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: Byron Wright (Displaying confidence during Special Friend’s Day rehearsals)
Foundation F: Jazmyn Watson (Enthusiastic encouragement of others during Special Friend’s Day rehearsal)
Foundation K: Damien Stranieri (Performing like a Rock Star during Special Friend’s Day practice)
Foundation T: Riley Bichard (Consistently working hard to write sentences independently)
  3/4B: Aurora Sheehy (Displaying a caring and considerate attitude to others)
  3/4B: Kayla Johnson (Displaying commitment in focussing on her learning)
  3/4M: Cody Henderson (Displaying an outstanding effort when applying multiplication strategies)
  3/4W: William Bellman (Completing of an outstanding week of work)
5/6B: Wyatt Mundy (Showing resilience to bounce back and approach each day with a fresh start)
  5/6T: Imogen Maher (Seeking help regularly to assist with her learning)
  5/6Z: Zaiden Campbell (Showing great respect and leadership as a buddy)

Reminders

Thursday 15th September - Special Friend’s Day starting at 11:30am at LB Davern Reserve
Friday 16th September - Last day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish - assembly at 2:00pm
Friday 16th September - Grade 5/6 Ace Hi Ranch camp forms and payment due today
Friday 16th September - Term 4 Swim Program permission and payment due today

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A Message from the Principal Team

Dear Families,

What a fantastic term it has been. It has certainly flown by with so many great events throughout the term............................and it’s not over just yet.....

Special Friends Day
Tomorrow is Special Friend’s Day. It’s always such an exciting day on the school calendar. Foundation, grade one and grade two students have been rehearsing all term in their performing arts classes and back in their room with their class teacher. It should, as always, be a fantastic event. We look forward to seeing all the special friends tomorrow for the performances. Thank you to Mrs Castle and all the F-2 teachers for preparing the event.

1/2 Latitude Camp
What an awesomely fun time we had last Friday at Latitude for the 1/2 camp. With brilliantly organised and supervised activities, the students (and teachers and parents) could safely go outside their comfort zone and attempt new activities such as rock climbing, high ropes and trampolining. After some highly exhilarating fun and games, we headed back to the LB Davern Reserve for more games, movies and dinner. Thank you to all our parent helpers who assisted throughout the day and evening. Your help and support was much appreciated. Thank you also to Mr Fearn for putting together such a great camp and to the teachers and aides for their tireless efforts throughout the day and evening ensuring all the students were safe, comfortable and having fun.

School Review
Yesterday, I joined Mrs Cole, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Andrew, our School Council President Penny, our reviewer Heather and DET personal Tony, Kim and Neil for our school review day. It was an exhausting yet rewarding day as we reviewed our school’s achievement against our last strategic plan and discussed goals and key improvement strategies for the new strategic plan that will be in place for the next four years. The review process allows for professional and robust discussions that challenge us to continue to improve student outcomes. The next step in the process is for Heather (reviewer) to write our report. Mrs Cole and Tony will present it to staff and school council next term. Thank you to Penny, Tony, Neil and Kim for taking time out of their busy schedules to assist us through this process.

Family Fun Day
Sadly the Family Fun Day scheduled for Saturday had to be postponed due to the weather. A re-scheduled date will be made known to families next term.

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**Performing Arts Certificate Winner !**

**Performer of the Week**

*Oliver McKinlay*

(Demonstrating the value of ‘Friendship’ when teaching another student to play the drums for your group performance)

**SEL Stars of the Week Award**

Congratulations to

*Isaak Harrison and Penny Phoethong*

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

**WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:**

**Congratulations on 100 nights reading:**

Billy Brundell.

**Congratulations on 150 nights reading:**

Sarah Seeger.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that the school office hours are **8.30am to 4.30pm**. Should you wish to contact the school outside these times you will need to leave a message on our answering machine. Another alternative is to send us an email at wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and we can direct this to the relevant staff member.
**WOW! ... WHAT’S ON & WHAT’S DUE @WANDONG**

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**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 7th September & Wednesday 14th September:

**Whole school:**
- Family Fun Day postponement advice
- Walk-a-thon pledge form
- Holiday flood warning alert

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:**

**Foundation:**
- Special Friend’s Day reminder note

**One/Two:**
- Special Friend’s Day reminder note

**Three/Four:** Nil

**Five/Six:**
- When we were Kings - PG rating permission slip

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?”
Hi all,
Miss Vilchez and I recently entered the Around the Bay bike ride and have committed to ride 100km to help Australian children in need.

