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.

Fun at the Wandong Primary School Fete

Reminder

Scholastic Book Fair starting today from 3:30pm in the library
Term 4 swimming lessons session one - Friday 16th October 2015

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Thank you for the warm welcome as I return to Wandong Primary School as principal. I certainly had a very busy time completing the Senior Advisor for Regional Provision and Planning (SARPP) role for the final eight weeks of term three and learnt a great deal. I worked with a highly skilled SARPP team and got to visit thirty four primary and secondary schools and work with their respective principals. I have returned to Wandong Primary School with great enthusiasm, some additional ideas, and the chance to congratulate our staff on the amazing work they do at our school every day.

This term will be very busy as we finalise our plans for 2016. As you know, our school is continuing to increase in enrolments and we need to manage this well. Our usual transition programs will operate to ensure a smooth transition into 2016 for staff, current and any new students, and families. We will be finalising budgets for next year and directing our spending to ensure improved learning opportunities for students and that buildings and grounds are managed and maintained.

School Camps: The term started on a high for our grades three-six students as camp was on the agenda in weeks one (3/4) and two (5/6). Both camps have been huge successes due to the great planning of Mr Fearn and the dedication and commitment of staff. Students arrived at both camps very positive and ready to go and this ensured that they, and the staff, had a great (but tiring) time.

School Fete: WOW, WOW, WOW – What an amazing event and certainly a wonderful family afternoon. Whilst the fete is meant to have a community focus, we are delighted to announce that we did make a profit of just over $2,800. Each class has been given their individual total so they can compare their expenses to their revenue, but we do stress that some stalls make a larger profit due to the nature of the stalls, whilst others not so much... and this is all OK. Personally, can I thank the amazing staff at this school, who always step up and support our students. They certainly had a very long day, after teaching and then overseeing their stall event, with many also staying back to help to clean up.

Our students were involved in fete preparations, making posters and organising items. They all did a great job - well done!

To those students who pelted me with a wet sponge – I hope you enjoyed it, and the look on your faces was really funny. Whilst some of the younger students were a bit concerned and apprehensive about hitting me, some of the older students had a red hot go! I felt like my nose was full of bubbles until Saturday lunchtime!

To the parents who assisted on the stalls, thank you! Your help allowed school staff to get a little down time, with some teachers even grabbing a sausage and a drink to get them through the evening.

To the families and students, past, present and future who attended, your support was greatly appreciated. It was wonderful to look around the school yard and see families catching up with each other, sitting together with children sharing ice-creams and laughing together at the novelty events.

Overall, the fete was a huge success. If you would like to provide us with any feedback or suggestions for improvement, please do so via the office or email us on wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Ride around the Bay for Kids in Need: On Sunday, I completed my 50km Ride around the Bay, cycling from Alexandra Gardens in the city over the Westgate Bridge to Altona and returning back to the gardens. It was a big day, up at 3:30 am to get to the city so Wes and Tyler could head off at 5:30 a.m. for their longer 210 km ride down to Queenscliff, across on the ferry to Sorrento then back to Melbourne. After my “short” ride from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m., I eventually left the city to return to Wandong about 7:00 p.m. after Wes finally finished his 12 hour journey. What a big weekend – sponge throwing to bike riding…. I have set myself a goal to do the 100 km next year, beginning at Sorrento and finishing in Melbourne – better start training for those hills at Mt Martha now!
A Message from the Principal (continued....)

BASTOW Numeracy Course: On Monday, Mrs Andrew, Mrs Woods and myself attended our sixth (and final) session completing the Leading Numeracy course in Melbourne. As a team we have been completing this course across the year, and this has given us an opportunity to reflect on our current teaching and learning practices in Numeracy. It has been important we all attend as a team, as we have had the opportunity to provide input into discussions from a classroom teacher’s, Numeracy leader’s and Principal’s perspective. We have now developed an action plan for Numeracy for 2016/2017 which will be very exciting.

Finally, the sun is shining and the week is looking great.

Have a fabulous week, Rhonda Cole

Hosting a Book Fair is a wonderful way to celebrate reading and earn valuable resources for our school! The more books that we sell, the more rewards the school will earn!

Dates and Times:

14th October- 3.30-4.00pm
15th, 16th and 19th October- 8.30-9.00am and 3.30-4.00pm
20th October- 8.30-9.00am

Find us in the School Library!

FETE RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize - Shelley Mudd - Big Bash Family Membership (Valued at $165)
2nd Prize - Chris Brincat - United Cinemas Family Movie Voucher (Valued at $90)
3rd Prize - Jackson Lewis - Watermarc Family Swim & Waterslide pass (Valued at $48)

PARENT PAYMENTS

As we enter term four, our Parent Payment thermometer on page 5 shows that we still have 32% (76 families) who have not yet completed their 2015 Parent Payments. We have one of the lowest costs for Parent Payments of local schools and it is disappointing that two thirds of our families are “carrying” the other third. As a school we do rely on this money to purchase items and continue to provide great learning opportunities. Have you paid up yet? If not, your payment would be greatly appreciated.

