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.

Young Leaders Conference - 13th March 2015

Last Friday our School Leaders travelled in to the Convention and Exhibition Centre in Melbourne with Mrs Cole and Mrs Smith to attend the 2015 National Young Leader’s Conference.

Reminder
Out of Uniform Day - Thursday 19th March
Please bring a donation for the PAFA Easter Raffle
Curriculum Day - 23rd March - No students required at school

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A Message from the Principal

Super exciting news… and I can’t wait to share it with you.

Last week I received an email congratulating our school on the significant increase in student data, following the announcement of the 2014 NAPLAN results. Students in grades three and five in primary school (and years seven and nine in secondary school) participate in national assessments that inform our school and the Department of Educational and Training on general trends of performance. One area closely monitored through these assessments is called “NAPLAN Learning Gain”.

NAPLAN Learning Gain is determined by comparing a grade five student’s current year result to the results of all “similar” Victorian students who achieved the same grade three score two years previously. Schools aim for 75% or greater of their students to achieve middle or high level gains across these two years. Gains refers to the [value added](#) to a student’s learning outcomes over this two year period.

Listed below are the areas assessed and the total percentage of 2014 grade five Wandong Primary School students with middle or high level gain across this two year period. These results are extremely positive in three of the five areas.

- **Reading** (88% of students achieved middle or high level gains in learning achievement)
- **Numeracy** (85% of students achieved middle or high level gains in learning achievement)
- **Writing** (62% of students achieved middle or high level gains in learning achievement)
- **Spelling** (81% of students achieved middle or high level gains in learning achievement)
- **Grammar & Punctuation** (70% of students achieved middle or high level gains in learning achievement)

Across the state of Victoria, only eight schools had significant gain in the areas of both Literacy and Numeracy from 2012-2014 and Wandong Primary School was one of the eight schools. Families can access the link that displays our schools’ result at [http://media.heraldsun.com.au/ipadspecials/PDF/NAPLAN.pdf](http://media.heraldsun.com.au/ipadspecials/PDF/NAPLAN.pdf).

Over the past seven years we have really pushed with bar with changing our curriculum, improving teacher practice and raising the bar with our staff and students. It is extremely exciting that finally, after all this hard work, we are now seeing the results of years of hard work and dedication by the Wandong Primary School staff and our amazing students. This is worth celebrating!!

**Annual Report:** This document provides an outline of our school’s academic, social and financial situation for 2014 and was presented to school council on Monday night. It provides, in greater detail, our academic achievements for last year, along with Engagement, Wellbeing and Productivity information. The document will be uploaded onto the school’s website in the coming week, so please have a look at what we achieved in 2014. Families that would like a colour copy are asked to contact the school office.

**Working Bee:** We had some wonderful helpers last Friday at our working bee. When I returned from the city with our grade six student leaders, there was so much already achieved. Many hands make light work so thank you top those people who were able to give us some of their time. These included: The Cesaria family, Catherine and Nita Watts, Quinn and Felix Hughes, The Hannemann family, The Gawley family, The Stebbing family, The Marks/McKean family, The Drofenik family, Lucas Bartolo, The Noble family, Robert Kelly, The Brincat family, Daniel Thomas, Uncle Vic (relative of Trinity and Piper Hobson), Rhonda Cole and Anthony Potesta

With so many helpers the list of tasks completed included re-installing the monkey bars and building of a retaining wall around them, topping up the sand pit, rebuilding the sleeper wall outside room 5, striping and repainting of the seat outside the front office and a lot of weeding and general clean up. Photos of our happy helpers appear on page 6 of the newsletter.

Also an enormous thank you to Shane Hemphill from Pretty Sally Home & Garden for the use of the dingo digger, various hardware supplies and his expert knowledge that made our afternoon working bee an extremely worthwhile event.

**Welcome to Peaches:** Today we welcome our newest enrolment to school. Gorgeous Peaches! As she is a service dog, Peaches will now visit us every Wednesday. Initially she will be used in the Additional Support room, working with our students needing additional assistance. At recess and lunchtimes, she will accompany the yard duty teachers. As time goes on, and she becomes more familiar with our school, she will visit classrooms. I am aware that there may be students who have a fear of dogs. Please let the office know if that is the case and we will ensure your child is not placed in a stressful situation. Over time we hope that Peaches may be able to assist your child to overcome his/her fears if this is the case currently.
A Message from the Principal

Zooper Dooper Day: The SRC, did an amazing job in serving everyone their icy treats last Wednesday. The line was long, but the wait was worth it. The photos below show the team in action. The SRC raised $88.00. Well done everyone. Next term the SRC will organise a movie night so look out for details at the start of term two.

Here comes the brides!! Last Thursday we had a very special assembly. Whilst many thought it was held because there was no assembly Friday due to the working bee, this was not the only reason. We wanted to wish Miss Christie and Miss Campbell all the very best for their weddings this coming weekend. Both ladies are getting married on the same day (Saturday 21st March)... but if different locations. At Wandong PS, we have a little ritual, whereby we dress future brides in designer outfits that have been made by students. Then we then get them to practise walking down the aisle with the help of little pretend groomsmen. Thanks to all the girls for their amazing designing skills and to Lachlan Thomson and Sean Holt for looking very smart in their groom’s attire. From everyone at Wandong Primary School, we wish you both an amazing day and a lifetime of happiness.

