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: Reef McKay (Showing an improved attitude to his classroom tasks)
Foundation H: Emma Marks (Being an enthusiastic learner)
Foundation K: Taylah Bell (Showing a positive attitude towards her learning)
Foundation P: Olivia Adam (Always trying her best and being a responsible learner)
1/2C: Felix Hughes (Demonstrating a kind and happy attitude at school)
1/2H: Kayla Johnson-Breheny (Displaying a fantastic improvement with her reading)
1/2P: Harley Noble (Challenging and extending himself with his home learning)
1/2V: Riley Roberts (Contributing positively to classroom discussions)
3/4A: Jesse Tremayne (Consistently putting effort into completing his work and presentation)
3/4B: Jacob Phelan (Showing a positive attitude to learning in all classes)
3/4J: Elijah Hazeldine (Consistently trying his best and having a positive attitude)
5/6J: Jessica Darbyshire (Demonstrating our school value of “Always Doing Her Best”)
5/6M: Alesha McIntosh (Completing all tasks to an outstanding level)
5/6S: Lucas Webb (Being a positive member of his class)

Reminder
Wandong Primary School ANZAC Day assembly - Friday 24th April (and official opening of flagpole garden) - 2:30pm start

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

Dear families,

Welcome back to term two and a busy few weeks. Over the holiday break, staff have been finalising the uploading data on student achievement during term one. They have highlighted those students with steady progress, those achieving above expectations and those needing additional assistance. This information will now be used during their term two planning days that occur this week. During planning week, all teachers meet with their fellow team members to plan the curriculum, scheduling in learning foci for each group of students across all learning areas. Ongoing assessments need to be completed, excursions planned and various other learning experiences organised. As each team complete their planning day, our specialist teachers (Mr Fearn, Mrs Castle and Mrs Yaneff) take the classes. They then have their own planning day too.

Over the holidays numerous contractors completed necessary works that are better done without “little helpers” around. Our Commemorative Flagpole Garden was completed, our gutters and drains were cleaned and new carpet was installed in rooms one and two (5/6J and 5/6S). Gutters and downpipes were attached to the verandah outside our new portables. There were teaching staff at school, working through their term breaks to ensure they were up and running for the start of this term. It is wonderful to work with such dedicated staff.

Today we all attended the official opening of the Wandong War Memorial. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in a once in a lifetime event and we were privileged to be the first people to lay poppies at the base of the memorial. All students received a commemorative medal – something special to keep for the future. A wonderful event for the history of our town.

**Planting out our Flagpole Garden area:** Now that the edging is in place, we wish to put the final pieces all together for our commemorative garden. On Thursday we will have a planting morning with our 2014 SRC members. (I have asked these students to be involved as they were the students who assisted me with the application last year.) Our current school captains and vice captains will also assist. We would also like to thank Pretty Sally Home Hardware for their kind donation of soil for the area and Bret Stebbing and Ben Leavold (ex WPS student) for spreading the soil on Monday. We have about thirty plants to install, so stay tuned in next week’s newsletter for a photo of the finished product. All members of our school community are reminded that our school ANZAC ceremony is on next week on Friday (24th April) beginning at 2:30 p.m. We hope you can all attend.

Until next week Rhonda Cole

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**ANZAC DAY - 25 APRIL 2015**

Wandong Primary School staff, students and families have been invited to the following 2015 Anzac Day commemorations:

- Kilmore Dawn Service - Kilmore Cenotaph, Hudsons Park, at 6:00am
- Kilmore Anzac Day March - Corner of Sydney & Union St at 10:30am
- Wandong Anzac Day Service - Wandong War Memorial at 12:30pm
- Whittlesea Anzac Day March - Whittlesea Bowls Club at 2:00pm
Hello Everyone

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

- Easter raffle profit not available at time of meeting
- Bogan Bingo booked in for 16th May. Venue changed to Kilmore Memorial Hall due to the ability to accommodate more people. 5 tables left with 170 tickets sold (20 reserved for staff). Lots of outside interest with tickets to public going on sale next week. Donations already received for auctions & prizes, so if you want a ticket, get in quick !!!!!
- Woolworths gift card profit $280. Congratulations to ......Mathew Robinson who won the prize.
- Mother’s Day raffle will be $2 per ticket with one prize.
- Mother’s Day stall items have been purchased and delivered.
- Chocolates going out in June – have ordered boxes of Freddos.

