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.

‘The Puggle Post’

Congratulations to our ‘Students of the Week’

Foundation F: Levi Tolevski (Showing persistence to progress on his sight words & demonstrating a great understanding of ‘teen’ numbers)
Foundation K: Wyatt Gregory (Using question marks within his Writer’s notebook)
Foundation T: Tyson O’Connell (Displaying a super effort to write 5 star sentences)
1/2A: Jaide Browne (Displaying great work with fractions)
1/2G: Lachlan Bentley (Providing excellent contributions to the class big book discussions)
1/2M: Lily Ritchie (Being the ‘Fractions Master’ last week when showing a collection as a fraction)
1/2P: Ethan (Writing an excellent summary of a text whilst creating a new blurb for his book)
1/2S: James Tomlinson (Investigation of fractions whilst looking at them in a variety of contexts)
3/4B: Thomas Downey (Demonstrating an excellent understanding of his class reading focus)
3/4M: Melody Noah (Displaying her success in Reading last week)
3/4W: Natalie Hannemann (Carefully editing her narrative using her green, orange and red pens)
5/6B: Shae Fitzpatrick (Maintaining focus on her learning and ignoring distractions around her)
5/6 Z: Jack Lyons (Solving equations involving negative integers)

Reminders

Curriculum Day 31st October, 2016
Student Free Day

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

Book Fair
The Book Fair began this week. If you haven't done so already, make sure you visit the library before or after school to see what books are on offer. As well as stimulating and exciting young readers minds, part of the proceeds from the week are donated to the school to help support our reading programs and resources.

Foundation Transition
Can you believe it’s already Foundation Transition time again?? Our Foundation transition officially began last term with Storytime visits in the library, which were a great success. The transition program continues this Saturday when we host our 2017 Foundation families at school for our annual BBQ and family ‘meet and greet’. The BBQ is a great way for all 2017 Foundation families to get to know one another, have a snag and enjoy the activities. On Monday, we will be holding our first transition visit during which the children will start their preparations for school in 2017. So much planning and hard work goes into making these events a success and it’s important to acknowledge the efforts of Miss Green, Mrs Cole and the Foundation Team in ensuring everything runs smoothly and the children are well supported.

A Night in Monte Carlo
Tickets will be available from this Friday for PAFA’s ‘A Night in Monte Carlo’ Fundraising event. A letter to families with information about the event was sent home with the eldest in each family last Thursday. If you did not receive this information, please contact the office. It will be fantastically fun night with all proceeds supporting the school.

3/4 Camp
As your reading this, I’ll be enjoying the company of the 3/4 students, teachers and aides on this year’s camp. Keep an eye out on the school’s Facebook page as I’ll be posting lots of photos and videos over the next couple of days.

Working Bee
Last term we announced that we’d have a working bee on Friday 21st October. Due to a scheduling issue, we have had to re-schedule until later in the term. We’ll let you know the change of date over the next few weeks.

Until next time.............................Have a great week!!!

Anthony Potesta
Planning for 2017

Please return to the office by ASAP.

Thank you!

Exiting students:

We are now in planning stages for the 2017 school year. To assist us with staffing, please indicate if your child WILL NOT be returning to Wandong Primary School next year. (Please fill this in even if you have told the office.)

Child’s name/s: .............................................
Room/s: ............

Indonesian, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Sports Award Certificate Winners!

Performing Arts
Reef McKay
(Displaying the value ‘Doing Your Best’ when learning about beat and rhythm)

Best on Ground
Rohnen Boschen

Planning for 2017

(Not needed for Grade 6 students)

New arrivals:

Alternatively, if you know of a relative/friend who should be expecting next year (ie: new enrolment), please list their details below so we can check these against our records.

Their name: ...............................................

Your name: ..............................................

BIKE RIDE

What a day ... but we did it. “Worst winds since Black Saturday” was reported on the news and we rode a bike in it. The day was really tough as it felt like we were going two pedals forward and one pedal backwards. We had a 110km headwind for the last 75 kms. What should have taken us five hours took just on seven. .... But what an amazing feeling to finally cross that finish line.

Well done to Miss Vilchez – a great effort.

Thanks everyone for your encouragement. Now we need to set out next goal ......

Rhonda Cole

SEL Stars of the Week Award

Congratulations to

Tyler Hayek, Mystique Vella and Sean Holt

These students were selected by their peers for identifying and demonstrating the weekly SEL focus in class in the area of “Problem Causing Behaviours”.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER'S CLUB:

Congratulations on 200 nights reading: Adam Johanesen
**WOW! ... WHAT’S ON & WHAT’S DUE @WANDONG**

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| Monday 17th | 2017 Foundation Transition session (9:30am-11:00am)  
School Council Meeting (6:00pm start in the staffroom) |
| Friday 21st | Term 4 Swimming Program session |
| Monday 24th | 2017 Foundation Transition session (9:30am-11:00am)  
Cluster Student Leadership Program at Wallan Secondary College (10:00-2:00) |
| Thursday 27th | Family Math Night (5:30 to 8:00pm) - gold coin donation for entry |
| Friday 28th | Term 4 Swimming Program session |
| Monday 31st | Curriculum Day (no students required at school) |

**EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL**

Parents must come to the office to collect the early departure book and then collect their child from their classroom and have the teacher sign the book.