Sunday 9th October is the big day - Sorrento to Melbourne!!!

We'll be continuing to train hard for the next few weeks to get ourselves ready for the big challenge. Rain or shine, We'll be on our bikes for hours and we won't stop until I reach the finish line, because we are riding to support Australian children in need.

Right now, 1 in 10 Australian children are living in disadvantage which means they can't afford the basics at school to make the most of their education.

As a result, they feel left out, fall behind and lose belief in themselves.

So we are taking on this challenge because we believe that ALL children should get the chance to succeed at school and realise their true potential. And to prove it, we are raising funds to support The Smith Family to help disadvantaged Australian children create better futures for themselves.

Please support our ride to help these kids by making a donation through our fundraising pages.


All funds raised will support The Smith Family's work to break the cycle of disadvantage through helping children in need with their education. Thanks for your support.

Rhonda Cole and Natalie Vilchez
BSC offer four academic scholarships for students beginning Year 7 in 2017.

The examination may be taken on:
- Wednesday 12th OCT.
- Wednesday 19th OCT,

at
4:00 - 5:00 pm OR 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Please phone the General Office on 5784 1200 to book your preferred day and session.

Other enquiries to Cathy Coppinger:

coppinger.cathy.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Wandong Netball Club Registrations for 2017
WNC is now taking registrations for all teams (9 & Under, 11 & Under, 13 & Under and 16 & Under) for season 2017. If interested please contact either our President Dave Waddell via Facebook or our Secretary Robyn Mumberson on 0419 011 064 for a registration and Medical Form. No payment is required until December 2016. Boys and girls both welcome. Uniform supplied free for new players in 2017.

Wandong Fire Brigade are still recruiting juniors, age from 11yrs to 15yrs old, we have up to 6 positions available, please contact Lt Roberts on 0413644319 to express your interest, the junior program will be starting on the 10th of October 2016.

HIDDEN VALLEY
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY
Sunday September 18th 10 AM TO 4PM
ON THE VILLAGE GREEN OPPOSITE THE CLUB HOUSE

FAMILY DAY
Representatives from

Loads to learn, do and see.

BRT's, Bouncy Castle, Fire Fighter challenge lessons, special guest appearances from
Captain Koala and Paddy Platypus.

Come and get answers to your questions. Enrol for safety defence classes, information on fire readiness, stay or go, defending your property, safety in and around the home.

Advice about gardens vegetation, fires, planning, all safety and resilience issues addressed in one place.

Handouts, information, brochures.

Sausage sizzles, coffee van, refreshments and lots more surprises on the day.

Thermomix raffle drawn at 3pm.
Kilmore Miniature Railway will be running on Saturday 24th September from 10am until 1pm, (weather permitting).

Come along in your Spring outfit and help us celebrate the start of Spring.

Prizes for the Best Dressed and Best Decorated Hat.

Enquiries Tel. 5781 1711 or find us on Facebook @ Kilmore Miniature Railway

Mitchell Dental Group wishes to advise families that the children’s CDBS Medicare dental scheme will be closing as of 31st December 2016.

Mitchell Dental Group in Kilmore has a children’s dental therapist Karin Cook available to see children under this scheme while it is available. If you would like to know if your child is eligible for free dental work please call us on 57821933.
Kids Matter

Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus for

Term four is.....

Each week we will be learning about a skill that helps us to build our problem-solving skills. These skills include:

- Problem causing behaviours
- Refocusing your attitude
- Brainstorming
- Finding different solutions
- Deciding on the best solution
- Learning from mistakes
- Thinking before acting
- Making wise choices
- Accepting consequences
- Group problem solving

Lunchtime Clubs - Term 4

We are looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to run a lunch time club for Term 4. These clubs run from 1:50pm—2:40pm 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.