Principals Report:
- Currently 324 students.
- Private tours have been held for next year with more booked in.
- Carpet replaced in rooms 1 & 2 over holidays.
- Flags & banners still being ordered. Rhonda to follow up.
- Fete first Friday in term 4 – October 9th. Parents Club to run silent auction & BBQ.

Next PAFA Meeting: 19th May 2015
(9:15am onwards in the staffroom)

Thanks
Cheryl Mann—PAFA President

WALKING EXCURSION TO OPENING OF WANDONG WAR MEMORIAL
**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 26th Mar and Wednesday 15th Apr:

**Whole school:**
- Excursion to Official Opening of Wandong War Memorial

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:**
- Vic State Spectacular rehearsal transport permission form
- Transportation of School Leaders after the official opening of the Wandong War Memorial

**Individual grade levels:** Nil

**Foundation:**
- Whittlesea Anzac Day Ceremony wreath laying request

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:**
- 2015 3/4 Briars Camp information pack

**Five/Six:**
- 2015 Grade 5/6 Surf Camp information pack

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

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**BOGAN BINGO SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS**

The Parents and Friends Association are seeking donations of items, goods or vouchers for a silent auction to be held at the Bogan Bingo night on the 16th May 2015.

Please contact our PAFA President Cheryl on 0451 533 121 or the school office if you can help support this future fundraising event.

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**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

- 228 families at WPS.
- 124 Completed payments = 54%

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

“**What did you learn today?**”
Performing Arts Award Certificate Winner!

**Performer of the Week**

**Jack Dumbrell**
(Always trying his best every week)

PAFA $500 Gift Card Raffle

**Congratulations**

**MATHEW ROBINSON**
For being the lucky winner of the Parents & Friends Association Gift Card Raffle
Well Done Mathew!

OSHC Certificate Winner!

**Congratulations**

**Dylan Al Kadhimi**
(Being a considerate and understanding person in the Out of School Hours Care community)

Lightwood Wins!

Congratulations to Lightwood for winning the last week of Term One house points competition.
Lightwood Captain Tayla Albert and Vice Captain Patrick Allsop are pictured holding the winner’s trophy.

Thank you

A huge thank you to Dumbrell family, Hemphill family, Stray-Murphy family, Robertson family, Tolevski family and the Bell-Barkway family for feeding the chickens over the school holidays. Thank you also to Bret for checking them over the holidays. Hopefully the families received lots of eggs in return for their kindness.

We would also like to thank like to thank the Sleep family Bradley/Thompson family and the McIntosh family for their offers of assistance.

ANZAC APPEAL

Please help us support the Anzac Appeal.
Fundraising items are available for sale from the school office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

**BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2015 FOR ISSUE No. 3**
DIANELLA ART SHOW

On the last Wednesday of term one, some grade sixes visited the Dianella My Life-Your Life, My Community-Our Community Art Show. The art show gave students and residents the opportunity to take photos that had personal meaning while depicting aspects of self and community. The students who attended were the ones who took the photos in 2014 (when they were in grade five as part of the Intergenerational Program between Dianella and WPS). It was wonderful to see the photos framed and out on display. The students were very proud of their work. A selection of photos had an ANZAC theme, and these were also on display today at the Wandong Hall as part of the War Memorial opening. Hopefully we’ll have these photos soon and be able to display them in our school foyer.

