students and families. I certainly enjoyed my time away and have lots to share. I initially spent the first six days with Corry—the female teacher that recently spent time at our school. I stayed for three days with her at her home and visited Sukabumy SMP2 — her school. Her principal and another teacher met me at the airport on the Friday night and four hours later we reached her house. The next morning we were up early and at her school by 8:00 a.m. The school community was most grateful for my visit and welcomed me with an opening ceremony which was also attended by regional school leaders (similar to our Regional Director). The students sang and danced and an amazing lunch was prepared. I visited classrooms and spent time with the staff. The school is very bare — in that there are very limited resources and sports equipment is nearly non existent. I took over some footballs and they were most appreciative. Soccer is the game of choice in Indonesia so that will be a steep learning curve to kick a footy.

I also visited the local primary school which was next door. All of the students were at school, even though it was Saturday. Many of them were involved in activities to do with Scouting and were wearing their Scouts uniforms.

Next we headed into the mountains at the back of the school. I visited a huge farm that grew every vegetable you could imagine and many fruits as well. I milked a cow and ate Snake fruit—it has a peel like snake skin and segments inside similar to a mandarin but harder. It was very sweet inside. The following day, the staff accompanied me to the beach on their day off (Sunday). We were driven by their principal and it took three hours to get there.... But it was beautiful. We enjoyed the scenery and a delicious lunch before we headed another three and a half hours home. Traffic is very congested and even the shortest distances take a long time to travel.

On the Monday, Corry and I then set off on a three day adventure around Java. We left her house at 5:00 a.m. (OMG) and visited a number of towns. We bargained as I purchased many Indonesian items for school. (I plan to set up the library with an Indonesian theme.) We visited Bandung and Yogyakarta and took in the scenery and enjoyed traveling on a range of public transport. I took a few videos to share with our students over the coming few weeks.

Many thanks to our Parents and Friends Association who provided the funds for my purchases for school. (Please see the photo below and above of the items I selected.)

Finally, six days after my arrival, I said goodbye to Corry and flew over to Bali for ten days. My husband and three sons met we there and we enjoyed ten days of relaxing and laughing together. We did a “bit” more shopping, lots of sunbaking (with SPF50 of course) and enjoyed a few refreshments in the Balinese sunshine.

I have returned to school very relaxed and excited about now finalizing our plans for the 2015 school year. Thanks to the wonderful staff and Wandong Primary School for doing a great job (as usual.) It is very rewarding to go off on leave and know that you don't need to worry about work related things.

Have a great week,

Rhonda Cole
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

With only eight school days until the term break, things are still ‘flat chat’ around the school and there are still lots of exciting activities coming up. We also welcome back Mrs Cole this week from her trip to south east Asia.

Book Swap

It’s great to see so many students receive their tickets for the book swap next Tuesday. If you haven’t done so already and would like to get involved, go through your children’s unwanted books and bring them to school. Your child will receive a ticket to swap their book for a book that another student has brought in. There will be a Foundation – Grade 2 swap and a Grade 3 – Grade 6 swap.

Footy Colours Day

A reminder that Footy Colours Day is this Friday. Make sure you come dressed in your favourite footy colours. This can be from AFL, NFL, Rugby, Soccer or your local club. Please bring a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to cancer research.

Father’s Day Raffle and Stall

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize at the Father’s Day Raffle on Friday. I have never seen so many Foundation students win. It really was very unusual. The Parents and Friends Association did a wonderful job with the stall and the raffle. A special thanks also goes to Cheryl Mann who was frantically running around town on Friday morning collecting and wrapping the prizes for the raffle. PAFA raised a total of $1204.94 with $815.50 coming from the raffle and $389.44 from the stall. Thank you to all members of the school community who purchased a ticket for the raffle or who purchased a gift from the stall. The monies raised will go towards providing extra resources and equipment for our students and the school.

School Council

School Council was held on Monday night. Here is a little of what was covered:

Current enrolments are 253. Our enrolments for 2015 are steadying and it looks like we’ll have over 300 students at the school next year. There are 70 Foundation students enrolled so far.

Kinder-Foundation transition has begun with grade four buddies visiting their kinder buddies

NAPLAN data was briefly discussed

Dianella has received funding for a community project. The Funded project titled ‘My Life/ Your Life, My Community Our Community’ is a shared photography exhibition where participants are encouraged to share and/or shoot photos of personal meaning depicting aspects of self and community. The photos will be exhibited at a local community facility to the broader community. Grade 5 students will be involved.

