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: Bridget Elliot (Fantastic effort with her reading)
Foundation H: Izabella Dennis (Attempting to write down sounds heard in words)
Foundation K: Gracie-Lee Plumbe-King (Working hard to learn all of her golden words)
Foundation P: Kate Downey (Great work in reading)
1/2C: Iris Scott (Trying hard to improve her writing)
1/2H: Joshua Drury (Being an “expert helper” in his classroom)
1/2P: Natalie Hannemann (Setting a good example with her behaviour and quality of work)
1/2V: Kirra Wright (Always trying her best and being a cheerful member of her class)
3/4A: Sheryden Greeno (Trying her best in all learning tasks)
3/4B: Tyler Hayek (Concentrating on and doing his best in all NAPLAN tests)
3/4J: Blair Fitzpatrick (Trying really hard when writing stories)

Reminder
Friday 22nd May (No assembly this week)
Walk to School Safely Day
Crazy Hair Day - Students are required to be in full school uniform - Gold coin donation
Education Week Fun Maths Afternoon - 2:30pm to 3:30pm
School Disco 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to Education Week. It certainly has been a fun filled week so far, with more excitement coming later in the week.

5/6 Excursion: Last Friday was a big day, as I accompanied the grade 5/6 teachers, Mr Fearn, and 5/6 students to Wallan Paint Ball. This team building outing was fantastic, with students participating in archery, a minion game and two games of paint ball. I can admit I was a little scared of getting hurt but, thank goodness, I survived my two games without a bruise (I was very lucky I had a mask on because quite a few students got me in the face. Even the quieter ones!) What looked like a glum overcast day, ended up being perfect up the mountain. The early fog lifted and the sun even shone through. .. albeit for a short time. Thanks to our students who made sure we all had a great time. It was so nice for students to see staff enjoy this type of activity with them – and it gives them something to stir us up about into the future. Thank you to our parents helpers, Michelle McIntosh, Kylie Shingles and David Leavold for also getting into the spirit of the games.

The excitement continued to build and finally Saturday night arrived….. for all of those bogans who were attending Bogan Bingo. What a fun evening and such a range of bogans in attendance. We always talk about Kids Matter at our school; this was certainly an opportunity for Adults Matter!! A huge thank you to Cheryl Mann for the amazing amount of work she put into preparing for the evening. She organised the presenters, made and then sold tickets, organised vouchers, set up the hall and cleaned up. Her crew of helpers, Mel Marshall, Emily Gawley, Jacqui Nelson, Cassie Joslyn and Ellen Mitchell also need to be congratulated. A wonderful evening filled with belly laughs.

Education Week: This week, we celebrate Education Week. Amazing program operate within our classrooms every week of the year, however this week is a state wide celebration of education across Victoria. Our Maths Fancy dress parade was very creative with students and staff dressing as numbers, maths tools, shapes and patterns. (The bingo cards came in very helpful for my costume!) - Photos in next week’s newsletter.

Walk to School Day and Wigs for Kids Crazy Hair Day: This Friday is again a BIG day. As we celebrate Walk to School Day, we encourage students to walk in the morning and again after school. For those families coming from other towns, perhaps drop your child/ren near the fire station and let them walk the last little bit of the journey. Walk to School Day stickers will be handed out at the school gates from 8:30 a.m. As you walk to school, you can admire each other’s CRAZY HAIR. SRC representatives will collect a gold coin from each child wearing crazy hair, once attendance rolls are completed in the classrooms straight after the bell. We congratulate Kate Leavold on her brave move to cut off her hair for Wigs for Kids and will donate all money raised on Friday to the Australian Alopecia Areata Foundation on her behalf. We look forward to taking a photo of the new “shorter haired” Kate next week for our newsletter.

More Bogan Bingo photos in next week newsletter !
A Message from the Principal (continued...)

School Council News: Last week we held our May School Council meeting. The following was discussed.

