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.

Thank You Wandong Primary School from The Calleja Family

Reminder
Foundation Camp - Friday 14th August
Grade 3/4 Science Inquiry Incursion - Monday 17th August
Victorian State School Spectacular rehearsal (choir) Melbourne - Wednesday 19th August

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A Message from the Acting Principal

Holy moly, it's week 5 and we’re over the hump. Can you believe how quickly this term is flying by? There's still so much to do, in so little time. At least the weather should start to improve. I know the sun is out there somewhere........

Curriculum Day

Phew, what a day we had on Friday. So much learning. So much reflection. It is great to work with such an awesome staff that are willing to put in a great deal of time and effort to continuing to improve their practice. We covered a lot with the focus being on Mathematics curriculum and planning, high expectations and KidsMatter staff projects.

School Assemblies

Our new look unit assemblies began this week. The Foundation and 1/2 units held their assemblies today and the 3/4 and 5/6s will hold theirs on Friday. Our main school assembly will remain at the normal time of 3:00pm Fridays.

Dianella Visit

Last Thursday I took eight, nervous grade 5 students over the Dianella Aged Care in Kilmore to meet with and read with the residents. Although tentative at first, our students engaged beautifully with the residents and had a wonderful and fulfilling experience. The residents always enjoy our visits and this one was made extra special with a little AC/DC and 12 Bar Blues performed on guitar by Lewis. The residents loved it. We’ll be heading over again next week to make bracelets.

Calleja Family Donation

On Friday, Mrs Smith took some time out of our curriculum day to deliver all the wonderful donations to the Calleja family. To say they were overwhelmed with the amount of items is an understatement. Thank you to everyone who donated and are supporting the family during this difficult time. It is inspiring to be part of a community that is so giving of itself.

In light of the current events, and in conjunction with Parents and Friends and School Council, Wandong Primary School will set up a KidsMatter Assistance Fund to assist families in need. This fund will allocate school materials, uniforms and financial support by way of assistance with booklists, excursion or school fees to families who require support. Parents and Friends will allocate a percentage from fundraising events to help support the fund. There will also be opportunities for families to assist and support the fund as needs arise.

Booklists

It’s early, but we have begun reviewing our booklists for 2016. Once the review is complete, we will be sending information home to families. In November, any unused materials will be sent home to help families ascertain what they need for 2016. A letter will accompany the materials inviting families to donate any of the unused materials to the KidsMatter fund to support families in need.

School Council Information

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

- A series of camps and excursions were approved
- School policies including changes to our anaphylaxis policy were approved
- Discussions about car parking and the recent meeting with Council
- Discussions regarding the creation of the school Facebook page and the importance of having a clear and comprehensive social media policy
- The KidsMatter assistance fund was discussed as was the option for families to donate unused class materials to it
- The 5/6 Attitudes to School Survey Data was presented and discussed

Anthony Potesta
Acting Principal
This term we have been learning about poetry. This week we have been creating couplets. It has been lots of fun learning how to make the sentences rhyme and make sense.

Here are a few examples of our finished couplets.

Opening Classroom Doors - Foundation P

This week in Foundation P we have been learning about different types of mini beasts. Last week we learnt about bees. It has been very interesting learning about all the different bugs and where to find them. We learnt that bee’s don’t want to hurt us, we just need to watch them from a distance. We know that they eat nectar and that they have special hairs on their legs where they collect the pollen.

This week we are learning about Lady Bugs! They are very cute and small! Did you know that lady bugs come in different colours? They are red, yellow and orange! We read a story called the ‘Very Grouchy Ladybug’. We discussed what makes us grouchy and what we can do instead to make us feel better.

On Monday we had a very special visitor come and visit us in Foundation P. Corey’s Grandpa came and showed lots of special items that he made out of wood and stone! It was amazing seeing what different skills people have. He showed us pens, clocks, spoons, cups and lots of other exciting wood works! Take a look!

Heidi Pritchard, Foundation P.
**WOW! ....WHAT’S ON @WANDONG**

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**What’s gone home this past week?**

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 6th August and Wednesday 12th August:

**Whole school:** Nil  
**Selected Families:** Nil  
**Selected Students:**  
- Vic School Spectacular Update  
- Vic School Spectacular train transport permission  
- Vic School Spectacular hoodie information  
**Individual grade levels:** Nil  
**Foundation:**  
- Foundation Newsletter - 10th August 2015  
- Foundation Camp itinerary  
**One/Two:** Nil  
**Three/Four:**  
- 3/4 Briars Camp parent helper notification  
**Five/Six:**  
- 5/6 Anglesea Camp parent helper notification  
- Grade 6 Graduation permission & payment  

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

**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

- 231 families at WPS.  
- 146 Completed payments  
- 63%