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.

Congratulations to our 'Students of the Week'

Foundation B: Peaches Tasevski (Being a responsible learner in her classroom)
Foundation H: Charli Dafos (Showing the definition of the word “Responsibility”)
Foundation K: Cohen Mitchell (Working very hard during writing)
Foundation P: Daniel Calleja (Being a great friend and helping others)
1/2C: Lacy Cesaria (Always being enthusiastic about learning)
1/2H: Amber Cartwright (Having the confidence to ask questions in class)
1/2P: Diesel Vella (Using his GOAL sheet to complete all of his work)
1/2V: Brodie D'Silva (Trying his best with his school work and engaging in classroom discussions)
3/4A: Trinity Hobson (Trying her best and following all classroom instructions)
3/4B: Caitlin Roberts (Being a kind, caring buddy and a good role model)
3/4J: Patrick Marks (Writing an interesting narrative about bullying)
5/6J: Jade Tremayne (Setting a high standard for all home learning tasks)
5/6M: Alexandra Coleman (Consistently showing the school value of “Doing Your Best”)
5/6S: Shani McLeish (Amazing effort in her “Literature Circle Roles”)

Reminder
School Assembly - Thursday 12th at 3:00pm
Working Bee - Friday 13th - 3:00pm to 7:00pm

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A Message from the Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Well. What a crazy, busy short week it’s been.

Around the School

On Monday, we had our ANZAC rock delivered and with the help of Greg Joslyn, it was positioned in place. Now the area is set to be finished with landscaping and a special ANZAC plaque that will sit on the rock. Thanks also to Clint Noble who re-welded the legs on the Monkey Bars. These also arrived on Monday and are ready to be set in the ground at Friday’s working bee.

Talking of which, just a quick reminder that Friday is our first working bee for the year. As well as setting up the monkey bars, we’ll be topping up the sand pit, rebuilding a few retaining walls, having a BBQ and a general clean up around the school. Working bee kicks off at 3pm so there will be no assembly on Friday. Please fill in the reply slip indicating whether or not you will be attending. Please also let us know of any dietary requirements. We will have a vegetarian option for the BBQ. Hope to see you there.

Footy Clinic

Last week, Zac Merret from Essendon Football Club came to visit the 5/6s and run a footy clinic. It was great to see the students and 5/6 teachers really get involved and have a great time. The students participated in a range of skill development activities including handball and kicking. Thanks to Zac for giving up his time and running the session for our students.

Young Leaders Day

On Friday, our grade six students leaders will head into the city to participate in the Young Leaders Conference. Each year we send our students to interact with other primary school leaders and to hear stories from prominent leaders within our community. This year our leaders will be fortunate to hear Bindi Irwin, Andy Griffiths, Jess Gallagher and Coen Aston speak. I’m sure we’ll hear more about their day in next week’s newsletter.

School Council

Congratulations and thank you to Penny Edwards and Emily Gawley, these ladies are the final two members of our 2015 School Council.

Emergency Evacuation Practice

Tomorrow, we will be running an emergency evacuation practice. It will be an internal evacuation and we will be assembling in the hall. The practice is important should a real life emergency occur. The practice will be sometime after recess.

Until next week !!!

Anthony Potesta
This term, all students at Wandong Primary School are learning about dance during their performing arts lessons. Some of the dances they have learnt are the ‘Nutbush’, ‘Progressive Jive’, ‘Barn Dance’ and many more. Students are also learning about dances from other countries and how dances can tell a story. All students are leaning the choreography for a whole school performance. This will be performed at our end of term assembly.

This year, students in grade four, five and six have been given the opportunity to participate in the Victorian State School Spectacular. This is the first time that Wandong Primary School will be participating in the State School Spectacular. The Victorian State School Spectacular is a large concert that includes primary and secondary students from all over Victoria. Our students are participating as members of the mass dance section and the mass choir section. Each of these sections will have 1200 students performing!!!! All of the dancers attended their first rehearsal with other schools and had a great time learning the dances.

To help raise money to get our students into the city for 2 full dress rehearsals and the performances, we will be running a series of fundraisers. Our first fundraiser will be a sausage sizzle lunch at school. These will be available by pre order only. A note for this will be sent home so keep an eye out!!

This year we will be entering Wakakirri again, but we are trialling something different. We will be making 2 videos to enter into the Wakakirri Screen Challenge. Rehearsals for this will be during lunchtime. There will be no cost for this activity. Please talk to your child about whether they would like to participate in this activity.
Performing Arts & Sports Award Certificate Winners!

**Performer of the Week**
**William Jones**
(Being very enthusiastic during class and helping younger students)

**Best on Field**
**Mackenzie MacDonald**

HEAD LICE
The school has been recently notified that a number of parents are having to treat their children 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.

**Mayor Visit.**
The mayor of Mitchell Shire Mr Rodney Parker came to visit the grade 3/4 children last week.
He came to discuss the role and purpose of the local council.
We have been learning about local and state government in our grades this term and have also learnt about how to create appropriate questions. The children had the opportunity to ask questions of the mayor and some of the students had made him morning tea which was enjoyed by Mrs Cole with Mr Parker after his chat.
It was an amazing experience to bring the real world into our school.