- School cleaning tender was signed off. This is a three year contract and the successful applicant was Chris Walley.
- Short term plans for replacing Anthony were shared with school council – this was covered in last week’s newsletter.
- The Auditors financial report was tabled. Ros will investigate COMBIZ banking to make our payment process more secure and efficient. Otherwise the auditor’s report was very good.
- Two policies were presented – the “Privacy Policy” (general) and the “School Councils and Privacy” policy. The latter policy includes all of the confidentiality issues related to being on school council.

Have a good week
Rhonda Cole

Hello Everyone

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

- Mother’s Day raffle $1259 profit
- Mother’s Day stall $853 loss (remaining items left over to be sold next year)
- Stokes Orchard Apple Drive - $4 per bag
- Pie drive to run with Cookie Drive in Term 3
- Silent auction items for fete being sourced now
- $3000 profit from Bogan Bingo night. 150 people attended. Great feedback.
- Fundraising chocolates to go out late June. Opt out available.
- Pretzel fundraiser to be offered to 3/4 class for the fete as they have camp that week and have limited time to organise something
- Bunnings BBQ in December
- Queries from parents on raffle ticket prices. Decision that it will stay the same - $2 per ticket with one major prize

Principals Report:

- 323 students currently enrolled. Visits to kindergartens are happening soon.
- 2016 school tours are running at the moment. More planned.

Next PAFA Meeting: 16th June 2015
(9:15am onwards in the staffroom)

Thanks
Cheryl Mann - PAFA President

Parent’s & Friends Association Chocolate Drive

Chocolate Drive Fundraiser

Chocolates will be sent home in the last week of term two to sell over the holidays. All families who do not return this form will be allocated a box of chocolates to sell.

Opt out form: Please fill in if applicable to your family.

I (print)......................................................... (Parent name)

DO NOT WISH to receive a box of chocolates to sell this year.

Eldest child’s names ................................ Eldest child’s grade ............... Parent’s signature : ........................................
**WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @WANDONG**

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School Disco - 7:00 to 9:00pm |
| Monday 25th May | Parent Resilience Information Session at 7:00pm  
in rooms 1 & 2 - grade 5/6 rooms |
| Friday 29th May | District Cross Country Championships                                                         |
| Thursday 4th June | Thinklinks (11:30am-12:30pm)                                                               |
| Monday 8th June | Queens Birthday public holiday  
(No students required at school)                                                              |
| Tuesday 9th June | Victorian State School Spectacular rehearsal  
(mass dance) Diamond Creek                                                                    |
| Thursday 11th June | Division Cross Country  
Thinklinks (11:30am-12:30pm)                                                               |
| Friday 12th June | 5/6 Winter Sports Carnival                                                                  |

What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 14th May and Wednesday 20th May:

Whole school:
- Education Week schedule of events
- Resilience Information Night attendance form
- Bake Sale flyer
- Student Medical information

Selected Families:
- 2015 Dreamtime at the G

Selected Students:
- Year 7 Placement form return reminder
- Bake Sale request

Individual grade levels:

Foundation:
One/Two:
Three/Four:
Five/Six:

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

**ALLERGY INFORMATION**

Individual classroom letters will be coming home to highlight to families the foods/ traces of foods which cause a reaction to students in that grade. Please keep an eye out for these letters.

We currently have students enrolled with allergies in the following grades:
- FP, 1/2H, 1/2V, 1/2C, 3/4A, 5/6S, 5/6M & 5/6J.

**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

227 families at WPS.
136 Completed payments = 60%

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

“What did you learn today?”
Kate’s getting her hair chopped off!!!

On Saturday 23rd May, one of our grade six students, Kate Leavold, is getting 30cm of her hair chopped off. Why you may ask? It is all because Kate is donating her hair to be made into a wig for a child less fortunate who has lost his/her hair.

Kate has been waiting patiently for her hair to reach the correct length and the time has come. So, our SRC have decided to support Kate by holding a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 22nd May. Students can come to school with Crazy Hair and donate a gold coin. SRC members will collect the coins and we will donate these to the Australian Alopecia Areata Foundation to further support Kate’s great effort. Kate promises to bring photos in to share with us…. and no doubt we will see the result the following Monday at school.