2015 PAFA Easter Raffle

Winners
1. Oliver Duncan
2. Abigail Delaney
3. Marie Mellado
4. Jade Tremayne
5. Campbell White
6. Koby Love
7. Bella Mazzone
8. Jethro Caelli
9. Jessica Darbyshire
10. Brincat Family
11. Brincat Family
12. Barrat Family
13. Dumbrell Family
14. Mitchell Jackson
15. McKinlay Family
16. Dumbrell Family
17. Koby Love
18. Brincat Family
19. Chloe Milani
20. Hayden O’Sullivan
21. Lily Ritchie
22. Gayle Skinner
23. Charlotte Peake
24. Emma Ainsley
25. C. Mitchell
26. Dave Andrews
27. Ben Drury
28. Nayte Patrick
29. Lindsay Chalker
30. Iris Scott

Student Easter Raffle Winners
Lewis Coter (5/6S)
Kayla Johnson-Breheny (1/2H)
Toby Duncan (5/6J)
Ben Drury (5/6J)
Ryan Fitzgerald (5/6A)
Quinn Hughes (5/6M)
Morgan Smith (5/6S)
Skylar Marshall (1/2C)

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Hayleigh White, Brooke Mazzarella, Grace Hannemann and Tayla Albert.
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 an unexplained absence SMS.

Thank you.

PLASTERER NEEDED

We have a number of small plastering jobs to be completed and are seeking the services of a reliable plasterer. If you can assist us, or know of someone who can, please contact the office. We are happy to pay for the work to be completed.

Thank you.

BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE

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.

BSC Open Night 2015 will be held on Wednesday 29th April. (Week 3, Term 2.)

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

NEW參與者歡迎參加 session 4

Balancing Love & Discipline
A Parenting Program

The program is facilitated by Marc des Landes from Familycare in Seymour. Marc has conducted numerous parenting workshops and worked with adults and children in a counselling capacity for many years. Marc is highly regarded and has a terrific reputation in this area.

The program is open to all parents and has an emphasis on the important role of the father in establishing sound relationships with their children.

It is very common these days for fathers to be taking a much more active role in family life. Mothers are also finding that there are more demands on their time from a financial point of view. Fathers who find themselves more involved in the parenting part of family life may also find themselves wishing for some options for dealing with the day to day issues that arise in the home.

This course is suitable for all parents who would like to meet with others to explore ways to increase their options in dealing with the various issues that parents experience while supporting and nurturing their partners and children of all ages.

Parents may attend as a couple, share attendance by alternating nights, or attend alone. If you miss one or two nights, notes from previous sessions will help you catch up.

Some of the topics that have been helpful in previous groups include:

- Good communication
- Teaching life skills
- Issues of discipline
- What is normal for kids?
- Confronting unacceptable behaviour
- How to help your child when they are anxious, angry or upset

"Discovering that others are experiencing problems almost identical to your own somehow seems to lighten your load".

Feedback from past participants:

In December 2014 "G.5." said: "Marc is a great speaker, the course was very thought-provoking and made me appreciate my kids and what they go through".

"J.L." said: "The course was really helpful. I thought that we needed to understand what the kids are going through."

"L.K." said: "Very helpful in understanding things and understanding what they need to learn."

"M.K." said: "It helped. It made me feel better about my child."

"M.B." said: "It was really good. I think it’s a really good idea. I would recommend it to other parents."

"J.A." said: "The course was really helpful. I think that it is very important for parents to understand what their children are going through."

Cost:

A $50 fee will be charged for parents who wish to attend the course. This fee will be refunded if they attend at least three out of the four sessions.

Contact:

Marc des Landes
Familycare
Telephone: 5784 1200
Email: marc.deslandes@familycare.com.au

No Cost New participants welcome up to session 4

Thank you.

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**Thank you.**
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus for this first week of term two is.....

Revisiting term one foci.

**Term 2 - SEL**

Our term two focus is learning about **RESILIENCE** and we will be utilising components from the Bounce Back Program.

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

- **ELASTICITY**
- **BOUNCING BACK**
- **COURAGE**
- **THE BRIGHT SIDE**
- **EMOTIONS**
- **RELATIONSHIPS**
- **HUMOUR**
- **SUCCESS**

**Lunchtime Clubs—Term 2**

We are looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to run a lunch time club for term two. These clubs run from 1:45pm—2:30pm 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: smith.julie.f@edumail.vic.gov.au to discuss your ideas.