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: Chloe Mazurek  (Being a helpful and happy friend)
Foundation H: Riley Hayek  (Helping his friends count to 10)
Foundation K: Brianna Stanley  (Being a kind and caring class member)
Foundation P: Jasmine Cartwright  (Working so well in her second week at school and for filling her sticker chart)
1/2C: Reilley White  (Displaying a great attitude towards learning!)
1/2H: Asia Nikora  (Being a responsible and helpful member of our class)
1/2P: Jack Brundell  (Staying focused and challenging himself)
1/2V: Alyssa Riddell  (Completing 5 star work and being an outstanding member of her class)
3/4A: Liam Russell  (Being a responsible and respectful member of our class who works hard in every learning area)
3/4B: Carly Davon  (Doing her best in all her learning areas)
3/4J: Findlay Edwards  (Demonstrating all of Wandong Primary school’s values)
5/6J: Zachary Tan  (Trying his best to complete all of his learning tasks to the best of his ability)
5/6M: Corbin Mundy  (Demonstrating excellent application in Mathematics)
5/6S: Cameron Selvaggio  (Choosing a positive attitude during learning)
A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

There is a great buzz around the school and many offers of help for tasks needing completion or resources needed. We are most grateful to families that offer their time and/or resources to help us to maintain a safe learning environment for our students (and our feathered friends). This week we will be introducing a “Thank you” section into our newsletter to ensure we publicly acknowledge the many supporters of our school.

Parent Information Sharing Session: This evening, parents will be sharing important information about their child with the classroom teacher. Building a strong, positive relationship with families has untold benefits for children. Communication is enhanced and everyone is on the same page. People are then happy to question or seek clarification from each other, knowing their good relationship with support any future discussions. It is fabulous that most of our families have booked in for meeting times. If you are unable to attend this evening, please approach the class teacher to make an alternative time.

School Council: Last week, all families should have received information about the upcoming School Council election process. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the future direction of the school and to share good ideas and processes. School Council meets once per month (eight times per year). On Monday evening, we held our final meeting for the 2014 School Council team. The following was discussed:

- **School Chaplain program:** We were successful in obtaining a grant to run a chaplaincy program for the coming three years. Over the holiday period we have found a provider who is currently retraining our primary welfare staff member for 2014 (Toni) to fulfil this role. At a school level, nothing much will change. Once Toni is trained, she will continue to work with small groups of students focussing on building resilience and making friends, along with other areas of emotional and social support. This is a great outcome for our school and we can’t wait to see Toni back at WPS.

- **New verandas:** After a few telephone calls and emails, we have now been informed that we will be receiving verandas for our new classrooms. This is not usually the case and we had received a quote to get a veranda installed. However we have now been allocated one and the installation will not be at our expense – great news!

- **School cleaning contract:** This is up for tender with the process expected to be finished by mid March. Cleaners must be registered with DET to apply.

- **Working Bee:** A date has been set, so lock it into your diaries.... **Friday 13th March** from 3:00 p.m. There will be no assembly that day. Main tasks are installing the metal money bars (and the older students can’t wait!!), refilling the sandpit, installing some artwork around the school and a general tidy up. A sausage sizzle is provided. Please look out for the flyer and reply slip in the coming newsletters.

- **Curriculum (Pupil Free)Days:** Government schools are allocated four pupil free days per school year. We used one at the start of the year, the day before our grades one-six students started. School Council has approved the following dates for our final three curriculum days. Students will not be required at school on these three days.
  - **Monday 23rd March** – cluster professional learning day
  - **Early term three - School professional learning day** -(date to be confirmed in the coming weeks.
  - **Monday 2nd November** (Monday before Melbourne Cup Day) – Report Writing day
A Message from the Principal continued…..

Booklists: School Council were informed that we now have a process in place for handing back any unused student materials before booklists are sent home in November for the following year. Thanks to Lysa for raising this on behalf of our families.