Rhonda has negotiated two new classrooms for 2015. At this stage, these will be located next to the current 3/4 portables, meaning the monkey bars and cricket nets will be relocated.

New home learning policy was discussed and ratified

Planning for the 2015 netbooks and Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) program was discussed

There will be a school working bee to be held late November. Date will be finalized next School Council meeting.

Athletics

Congratulations to all our athletics team who competed last Thursday at Meadowglen Athletics track. It was a fantastic meet and Wandong PS placed 3rd out of the schools that competed. From Thursday’s meet, eight students made it through to the next round and competed on Monday. Congratulations to Bryannon, Lachlan, Dean, Jordan, Andrew, Shelby, Kaylah and Ina who represented the school at the Whittlesea Division Championships. Shelby made it through to the Northern Metropolitan region championships which will be held in a few weeks’ time. Good luck. Thank you to Mr Fearn for his tireless efforts in running the event for the both our school and for the district.

Until next time, Anthony Potesta
What’s gone home this week?

The following notices were sent home this week:

Whole school:
Chook roster help for September holidays

Selected Families: Nil

Selected Students:
- Grade 5 visit to Dianella permission

Individual grade levels -
Foundation: Nil
One/Two: Nil
Three/Four: Nil
Five/Six: Nil

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

Congratulations Hayley Mumberson who received the Wandong Netball Club Dianne Dickson Best and Fairest award under 13—2014
Well done Hayley.

Posture Police award

Congratulations to James Thomlinson, Sarah Dalton-Maccrea and Trinity Hobson
These students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class.

Other nominated students were: Mia-J Nikora, Tanika Francis, Lachlan Battistin, Olivia Brincat,
Congratulations on your nomination.

Car Parking

We have contacted Mitchell Shire to complete checks of car parking at drop off and pick up times as we have many parents double parking or encouraging student not to use the crossing.
Please be Safe
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Our wonderful athletics team.

Ina Baggio,
Bryanna Bellman
Andrew Dowell,
Shelby Reeves,
Lachlan Hall,
Jordan Tabone
Kaylah Bradley (abs)
Dean Walsh (abs)
Health in term 3

We’ve had heaps of fun in Health this term sharing personal stories and learning about each other. Some topics were:

- naming the parts of the body and understanding how they work
- talking and asking for help about feelings, relationships and our bodies
- friends and family have lots of different qualities

We’ve just been exploring gender stereotypes.

It was very interesting comparing our outfit choices, especially between the boys and the girls.

Some of us have been designing a front cover for a competition. There were some very colourful and creative entries. Winners will be announced soon!
Come and visit our cave in the Art Room

Term three has been a very mysterious and exciting time in the Art room. The Foundation and grade 3 /4 students have been painting aboriginal cave art onto one metre square brown paper. We discussed how the aborigines painted onto caves and what type of drawings they produced, the colours and textures of the outback and what animals or types of foliage they would encounter. The students worked with a partner and painted an array of cave pictures: Aborigines, boomerangs, dingoes, caves, rainbows, kangaroos, lizards, snakes, turtles, birds, watering holes, shrubs, bushes, trees and Uluru, with amazing sunsets. The Australian and Aboriginal flags were painted in a variety of sizes.

The grade 1 /2s decorated messages sticks, whilst the grade 3 /4’s also made boomerangs and didgeridoos, once they had completed their own cave paintings. The Foundation and 1 /2s also drew around their hands and decorated them using aboriginal animal tracks. The 1 /2’s painted their feet in different primary colours and then dot painted around them using shades.

Below is our fantastic cave that we have all enjoyed creating through working together in pairs and groups this term. The grade 5 /6s have been researching an Australian artist and reproducing one piece of their chosen artist’s work.

Thank you to all of the students for an outstanding Term three, I am looking eagerly to Term four.

Mrs Yanoff

Yoga and Cheerleading

Just a reminder that this is the last week for yoga on Tuesdays and cheerleading on Thursday.
Being a Good Sport

Being a good sport when you’re playing a game is important. It’s also important to be a good sport when things don’t go exactly the way you want, or expect, them to.

Suppose you don’t get chosen for a team, or you get the worst looking piece of cake on the plate, or you get hit with a ball by accident. If you can accept that things like that happen from time to time—that no one is out to get you—you’ll be considered a good sport.

It’s okay to be upset if things don’t go your way, but it’s best to save your hurt or anger for a time when it’s safe and appropriate to express those feelings—probably to someone who cares about you and will understand. In the meantime, it will help you get along with others if you can accept what happens and be pleasant about it.

At Home Activity....
Read and discuss this poster with your child/ren.

Final Thought... Win some... Lose some.