22nd April 2015

‘The Puggle Post’

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 Marshall (Helping others without being asked)
Foundation H: Samantha Joslyn (Being an effective listener)
Foundation K: Joe O’Brien (Consistently having a positive attitude and helping his friends)
Foundation P: Tayana Marstaeller (Consistently trying her best and working well with others)
1/2C: Alicia-Rae McCrum (Excellent behaviour at the Wandong War Memorial Opening)
1/2H: Ella Hall (Displaying a positive attitude to her learning)
1/2P: Jaxson Watson (Trying his hardest even when things are tricky)
1/2V: Zenith Pongrac (Being a wonderful friend in the classroom and a great helper)
3/4A: Campbell Edwards (Working hard on his learning tasks and helping others in the class)
3/4B: Anita Barbour (Contributing intelligently to classroom discussions)
3/4J: Riley Lyons (Challenging himself in all reading and writing tasks)
5/6J: Austin Tennant (Writing an amazing historical narrative based on the events on World War 1)
5/6M: Lachlan Battistin (Settling in to his new class and a great start back at Wandong Primary)
5/6S: Mace Upton (Successfully achieving one of his goals)

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 Assistant Principal

Dear families,

Opening of the Wandong War Memorial

If was wonderful to see so many members of the school community present at the opening of the Wandong War Memorial last Wednesday. From the school perspective, it was a humbling experience and one which I personally am glad I was a part of. During the ceremony, our students represented the school exceptionally well and demonstrated respectful behaviour towards each other and to the proceedings. Our grade six leaders should be very proud of all their efforts throughout the day both at the ceremony and at the book launch following the opening. Congratulations to Mrs Cole and the rest of the organising committee in putting together the historical occasion. Everyone should walk away from the day feeling very proud to be part of the Wandong School and wider community.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

With the Wandong Primary School ANZAC memorial garden now complete, we turn our attention to Friday for the official opening. Today, the grade six leaders were hard at work preparing for the day with Mrs Cole and ensuring everything is in readiness for Friday. We will be holding a special ANZAC ceremony from 2.30pm on Friday 24th April. Attending will be special guests from the Kilmore and Whittlesea R.S.L.’s. Officially opening the memorial will be the Federal Member for McEwen, Mr Rob Mitchell and Cr Sue Marstaeller. We hope you are able to join us on this special occasion.

ThinkLinks

ThinkLinks is again off and running in term two. For those who aren’t aware, ThinkLinks is a multi-age, co-curricular activity which encourages peer relationships and skill building. ThinkLinks sessions will occur on scheduled Thursdays from 11:30am. This year, teachers have reflected on what skills they have that they would like to share with the students. Here is a list of the activities:

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Personal Leave

Next week, Mrs Chisholm and Miss Chisholm will be taking personal leave for two weeks. Mrs McDermott and Mrs Hente will be covering their classes. We wish both ladies all the best for their leave.

Until next week Anthony Potesta
An email that we received from a past parent and would proudly like to share with the school community ....

Dear Rhonda Cole,
I just wanted to take five minutes and email you about the memorial day yesterday :) The children from Wandong Primary School did such an amazing job I was so proud as a past parent at this school and also as a local to hear many discussions from the elderly, veterans and their family and friends about how beautiful the kids were, I heard them chatting about the respect they showed, their excellent manners, to sit so long and stay very quiet and how well the principal & teachers planned this special day.

I myself saw many beautiful moments, like when the children were walking from the big bridge and all the veterans were watching saying how wonderful it was that they were all coming to show their respect, when they were walking in front of the seats to head to the back of the crowd and some older veterans stopped and stood right in the middle of the path ... not one rushed past them, or bumped them to get through they just stopped and smiled and patiently waited for them to realize they were there :) I also sent you in a disc this morning which Jane has, hope you enjoy the photos, there is a shot of the older kids walking away after putting their poppy down and holding and helping the little preps, it was a beautiful sight to see such respect for diggers, veterans, and for each other I’m sure you are very proud of them all .... and so you should be it was wonderful :) My dad was there as an veteran (Vietnam war) and an invited guest as he has a lot to do with the Epping RSL, he is also the welfare officer and he called me this morning to say he met you and enjoyed the cuppa and lunch, especially as the kids served them, he said "what a great principal, and wonderful children, I loved it yesterday.. really I did it was beautiful ":)

I haven’t ever emailed you before so I hope this is sent off to you correctly, great job Wandong Primary School :))
Thanks for your time, Brooke Mendola :)

ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN PLANTING

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 1:00pm
Whittlesea Anzac Day March - Whittlesea Bowls Club at 2:00pm
### WOW! … WHAT’S ON @ WANDONG

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### ANZAC APPEAL

Please help us support the Anzac Appeal.