**Thank You!**
We would like to thank the following families for helping the school recently: -
The Peake Family - Donation and delivery of rock for Anzac day plaque
The Joslyn Family - Repositioning of rock and moving of mulch with excavator
The Noble Family - Repair and return of monkey bars
The Cole Family - Attaching of ball catchers to the front gate

Wandong Outside School Hours Care
Check the new brochure for the Holiday Program.
Just a reminder to families that as we have had an increase in numbers we would appreciate all bookings to be called through to our office 03 57811300 with as much notice as possible.
This will ensure we have adequate staff and supplies for the planned activities with the children.

Regards
Karyn Homewood

For information and bookings
visit www.ssashec.com.au or Ph: 5781 1300
SSASHEC blog: ssashec.blogspot.com.au
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What’s gone home this past week?

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

**Whole school:**
- PAFA $500 Woolworths Gift Card raffle ticket

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:**
- 5/6 Sports Training (Basketball) - Travel to LB Davern Reserve permission form
- 2015 Wakakirri expression of interest, participation and publicity permission form

**Individual grade levels:** Nil

**Foundation:** Nil

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:** Nil

**Five/Six:**
- Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in the grade level trays.

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2015 FOR ISSUE No. 2
Have you recently asked your child/ren......

“What did you learn today?”

227 families at WPS.
107 Completed payments
= 47%

CONTINUED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
When a student has a continued absence from school, Parents and Carers of students must notify the school daily of the continued absence or they will receive a unexplained absence SMS

Arkell Wins!
Congratulations to Arkell for winning last week’s house points competition.
Arkell Vice Captain Brayden Draper is pictured holding the winner’s trophy.

NO ICY POLES & ICE CREAMS ON THURSDAY
There will be no icy poles or ice creams available on Thursday this week (12th March) due to SRC Zooper Dooper Day on Wednesday.

Posture Police award

Congratulations to Amber Cartwright and Tayla Albert.

These students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class.

Other nominated students were:
Marley Tasevski, Madi Roddy and Jett Murphy.
Congratulations on your nomination.

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Broadford Secondary College places your daughter or son at the centre of everything we do. Our School is dedicated to providing a broad, supportive and challenging environment for every student, no matter what their needs.

Starting secondary school is a very important time for a young person and their family. Making a good transition and feeling comfortable and supported at secondary school is very important. We work very hard to make the transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

We offer personal tours of the school during a normal school day or after hours. Tours are conducted by our Transition Coordinator, Cathy Coppinger.

Bookings can be made through the General Office
phone: 5784 1200
Email: broadford.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

WORKING BEE Reply Slip
Friday 13th March
3:00pm - 7:00pm

Family Name: ..............................................................

We will be attending the working bee on Friday 13th March.

Number of adults: ............
Number of children: ............
I can bring along the following equipment
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(Please return to the office or reply to wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au for catering purposes.) Thank you!

Please help.
Even half an hour will make a difference.

KEMPS BAKERY - WANDONG

Kemp’s Bakery have advised the school that they now have gluten free products available for students to purchase with their lunch orders.

If you wish to order any of these scrumptious gluten free products please advise the bakery the day prior to submitting the lunch order so that they can have the requested items available.

Kemp’s Bakery can be contacted on 5787 2155

THE KILMORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

“INTERNATIONAL DAY”

Parents and children are invited to attend “International Day” at The Kilmore International School on Wednesday 13 March 2013 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. As well as various curriculum displays and presentations, we also showcase the many different cultures and nationalities of the students and staff in the school. Many students wear national dress, cook their local cuisine and prepare displays and performances including Bollywood dancing, the traditional Chinese lion dance and much more.

The Kilmore International School was established in 1983 and is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. We are a boarding and day school of 600 students and currently offer Year 3 through to Year 12. The school has a family atmosphere where girls and boys from Melbourne, country Victoria and from around the world become part of a close-knit learning community.

The Kilmore International School has an impressive record of academic success and many of our graduates attend leading universities throughout the world. In Years 11 and 12, all students study for the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

To register your interest in attending our “International Day”, please call reception on (03) 5782 2211.

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Email: info@kilmore-intl.edu.au
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**BULLYING—**

Who is a Target?

There are ways to ensure that you don’t become a target for a bully. Someone who is being bullied is called the victim.

Victims . . . reward the bully by yielding control and showing signs of intimidation. They often fail to gain support from bystanders and avoid reporting the bullying.

*But*, victims can learn to defeat the bully by responding assertively, rallying support from bystanders, or reporting the bullying to adults.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1) **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2) **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3) **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4) **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5) **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6) **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

****Don’t forget, our school is taking part in the 2015 National Day of Action against...****

Bullying and Violence on Friday 20 March.*** (More information to follow in next weeks Newsletter.)