Cooling down on hot Thursdays: With the warm weather, it has been amusing to watch our younger students enjoying their ice-creams and icy poles. We have an icy pole/ice-cream eating area this year, at the wooden tables under the shady trees near the staff room. Students have enjoyed chatting with their friends as they lick and slurp, and can wash their hands in the soapy bucket, before heading off to play.

Until next week ~ Rhonda Cole

Performing Arts & Sports Award Certificate Winners!

former of the Week
Zara Marks
For always helping other students in class
Best on Field
Ava James

Have you recently asked your child/ren......
“What did you learn today?”

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

226 families at WPS.
97 Completed payments
= 42%

Bottle Top Collection for Art Recycling Mural

This year in Art, I would like to make a mural out of bottle tops as a recycling project. Any type of bottle top: plastic drink bottles, wine bottles, milk or juice cartons. Can you please start collecting them, wash them and then hand them into the office or the art room?

I need them in Term Two but can we start all collecting them now so that I know I have enough to make the mural. Thank you for your help.

Mrs Yaneff - Art Teacher

MATHLETICS REMINDER

Student codes and passwords will be sent out later this week to those families who have paid their 2015 Mathletics website subscription payment.

If you are unable to access the Mathletics system from your home computer, please check with the office to see if your payment has been processed.
Positive Parenting Telephone Service

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Dental Health Visits
- Seymour -

Adult’s Dental Health Assessment Day
-Wednesday 25th February, 2015 -
(with all follow up dental procedures to happen on 4th March)

OR

Children’s Dental Health Assessment Day
- Thursday 16th April, 2015 -

WHERE: Goranwarrabul House
(Cnr Callen & Bretonneau Streets, Seymour)

TIME: 9:30am until 4:30pm

By appointment OR you can just turn up on the day
Please bring your Medicare Card / Health Care Card

To make an appointment time please contact
Rebecca Welsh on: Mob. 0459 802 873 | 03 5793 6341
Email: rebecca.welsh@seymourhealth.org.au

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Top tips on sunscreen @ school

SunSmart

Teachers at school are not expected to apply sunscreen to students but SunSmart does ask that schools have strategies in place to help remind children to apply sunscreen before they go outside. Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.

Choose SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. Make sure it is within its use-by date and is stored below 30 degrees.

It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin around 30 minutes before going outdoors. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours even if the stated level of water resistance is 4 hours.

Always use sunscreen with other sun protection measures – don’t just rely on sunscreen alone.

Sunscreen application strategies include:

- Suggest children DYO SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen – one that suits their skin. They could buy a clip on and hang it on their school bag. Not only is it easy for storage but it also acts as a visual reminder.
- Share sunscreen with classmates and/or hats so when children pack their food or hat before going outdoors, they will be reminded to slip on sunscreen. If sunscreen is kept in the cooler section of the lunchbox, it will be cold when applying – especially nice on a hot day. By the time the food has been eaten, the sunscreen should have had time to bind to the skin.
- Appoint sunscreen buddies so children can help each other.
- Have sunscreen mentors.
- Set up sunscreen stations with a mirror and cloth or tissues for wiping hands. Try a sunscreen pumping pack or roll on as they are usually easier to use.
- Post reminder notes near the door or on the board.
- Make announcements over the PA.
- Play the SunSmart Core Values song or sun sound before the recess bell to remind children to apply sunscreen and grab their hat.
- Create a sunscreen application chart to keep track of applications, add a sticker or mark each time sunscreen is applied. Which student or team of children are the sunscreen application champions?
- Download the free SunSmart app, set the sunscreen reminder and use the sunscreen calculator tool.
- Use the SunSmart resources including interactive whiteboard lessons to help children understand the importance of sunscreen and other sun protection measures.
- Remember the value teacher role modelling.
- Include information about sunscreen in the school newsletter. Use one of SunSmart’s sample Family notes.
- Include sunscreen on the school lunchlist so each family remembers to send it along.

