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

226 families at WPS.
84 Completed payments
= 37%

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our ‘Students of the Week’

All of Foundation B: (A great start to the school year. Brianna Dwyer accepted the award on behalf of her class)

All of Foundation H: (Confidently settling into their new class. Brodie Hall accepted the award on behalf of his class)

All of Foundation K: (Settling well into their new school environment. Imogen Dawson accepted the award on behalf of her class)

All of Foundation P: (Settling well into their new class. Daniel Calleja accepted the award on behalf of his class)

1/2C: Alyssa Duffy (Showing the school values of “Care” and “Friendship”)  
1/2H: Shelby D’Silva (Being a fantastic helper with her new classmates)  
1/2P: Harris Barbour (Consistently trying his best to stay on task)  
1/2V: Tyler Dennehy (Being a responsible and caring member of his class)  
3/4A: Charli McClure (Showing the school values of “Care” and “Friendship”)  
3/4B: Thomas Bond (Showing how to be a responsible class member)  
3/4J: Chelsea Dumbrell (Settling into her new classroom and demonstrating our school values)  
5/6J: Lara Likos (Settling into new classroom routines well & being organised)  
5/6M: Tayla Albert (Making an outstanding start to her new school)  
5/6S: Alyssa Pocock (Showing the school values of “Care” and “Friendship”)
A Message from the Assistant Principal

It’s been a wonderful start to the school year. There is a distinct ‘freshness’ about the place with so many new families, students, staff and buildings. It’ll be a fantastic year.

Parent Information Sharing Session – Wednesday 18th February
Last week, notices went home to make a time to share information about your child with your child’s classroom teacher. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to pass on specific information to teachers which may aid in the learning development of your child. You may like to inform your child’s teacher of any irregular eating or sleeping patterns, auditory or visual concerns or known behavioral issues. Staff value this information and use it to provide a safe learning environment which caters for individual student needs. The Parent Information Sharing Session is next Wednesday. If you have yet to do so, please return your reply slip to your child’s classroom teacher ASAP. If you are unable to attend next Wednesday, please contact your child’s classroom teacher to organise another time.

High Expectations
Every year, staff develop focus areas for High Expectations. Last year we focused on uniform, individual learning goals and communication with parents. These areas will continue to be a focus throughout 2015 along with the following new areas of; Work Book Standards, Student Movement (within and beyond the classroom) and Student Attendance. Having High Expectations around work book standards includes; neatness with handwriting, editing ruling up etc, completing home learning tasks, maintaining student work books (no rips or tears or graffiti) and presenting quality work displays around the classroom. High Expectations around Student Movement includes; transitions within the classroom (between activities and learning areas, packing up, accessing food/bags), visiting the toilet, walking to and from specialist classes and around the school, leaving the classroom at recess, lunch and end of day and refraining from running on concrete. The final High Expectation on Student Attendance involves staff monitoring and tracking student attendance, recognizing patterns, establishing student attendance plans (SAP) and continuing to develop strong relationships between home and school.

Working Bee
Shortly we will be holding our first working bee for 2015. There is much to be done including the installation of the monkey bars which were moved prior to the new building being installed. However, prior to the monkey bars being installed, we require a member of our school community with welding experience to re-weld the leg extensions. These broke off when the monkey bars were removed. If you have some welding experience and would like to lend a hand, please let the office know.

Outdoor Speakers
If you have been at assembly the past two weeks, you would’ve noticed the bright, clear sound emanating into the outdoor tiered seating area. Over the holidays ‘Interact Us’ installed two new outdoor speakers to allow families to hear what is happening during assembly. These speakers couldn’t have been installed without the fundraising organized by the SRC or the generous donation from Kerry and Jo McDermott.
Swimming Trials
Good luck to all the Grade 3-6 students attending the swimming trials this Friday. These trials represent one of our largest contingents ever. Students who qualify will represent the school at the Mitchell South District Swimming Championships on Friday 20th February. Well done to everyone who is willing to represent the school.

ANZAC Grant
Last year, Mrs Cole successfully applied for a grant to install an ANZAC commemoration area in the school. This includes redesigning the top tier of the seating area outside the hall. Yesterday works began with the installation of the two flag poles. We are still on the lookout for a rock which will hold the ANZAC plaque.

School Council Elections
Coming home tomorrow is a flyer relating to School Council Elections. We are currently calling for nominations of parents as half our school council change over this year. Please read the flyer and contact Mrs Cole if you require any further information.

Until next week ~ Anthony Potesta

Hello Everyone
Following are a few of the items discussed at our first 2015 Parents and Friends Association meeting yesterday :-

- The annual AGM was held and the following members were elected
  President - Cheryl Mann, Vice President - Emily Gawley & Secretary - Mel Marshall

- First fundraiser for the year is the Kilmore Country Music Festival which will be held at the JJ Clancy Reserve in Kilmore on the 1st March. The school will require parents to donate cakes and biscuits and also offer assistance to help out on the WPS stall.

- Other fundraisers for the year have been discussed and dates for these will be set at the next meeting. School Council approval is required for all fundraising.

- Flag poles are going in today. The official opening will occur in March (date not yet decided). The school ANZAC ceremony will be on Friday 24th April.