*Students will not be called to the office unless absolutely necessary.*

We would like to remind parents of our recess (10:51 - 11:17am) and lunch time (1:10-1:50pm) breaks and request that if children need to be collected, that it be done so either side of these items. We find that when students are called during recess and lunch they find it difficult to hear their names on the PA and classrooms are also locked during these times.

**What’s gone home this past week?**

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 6th October & Wednesday 5th October:

**Whole school:**
- PAFA event : A Night in Monte Carlo information

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:**
- **Foundation:** Nil
- **One/Two:** Nil
- **Three/Four:** Last minute reminder note
- **Five/Six:**
  - Grade 5/6B visit to Dianella permission slip
  - 2016 Grade 6 Graduation permission & payment

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

**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

247 families at WPS.

157 Completed payments

= 63 %

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

**“What did you learn today?”**
Have you lost an iPod recently?

We have an iPod in our lost property and believe that it may belong to someone from our school community. If you have misplaced such an item, please contact the school office and provide us with a description of your missing item so we may ascertain the owner.

DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT FOR TERM FOUR

All students must wear their school hat when outside in term four. Should you need to purchase a new hat we have small, medium, large and extra large hats sized hats available for $10 from the school office.

This year, Wandong Primary School Parents & Friends Association is hosting a Walk-a-thon. All proceeds will help PAFA to fund resources and equipment for the school.

The date of the Walk-a-thon is Wednesday 2nd November and students will receive a Zooper-Dooper, a bottle of water and a certificate on completion.

Please note that pledge forms need to be kept by parents until after the Walk-a-thon has occurred and then both the form and payment should be returned to the school by Friday 4th November.
Exploring Mathematics at W.P.S in Week 3

1/2:
The 1/2s are revising their knowledge of place-value. Place-value is about how numbers are made and what the value of each digit is. For example, 457 is made from 400, 50 and 7. The value of the 7 is 7ones, the value of the 5 is 5 tens (50) and the value of the 4 is 4 hundreds (400). A sound understanding of the place-value system enables students to mentally computate (add, subtract etc) efficiently.

At home, you can support your child by discussing different types of numbers and how they are made. Break numbers down into hundreds, tens and ones, or even further into thousands and tens of thousands.

Fun Question: My number is three-digits. I have more tens than ones, but less hundreds than tens. What could the number be?

3/4:
The 3/4s are beginning to explore division. To begin with, students will develop an understanding of division by sharing items. For example, there are 18 bananas in a bunch. Three people will share them. How many for each person? In this question we would start with 18 bananas and share them evenly into three groups. There will be six bananas in each group therefore, each person would get six bananas each. When using numbers, students would write the sum as $18 \div 3 = 6$.

At home, you can support your child by talking about things that you share at home and how you make even groups. For example, there are four apples left, if we shared them evenly between you and I, how many would we each get?

Fun question:
18 sunflowers need to be shared evenly between 6 vases. How many sunflowers will be in each vase? *it might help to draw your answer*

Don't Forget...
Wandong Primary School

Family Math Night!

When: Thursday the 27th of October
Time: 5:30pm to 8pm
Where: Wandong Primary School - Beginning in Room 2 (5/6Z).
Cost: Gold Coin Donation for entry
Wandong Primary School

Family Math Night!

Come and join us for Family Math Night and discover the wonders of math... Together!

We will have 9 math stations set up on our math trail across the school, including activities such as Giant Jenga and Snakes and Ladders, Free the Superheros, Ping Pong Math and Fraction Golf. All activities will suit all age groups!

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PRIZE to be WON!

Complete the trail and go into the draw to WIN a family hamper!
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

Refocussing your attitude

It’s not always easy to see the positive things in life, especially for kids, but having a positive attitude and outlook on life makes solving life’s problems much easier. Teaching your child how to turn a negative attitude around helps to teach them some important coping skills they will need in life.

Step 1

Teach your children to control their inner monologue. These are the statements they constantly repeat to themselves in their minds, such as “I’m so bad at Math”, or “I’m never going to be a good reader”. Help them replace these negative statements by stating, aloud or silently: “I might be having a hard time understanding Math, but I will keep trying and reach out to others for help with it, like my teachers, parents and other students.”

Step 2

Remind your children that being positive or negative about an event that has occurred in their lives is their choice. Teach your children this by using an example, such as “Staying angry at someone leaves you upset, it doesn’t fix the problem.”

Step 3

Try to create a positive environment in your home by watching funny movies, telling jokes and stories. Explain to your children that just smiling and laughing can help shift your brain chemistry and make you feel good.

Lunchtime Clubs in Term # 4

We are looking for expressions of interest from any parent/grandparent volunteers who would like to run a lunch time club for term four. These clubs run from 1:10pm—1:40pm each school day. If you have a special interest, skill or talent and a Working with Children check, please contact me here at school or via email: woods.jessica.c@edumail.vic.gov.au to discuss your ideas.