Welcome back Toni: We are delighted to welcome Tony Vicary back as a our school chaplain. Toni worked at our school over the past two years, assisting students and families with social and emotional support. Toni will be running a range of groups throughout the two days that she is here each week and will generally be helping students around the school. She will also add even more activities to our busy lunchtime program. Its great to have you back Toni!

School Council: On Monday night we held the School Council AGM. Congratulations to the school council members who were elected to the following positions.

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<td>Secretary:</td>
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Subcommittee positions were also filled:


Education: Adam Russell, Elly Thompson, Vasko Natevski, Heather Chisholm, Penny Edwards, Catherine Watts, Rhonda Cole.

Buildings and Grounds: Michelle Carr, Jessica Christie, Emily Gawley, Anthony Potesta, Peter Drofenik.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Peter Drofenik for his commitment and hard work over the last seven years as School Council President. Although we have lost Peter as President, we welcome him back as a community representative. We would also like to thank Lysa Hough, Alison Stone for their time served on School Council over the past two years.

With the AGM over, our monthly School Council meeting was held. Here’s a little of what was covered:

- We have 322 students enrolled
- School finances were explained for new members and the final 2015 budget was approved
- Annual Report was tabled
- Working bee attendance was tabled
- ANZAC garden extension was approved
- Carpet quotes for rooms 1 & 2 were approved
- Excursions and camps were ratified
- Recommendations were made to school council regarding the cleaning tender

Have a great week ~ Rhonda Cole
## WOW! ....WHAT’S ON @WANDONG

### 2015

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<td>6:00pm-7:30pm for night performance with parents.</td>
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<td>PAFA Easter raffle sort &amp; wrap from 9:15am in the staffroom</td>
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<td>Dianella Art Exhibition - selected Grade 6 students</td>
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### What’s gone home this past week?

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

#### Whole school:
- Bushwahzee payment reminder
- Bushwahzee information timetable

#### Selected Families: Nil

#### Selected Students:
- Dianella Art Show permission slip

#### Individual grade levels: Nil

#### Foundation: Nil

#### One/Two: Nil

#### Three/Four: Nil

#### Five/Six:
- 5/6 Paintball excursion permission slip

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

### WELL DONE!

**Kate Leavold**
on competing in the Regional Swimming Championships

### PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

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

“**What did you learn today?”**

227 families at WPS.  
113 Completed payments  
= 49%
OSHC Certificate Winner!

Congratulations

Jack Dumbrell

(Being a helpful member of our after school care community)

WANTED!

I have some books which are in need of contacting. If you could spare some time, I’ll provide the books and contact. Please contact me: smith.julie.f@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone/drop into the office Monday-Thursday to see me. Thanks – Julie Smith

CLASSROOM HELPERS

EXTRA INFORMATION SESSION

An extra information sessions for classroom helpers will be held on Thursday 19th March from 2:30pm onwards

If you wish to attend this session could you please call the office on Thursday morning to indicate that you will be joining this session.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Tuesday 24th March

Information regarding Bushwahzee during the school day:

- Students need to come to school dressed in full school uniform (which is different information to what the original note stated).
- A whole school performance will be held from 9.30–10.20am. All students who have returned their notes and paid for will attend this performance.
- Students will then participate in two rehearsal sessions as per the Bushwahzee timetable, throughout remainder of the school day.

Information regarding Bushwahzee for the night time performance:

- The performance will begin at 6pm. Students are encouraged to dress in their ‘best’ Oscar/Hollywood outfits.
- Parent/s must accompany the student/s for the performance.
- The performance will be held on the terraced area outside the hall. The stage for the band and the dance area will be the hall itself. Please bring along a picnic blanket.
- In the event of inclement weather, the hall and performing arts room will be utilised for the performance.
- We ask that families eat prior to or after the performance as this is a ‘no food event’, in support of our students who have food allergies.
- Icypoles and icecreams will be on sale as we know these foods are safe for students at our school to eat.

Looking forward to a fantastic fun filled evening!
A big THANK YOU to all our Working Bee Helpers!
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**

KEMP'S BAKERY - WANDONG

Kemp’s Bakery have advised the school that they now have gluten free products available for students to purchase with their lunch orders.

If you wish to order any of these scrumptious gluten free products please advise the bakery the day prior to submitting the lunch order so that they can have the requested items available.

Kemp’s Bakery can be contacted on 5787 2155
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

**What can I do if I am Bullied?**

There are things that you can do and people to help you to ensure the bullying stops.

**Tell someone**
Tell your Mum or Dad, one of your family, a grandparent, teacher, friend or someone else who you think will listen to you. Ask them to help you work out what to do.
Tell a teacher. It doesn't matter where it happens - in school, out of school or online, teachers want to stop bullying when they know about it.
If bullying is happening on your phone or the internet, keep messages and posts that hurt you, and show an adult.

**Try some things yourself**
Tell the other person, 'I don't like that'.
Use a strong and confident voice. Even if you don't feel strong and confident, **fake it!**
Talk with the person who is bullying you (if you think it's a safe thing to do). When they're ignored kids who bully often lose interest. If that doesn't work, tell someone and ask for their help.
**Don't try to get back** at the person who bullies you. It usually doesn't work, and you can end up in trouble too.

**National Day Against Bullying**

On Friday 20th March, the students will receive their Bullying No Way! wrist band, along with a certificate of participation.

At assembly we will unveil our ‘We Take A Stand Against Bullying’ display.

The students have created their own individual messages from what they have learnt about bullying, and we have joined them together to create a whole school display.

Make sure you come along and join us for assembly.