For further information visit sunsmart.com.au or call 13 11 20

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### WOW! .... WHAT’S ON @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 the classroom and have the teacher sign the book.

**Students will not be called to the office unless absolutely necessary.**

### What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 12th Feb and Wednesday 18th Feb:

**Whole school:**
- 2015 School Council Elections information
- Lights in the Darkness presents Glee
- 2015 Mathletics password notification
- Bushwahzee permission form

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:**
- Grade 1/2P - Notice postponing Meet the Teacher interviews

**Individual grade levels:** Nil

**Foundation:** Nil

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:** Nil

**Five/Six:** Nil

Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in the grade level trays.
We would like to thank the following families for helping the school recently:

- The Noble Family - Welding repair of the monkey bars and Clint’s boss for donating the metal
- The McMaster Family - Donation of sandpit shell for the ducks
- The Robertson Family - Donation of a second sandpit shell for the ducks
- The Peake Family - Donation of rock for Anzac day plaque
- The Bell Family - Donation of new books for the library
- The McMaster Family - Donation of chest freezer for icy poles

Training commences on Tuesday 17th of February at the LB Davern Reserve.
Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Under 10’s: 4:00 pm
- Under 12’s: 4.30 pm
- Under 14’s: 5:00 pm
- Under 16’s: 5:30 pm

Phone Kylie for further information on 0418 691 102

HEAD LICE

The school has been recently notified that a number of parents are having to treat their children for head lice.

The Department of Education and Training regulations state that students should not return to school until after a recognised corrective treatment has been commenced.

Please check your children’s hair regularly.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PAFA) NEWS.

Our next event is the cake stall at the Kilmore Country Music Festival on Sunday 1st March - please see slip below.  Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd March.

Name: ..........................................................

Eldest child's room number: ..........

- I am able to bake a cake/slice or muffins for the stall and will drop them at Wandong Primary School on Sunday morning 1st March between 8:00 — 8:30 a.m.
- I am able to help on the stall at the music festival between the following times:

  9:00 — 1:00 (incl. set up)  11:00 — 1:00  1:00 — 3:00  3:00 — 5:00 (incl. pack up)

Please return to the office by Thursday 27th February.

Thank you!
A few weeks ago a group of Wandong Primary School students headed over to the skate park for a bit of fun. Unfortunately my son Mathew took a big fall and dislocated his elbow.

I would like to thank the following boys for their care and team effort in looking after my son until the ambulance arrived.

Brayden Draper, Nathan Duffy, Blayke Bradley, Hayden O'Sullivan, Cody Draper, Ryan Barnes, Lachlan Barnes

I'm very proud of how our local kids handled the situation. These boys showed great team support, they showed honesty and care. I am very grateful that that we are a part of this community and school.

Thanks Lisa Watt

OFFICE PROCEDURE

Statements will be sent home on a regular basis, but should you have any queries about your family account, please do not hesitate to contact the office.
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

When someone else makes a mistake

When someone around you makes a mistake, it is important to treat them in the same manner that you would like to be treated when you are the one who has made the mistake. For example:

- try to be understanding and kind
- let them know that everyone makes mistakes sometimes and that it's important not to get too upset about it
- avoid bringing up mistakes they have made in the past
- help them to see how they could do it better next time

Fixing up mistakes

Most mistakes can't be undone, but they can be fixed or re-done. When you realise that you have made a mistake it helps to think:

- Why did I make that choice?
- Did it turn out how I expected?
- Did this choice make me feel good or bad?
- What can I do to fix it now?
- Do I need to ask for some help to fix it?
- Who should I ask?
- Do I need to apologise to someone for the mistake I made?
- What would I choose to do next time?

Everybody makes mistakes - it doesn't matter if you are a parent, a teacher, a police officer or even the Queen! There will be times that you will make mistakes. So it's not that you have made a mistake that's important, but it is more important what you do when you realise that you have made one!

Final Thought...

Mistakes Are The Stepping Stones To Learning!