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.

16th December 2015

‘The Puggle Post’

Goodbye & Good Luck 2015 Grade 6 students

Grade 6 Graduation

What an absolutely spectacular, awesome, grand, breath-taking, splendid, amazing and humbling Grade 6 Graduation we had on Monday night. We did things a little differently this year with dinner at the Magpie and Stump, followed by a coach ride to the Wandong Memorial Hall for the presentation. The Grade Six Graduates made everyone proud, from their walk-in speeches and their dances to when they presented their memory books to their loved ones who have made such an impact on their primary school journey. So much effort goes on behind the scenes and there are so many people to thank. Firstly to Luke and the crew from the Magpie and Stump for outstanding meals and hospitality, to Max and the crew from Wandong Bus and Coach for bussing us to the hall, to the Wandong Lions Club, to the Mitchell Shire, and the Mitchell Masonic Lodge. Thank you also to Mrs Castle, Mr Fearn, Mrs Beer, Mrs Smith, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Chisholm. A HUGE thank you to the grade 5/6 teachers – Mrs Woods, Mrs McClure and Miss Smith for without your tireless efforts throughout the year, Monday night would not have been as special as it was if not for your commitment. Finally, and most importantly, thank you to the Grade Six Graduates of 2015. You have been awesome and, on behalf of the whole school, we wish you all the very best for your futures.

Reminder

Last Day of Term 4 - Friday 18th December
Assembly at 1:00pm & School finish at 1:30pm

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Can you believe it…..???? It’s been a MASSIVE year, but we made. Just in case you missed anything, here are the highlights from term four...

Hawthorn won the premiership
Grade 3/4s had their camp at Mt Martha
We had our school fete
Grade 5/6s had their camp at Anglesea
Kindergarten – School Transitions
School Council meetings
Cyberbullying Workshops for students and parents
Final Cluster Student Leadership Day
100:1 chance, Prince of Penzance won the Melbourne cup with the first ever female Jockey,
Michelle Payne riding on top

Swimming lessons
We hosted the residents of Dianella for afternoon tea
Friendship Day
Transition Day
Tour de Wallan
Swimming Carnival
Grade 6 Graduation
Waterslide Day
Education Minister, Hon. James Merlino gave us a visit

Phew. What a year!

Coins for Bikes
The generously of this school community never ceases to amaze us. On Monday, $560 was raised from our ‘Coins for Bikes’ day to raise money for the Jewel and Drury families who had their bike stolen from the hall. Well done to everyone who donated. The funds have been shared between the two families. They certainly appreciate and thank everyone for their efforts. There should be a couple of shiny new bikes under the Christmas tree this year for the boys.

Swimming Carnival
What an amazing swimming carnival we had on Friday. Although the weather was little unkind, it didn’t dampen the spirits and the enthusiasm of our students and staff. Well done to Davern House for taking out the carnival for the second year in a row. Mr Fearn always runs amazing carnivals for the school and the district, and Friday was no exception. Well done Mr Fearn!

Waterslide Day
While we are on the subject of water, don’t forget your bathers tomorrow for Waterslide Day. With an expected temperature of 34 degrees, we couldn’t ask for better weather. It’ll be ace!!

Land Sale
Over the past few days Mrs Cole has been approached by parents highlighting the possible opportunity for the school to purchase the large block of land behind the school which recently had a “For Sale” sign erected.

We would like to inform the community that since 2013 we have been investigating this possibility. A number of presentations have been put forward to the Department of Education, the previous Education Minister, the Hon Martin Dixon and the current Education Minister, the Hon James Merlino over the past two years by Mrs Cole. The most recent of these occurred during the Minister’s visit to our school a few weeks ago.

We are continuing to pursue this opportunity for our school but need to go through a very thorough process – one which began over two years ago. We will keep you informed as information comes to hand.

Some sad news: You may have noticed that Ros has not been around much lately. It is with much sadness that we inform the community that her mother passed away last Thursday. We send her our thoughts at this very sad time.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to all the school community for supporting us throughout 2015. It has been a massive year and we have achieved so much. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday period. We have our final school assembly on Friday beginning at 1.00pm with school finishing at 1.30pm. Don’t forget, next year we will be running a new timetable and school begins on Thursday 28th (Grades 1 to 6) at 8:55 am.
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**2015 PAFA Christmas Raffle Winners**

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**PAFA Christmas Auction Winning Bidders — thank you!**

Airport Car Park Voucher — Bond family
Golf Club Voucher — Thomas family

**THANK YOU - WPS PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

Congratulations to our PAFA who have done an amazing job this year, raising just under $10,000. This money has been used to purchase the following equipment — items that were on our “Wish List” that we would otherwise not have received:

- **Parents Club** (Storage tubs, ribbons, cellophane), **Visual Arts** (Support for Art Show), **Performing Arts** (Keyboards, bins for costumes), **English** (Home readers and assessment kits), **PE** (Ribbons and sports equipment), **ICT** (12 iPad covers), **Library** (Scanner), **Student Wellbeing** (Student leadership badges and Prep hats), **Indonesian** (Posters and DVDs), **Buildings and Grounds** (Monkey bar retaining wall—and will be installing new fence around new grassed area) plus our new MAGNIFICENT flags and banners!!

**Switch to Save:**

Earlier in the year we were approached by the Bendigo Community Bank to participate in the Switch to Save initiative. This allowed families to have their down lights stitched to energy saving LED lights free of charge. We have just received a cheque for $275.00 mean in that 275 lights were swapped over. Thank you for your support and we thank Bendigo Bank for this opportunity.
A EMAIL RECEIVED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE

To the Staff and Families of Wandong Primary School and greater community,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the help, support and kindness you have given our beautiful family over the last 6 or so months. It has been, and continues to be a difficult time for us. Leanne continues to fight her very rare condition with all the strength she can muster, but it is, and will be a long term battle with a very uncertain future for her and us. The medical staff have been amazing and have left no stone unturned and are still looking for answers.

The response from the school and local community during this period has been overwhelming and it is very much appreciated.

We wish all of you a very happy and healthy Christmas and a great New Year ahead.

Thanks, Regards and Best Wishes always

Anthony, Leanne, Daniel, Ethan, Aaron and Lachlan

UNCLAIMED ITEMS IN THE OFFICE

We have a number of unclaimed items in the office. If you are missing any of the items pictured or items such as lunchboxes, bathers, towels, etc, please come to the office to have a look through our lost property box.

An Invitation for You

What? A Family Carol Service
Where? St. Johns Anglican Church, Wandong (behind the Primary School)
When? Christmas Eve
Time? 7.30pm