- School Council nomination information was explained to the group.

- 319 students currently enrolled

- There is now a 3rd teacher on yard duty at play times. Each yard duty teacher has an allocated area to monitor.

Next PAFA Meeting: 3rd March 2015
(9:15am onwards in the staffroom)

Thanks
Cheryl Mann—PAFA President

Please come along and join the team (photo above). Even Peaches the dog enjoyed herself!
School Value Raps

This week, the grade 5 / 6 students have been revisiting our school values. The following are some clever raps they have created about each of our important school values.

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<td><strong>Friendship</strong>&lt;br&gt;By Connor, Kira, Tayla, Grace, Chloe (5/6M)&lt;br&gt;Friendship is the most important tool, If ya want to get through school.&lt;br&gt;You say nice things, And act like queens and kings.&lt;br&gt;Be nice to one another, Treat them like your brother.&lt;br&gt;You don't judge each other, Talk to each other like you would your mother.&lt;br&gt;You should be loyal to your friends, And stay with them until the end.</td>
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<td><strong>Caring</strong>&lt;br&gt;By Sean, Cal, Sam, Claire, Toby, William (5/6J)&lt;br&gt;We must be caring, Please no swearing!!!&lt;br&gt;Don't be mean, Just be keen.&lt;br&gt;Sharing is caring, Don't be daring.&lt;br&gt;Always be nice, Don't treat people like mice.</td>
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<td><strong>Respect</strong>&lt;br&gt;By Jake, Shae F, Daley, Quinn, Corbin, Jaidyn (5/6M)&lt;br&gt;I sit with a straight back, So I’m not sitting slack.&lt;br&gt;A school value is ‘Respect’, I follow rules that are correct.&lt;br&gt;We don't need to start a fight, ‘Come on guys, it’s not right!’</td>
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WOW! ....WHAT'S ON @WANDONG

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What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 5th Feb and Wednesday 11th Feb:

**Whole school:**
- Attendance “Every Day Counts” information
- Parents & Friends Association information
- Home Learning at Wandong Primary School

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:**
- Victorian State School Spectacular media release permission form
- 2015 Commonwealth Bank School Banking program starter pack (All new students)

**Individual grade levels:** Nil

**Foundation:**
- Parent Information Evening - 11th Feb 2015

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:** Nil

**Five/Six:** Nil

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

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Gold Certificate Winners!

**Congratulations to our gold certificate winners**

Thomas Simon, Hayden O’Sullivan, Jethro Caelli, Erin Libardi and Shani McLeish

3 gold tickets

Great Effort !!!

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Performing Arts & Sports Award Certificate Winners!

**Performer of the Week**

Piper Hobson

Displaying the value of “Friendship” by making sure everyone had a partner

**Best on Field**

Lucas Bartolo
MISS VILCHEZ 1/2V

Where did you work before you came to Wandong Primary School?

Before I came to Wandong PS I ran a personal training business and ran children’s sport programs.

Where do you live?

I live in Greensborough

Do you have any hobbies? What are they?

I enjoy taking spin classes and going to the beach.

What was the last book you read?

Whole brain teaching by Chris Biffle

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is SHREK

What do you like about working at Wandong PS?

The friendly staff and community and the opportunity to teach grade 1/2 in room 3.
EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL
Parents must come to the office to collect the early departure book and then collect their child from the classroom and have the teacher sign the book. Students will not be called to the office unless absolutely necessary.

QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!
Along with the return of the school chickens we have new additions to the chook yard of the feathered kind. The school is now the proud carer of two ducks and we were wondering whether any of our school parents or carers have a half sandpit shell that they would like to donate to the school for the ducks to swim in?

SCHOOL BANKING
The school provides a school banking service for both the Commonwealth Bank and the Bendigo Bank. This service will commence on Friday 13th February. If students wish to use the service, we ask that they bring their bank books in on Friday, these will then be processed on Tuesday and returned to students in their classroom tubs. Also could those students who still have Commonwealth Banking tokens left from last year please return these as the reward system is reset every year and last years tokens are no longer valid. Savings reward tokens are only available through the Commonwealth Bank, the Bendigo bank has a different reward system available. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

Perseverance is a quality that every one of you can benefit from practising. After all, there are going to be challenges in life, and knowing how to persevere even when frustrated or disappointed will be a great life skill.

What is perseverance?

- The ability to keep trying when things don't work at first supports our resilience by helping us develop necessary skills and solutions.
- Accomplishment may take many steps and lots of practice. Making mistakes and asking for help are just part of learning new things.
- When parents model perseverance and show that mistakes are OK, children learn to keep on trying.
- Encouragement to keep trying, as opposed to instruction, can help children feel proud of their accomplishments.

Things parents can say to their children...

Encouragement
- “I see you’re trying; I bet you’ll get it soon.”
- “You figured it out.”
- “I bet we can learn something from this mistake – what do you think?”
- “It is fun to try to get better at something.”
- “It may be hard, but let’s see if you can do it.”
- “Keep trying.”

Small steps
- “First you did __________, then you tried __________, then you asked a question. What’s next?” (point out steps)

Final Thought:

“PERSEVERANCE IS FAILING 19 TIMES AND SUCCEEDING THE 20TH.”