So remember Friday 22nd May is CRAZY HAIR DAY

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:


Congratulations on 100 nights reading:

Jaxson Watson, Aurora Sheehy, Reilley White and Brooke Mazzarella.

Seymour College Open Day

Wednesday 20th May 2015 2:00 PM- 7:00 PM.

Wandong Outside
School Hours Care

Just wanting to let families know that our School Holiday Brochure will be out soon.

School Holiday Programs for Winter Term break will be available on the 22nd May. We have some exciting things planned including our annual snow trip. Copies of the brochure will be sent home with school newsletters or available from our service. Bookings will be open from 12:00 noon on the 22nd May.
Equestrian Victoria would like to announce that entries are now open for the 2015 Peter Horobin Interschool State Championships. The event is held at Werribee Park during the school holidays starting 29th June for 5 days with 500+ young riders. This event is open to all Victorian primary and secondary school age riders and whilst many children have goals to qualify to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships in Sydney in September, others may be new to equestrian sport and competition. All however come with the objective to have fun and represent their school at this event. There are no qualifications required to enter this event, everyone is welcome.

Additional details can be obtained from accessing the following website:
www.vic.equestrian.org.au/content/interschools

We also have a school parent who has offered to be our inter-schools equestrian co-ordinator and if there are any interested children/parents, she is happy to assist in anyway. Please contact the school office should you require any further information.
This week in Foundation P we are learning about location in maths. We had so much fun going outside and playing on the playground and seeing the different places where we can play. We can be under the slide and on top of the slide! We have also been focusing on what makes 5. We played a game called in the nest. For this game we had to have 5 eggs and then we had to close our eyes while our partner went and took some of our eggs away. Then we had to work out how many they had taken! It was very exciting! We can use our location words to tell people where we and other things are located!

Fabulous Fun in Foundation K

It’s been a ‘Wishy Washy’ week in Foundation K! We have been busy little bees working hard all week long! Take a look at some of the things that we have been learning about.

Literacy

This week in Foundation K we have been learning about the letter Dd. We have had so much fun brainstorming lots of ‘Dd’ sounding words.

Our big book this week is ‘Mrs Wishy Washy.’ Throughout the week we have enjoyed making predictions and reading the story altogether. Everybody in Foundation K has been using their ‘Eagle Eyes’ during reading time, looking for clues in the pictures that help us read the story. During our teacher groups we are practising to use the ‘Lips the Fish’ and ‘Stretchy Snake’ strategy to sound out words.

Fine Motor Skills

We have been building the muscle strength in our hands through fine motor activities. This week we made Mrs Wishy Washy masks and we think they look great!!

Numeracy

‘Friends of Five in the Nest’ is a new game that we play during Numeracy to help us learn all about the number five. You have to count five unifix blocks (eggs) to play. If your partner takes an egg and you still have four eggs left we know that 4 and 1 more is 5. If your partner takes two eggs, we know that 2 and 3 more is 5. We are clever, clever little chickens 😄

Policeman Pete came to visit US!!!

We were so excited to meet Policeman Pete. He shared with us all of the different ways police officers help us in our community. We even got to see his car and listen to the police sirens! Thank you Policeman Pete. 😊 We were so inspired by the visit that we decided to think about all the different people that help us and write a sentence.
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

EMOTIONS

What are feelings and emotions?
Everyday we experience a range of different emotions, some of them we may not know how to express. Learning about the different emotions, will help us know what we are feeling and how we can express them in a safe way.

Nobody can help having feelings - they are part of everyone. We feel different things all day long as different things happen to us.

It is important not to be ashamed of having feelings and emotions. Everyone has them - good and bad. What counts is what we do about our feelings - we can all learn to show our feelings in ways that are helpful to us and to others, not in ways that are hurtful.

Important Reminder:
Resilience Information Evening
MONDAY 25th MAY @ 7pm.