CALLEJA FAMILY

MEAL ROSTER REMINDER

To the right is a snapshot of the meal roster.

Could families please diarise their nominated date.
Hello Everyone

Following are a few of the items discussed at our Parents and Friends Association meeting yesterday:

- Feedback on fete below. Other ideas include; Blaccarra Realty sign on main road, Review newspaper advertising, flyers to all kinders (Wandong Kinder got them), advertising in local school newsletters & Facebook pages.
- Initial 2016 chocolate order due by end of the month for early bird offer - We will receive $250 in vouchers. We only need to order number of boxes now. We will ask families to choose between two varieties next year when we have the mid-year fundraising chocolate drive.
- Colouring competition with Ruralco presented. School wins $500. Colour in picture will be sent home. Suggested by Michelle Whitfield.

Principal’s Report:

- 327 students currently enrolled, 360 predicted for next year.
- Congratulations and thank you to PAFA for assisting with the fete. Lots of parents mingling. Great atmosphere.
- Busiest term of the year now.
- Finalising staff, interviews happen from now on.
- 27th October is the first of four transition days for next year’s Foundation students.
- 8th December is Friendship Day. Coincides with Year 6 transition days to secondary school day.
- Book fair begins this week.
- Flags will be available for school swimming carnival.

Next PAFA Meeting: 10th November 2015 (9:15am onwards in the staffroom)

Thanks Cheryl Mann - PAFA President

FEEDBACK ON FETE (received via Facebook)

Positive

- Exceeded expectations.
- Better than the last one attended.
- Awesome.
- Gets better every time.
- Loved it. 1st time & kids are still talking about it.
- Great. Well done to all.
- Mum (grandmother aged 69) said best fete she’s been to. Wow!
- Great fun.
- Paintball was awesome. Kids spraying hair did great job.
- Sponge throw very popular
- Sumo wrestling very popular with older kids.

Negative

- Showbag stall in wrong location. Too busy & cramped. Needs more room next time.
- No jumping castle. Maybe a jumping castle slide instead?

Suggestions

- Hold on a weekend so working parents can attend.
- Gluten free food option. No one was 100% sure if sausages were GF.
- Pie stand?
- Giant slides, rides, auctions. Maybe hold @ Wandong reserve.
- Coffee & cake stall. Would be popular with grandparents.
- Plant stall – could bring in cuttings from your own garden.
- Slushies.

Euroa Primary School have access to a dunking machine for $70. They have students sell tickets for half an hour before they can be dunked.

Please continue to provide feedback so the 2017 Fete will be even better!
**WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @WANDONG**

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**NOTICE**

**What’s gone home this past week?**

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 8th October and Wednesday 14th October:

**Whole school:**
- Cyberbullying incursion information flyer and Parent Information Evening - Bully Proof your kids reply slip
- Ruralco Coloring Competition sheet (due back 20th Oct 2015)

**Selected Families:**
- Scholastic Book Fair parent helper roster

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:**
- **Foundation:** Nil
- **One/Two:** Nil
- **Three/Four:**
  - Milo T20 Blast cricket flyer
- **Five/Six:**
  - Last minute 5/6 camp information
  - 5/6 Sport training & Graduation rehearsal permission form

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

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**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

- **230 families at WPS.**
- **156 Completed payments**
- **= 68%**

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

"What did you learn today?"
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Alexandra Coleman.

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:
Ashlynn Taylor, Ryan Barnes and Gypsy Munro-Bradley

Congratulations on 150 nights reading:
Joshua Searle, Bayden Sage, Alexandra Coleman, Alesha McIntosh, William Jones, Georgia Paxinos, Ella Hall, Emma Drury, Charlotte Delaney, Mitchell Jackson, Noah Tolevski, Lincon Sharp, Emily Arnup and Nikayla Harrison.

Congratulations on 200 nights reading:
Lachlan Thomson, Justine Nastevski, Georgia Shingles, Grace Hannemann, Shae Fitzpatrick, Jessica Darbyshire, James Tomlinson and Emma Drury.
Grade 5/6 Surf Camp at Anglesea

Kilmore Family Fun Day!

Saturday 24th October 2015
8.30am to 1.00pm
at 116 Powlett St, Kilmore

Join in the family fun with a Jumping Castle, BBQ and Charity Raffle with great prizes!

All Raffle proceeds donated to Kilmore Hospital
Bully Proof Your Kids

parent workshop

Wednesday 21st
October 2015 @
Wandong Primary School
7pm—8:15pm

In this session, parents will learn about the dangers associated with bullying, with an emphasis on cyber safety. The workshop gives helpful tools on prevention and how to decrease bully/target behaviour at home and at school.

Please refer to the information flyer for the Bully Stoppers incursion for more details.