Fundraising items are available for sale from the school office.

### Notice

What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 16th Apr and Wednesday 22nd Apr:

**Whole school:**
- School photo ordering instructions and request for assistance on the day

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:**
- 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.

### 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.

### PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

227 families at WPS.

129 Completed payments

\[= 56\%\]

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

“What did you learn today?”
Sports Award and Performing Arts Award Certificate Winners!

**Performer of the Week**
Hayden O'Sullivan
(Putting lots of effort into your acting this week)

**Best on Field**
Brianna Stanley

Gold Certificate Winner!
Congratulations to our gold certificate winner

**Riley Roberts**
3 gold tickets
Great Effort !!!

Posture Police award

Congratulations to Jordyn McClure, Aleisha Davon, Georgia Thompson and Kaylah Bradley.
These students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class.

Other nominated students were:
Brianna Dwyer, Vaughan Joslyn, Marley Tasevski, Ellie Brown, Lawrence Baggio and Jack Roddy

Congratulations on your nomination.

Arkell Wins!

Congratulations to Arkell for winning last week’s house points competition.
Arkell Captain Kira Roberts and Vice Captain Brayden Draper are pictured holding the winner’s trophy.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

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

MATHLETIC CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Congratulations to
Eloise Harrison, Kaitlin O’Neill, Corey Gibbons, Brooke Mazzarella and Chloe Mazurek

These certificates are awarded upon completion of certain tasks/levels in Mathletics and many of the students were presented with multiple gold, silver and bronze certificates.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Lions Club of Seymour Goulburn invite you to a Free Community Information Forum on Depression and Anxiety

Wednesday, 29 April 2015 7.30pm
Anglican Parish Hall, Anzac Avenue, Seymour

How common are depression and anxiety in the community?
Do you know the warning signs that someone could be depressed?
What help is available for people suffering from depression/anxiety?

Presenters
Dr. Timothy Uyeda, Seymour Medical Clinic
Simon Gibbs, Nexus Primary Health
Bruce Redford, Mitchell Shire Suicide Prevention Network
For more information, contact Carol Smith 0457 961 970

NOTICE OF BRIDGE WORKS
Broadford Road, Wandong

Bridge safety works will be carried out to the Broadford Road Wandong bridge. Works will be carried out on the bridge from mid-April until 30 June. The repair works will improve the bridge’s safety and durability. The road will be closed between 9am and 3pm on weekdays and some weekends.

Residents are asked to please observe safety signage and to follow safety instructions.

Residents may experience low-level noise from the operation of vehicles, including reversing beepers, powered generators and machinery. Portable lights and general work activity.

VicTrack is a state owned business that supports Victoria’s public transport without relying on government funding. Its core role is to deliver public transport between urban and regional railway infrastructure for all services.

The works are funded under VicTrack’s Bridge Renewal Program.

$1000 FREE DENTAL FOR ELIGIBLE KIDS EVERY 2 YEARS

CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule, or CDBS, is a government initiative providing $1000 of free dental benefits to children aged two to seventeen who meet the eligibility criteria. This $1000 will be valid for every two calendar years and continue until the child is over 17 years of age.

PUNISHED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

Wallan Dental
Family Dental Care

(03) 5783 3344
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

Bouncing Back...

We can bounce back just like a ball after we have had a tough time!

If you are resilient you are able to cope reasonably well with difficult situations and things that go wrong and then ‘bounce back’. Throughout life children will need skills and attitudes to help them to bounce back. They will encounter everyday challenges such as making mistakes, falling out with a friend, moving house or school and losing in a sports competition. Many will also face challenges such as adapting to family break ups, a step-family, the illness or death of a family member, or being bullied. People Bouncing Back is the curriculum unit that teaches children the ten BOUNCE BACK! statements.

Bad times don’t last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.
Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.
Nobody is perfect—not you and not others.
Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.
Everybody experiences sadness, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?
Accept what can’t be changed (but try to change what you can change first).
Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible picture.
Keep things in perspective. It’s only part of your life.

Save the Date:

Parent Resilience (Bounce Back) Information Session with our school Social Worker Sharon Blackwell—Monday 25th May @ 7pm

More information to come closer to the date