22nd June 2016

‘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: Scarlett Louis (Striving to do her best)
Foundation F: Heidi Hannemann (Showing great focus and persistence in her classroom)
Foundation K: Dane Robinson (Working hard to master “count-on strategies” in Mathematics)
Foundation T: Tyson O’Connell (Showing persistence in writing sounds he could hear in words)
1/2A: Charlie Thomas (Thinking about what she wants to improve on and setting great goals)
1/2G: Mitchell Jackson (Efficiently using strategies to solve multiplication problems)
1/2M: Imogen Dawson (Consistently completing 5-star writing)
1/2P: Liam Wolfe (Being a kind and responsible member of his classroom)
1/2V: Peaches Tasevski (Displaying a bright and positive outlook towards her learning)
3/4B: Nikayla Harrison (Showing great improvement in all learning areas)
3/4M: Ruby Stebbing (Showing commitment and persistence with her writing tasks)
3/4W: Liam Russell (Consistently displaying the school values of “Excellence” and “Respect”)
5/6B: Joshua Stone (Consistently remaining focussed on his learning tasks and ignoring distractions)
5/6T: Jack Roddy (Applying himself to all Writing tasks)
5/6Z: Alisha Frendo (Preparation of an outstanding menu plan)

Reminder
Thursday 23rd June - PAFA Pizza Day and Inquiry Learning Showcase from 2:00pm onwards
Friday 24th June - Last day of Term 2 - Assembly at 1:45pm and school finishes at 2:30pm
Monday 11th July - Start of Term 3 at 8:55am

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A Message from the Principal Team

Dear Families

Well, we are nearly at the end of a long, and at times dark and cold, term two. This is always the most difficult for students and staff, as we deal with the cold weather, illness and general tiredness as we get closer the end the of term.

Student Reports: Can I first congratulate staff on their amazing student reports they have once again created. Having been in eight schools in my career as a teacher and then a principal, I can undoubtedly say they are the most detailed and specific of reports I have seen. Wandong staff definitely know their students — their interest, their strengths and their areas for improvement. The student reports were honest reflections of what students had achieved over the past six months, and gave an insight into the next steps for future learning. Staff spend endless evenings and weekends writing these reports and cross checking them against their ongoing assessments to ensure the information is accurate and up to date — and they do an amazing job. Well done ☺

Three Way Conferences: A huge thank you to our families for supporting our Three Way Conferences this week, attending either Monday evening or planning to attend this evening. As usual, the weather is always cold and rainy — that’s what happens when we have them mid-year. However it is fantastic to see our families turn out for these very important meetings with staff. The process is a little different this year, with specific time allocated to discuss the student report prior to allowing students to share their two proud achievements and one area for improvement. I was fortunate to listen to a few of Monday evening’s conferences — it was great to see the sense of pride on the students’ faces as they spoke about their learning samples. The Two Stars and a Wish page certainly appeared to assist children in the actual presentation of their learning to family members. Next term we will seek your feedback on how the evenings went … please look out for our feedback slip next term.

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Think Links: Yesterday, many of our students completed their term two Think Links creations, with a large number of beautiful masks and creative puppets now finished. A few students still need to add some finishing touches and these will be done early term three. We did not want to rush these students and spoil what they had put so much time into developing. As a result, some students will bring home Think Links creations this term – and some early next term. The students and staff are delighted with the results of this term’s Think Links projects. The detailed planning put in by students has now resulted in magnificent final products. Early next term, we will have a few samples on display in the foyer, which will allow all students to see what the “opposite” group have created ... and they will then make that creation in term three. What a great result.

Inquiry Showcase: Tomorrow we will celebrate the amazing Inquiry learning that has occurred this term. We will be holding our inaugural Showcase Event, with students and families visiting classrooms to talk to other students about their learning. Families are invited to come to the school from 2:00 p.m to enjoy tour through classrooms and enjoy the event. Hope to see you there.

Staffing Change for Grade 3/4W: As you are aware, Mrs Julie Smith, our Student Wellbeing Leading teacher, has recently gone on leave awaiting the arrival of her baby. As a school, we implemented a process to replace Julie whilst she is on leave. Mrs Jessica Woods, the teacher from 3/4W applied for this position and was the successful applicant. As a follow up to this, we advertised for a replacement teacher to take 3/4W for the period of time that Mrs Woods is out of the classroom. The successful applicant was Mrs Rachael Williamson. Mrs Williamson is an experienced teacher who has recently moved into the area and is currently teaching in one term leave position at another school for term two. We welcome Mrs Williamson into Grade 3/4W and our wider school community.

A Baby Girl: Congratulations to Julie Smith and her family on the birth of Jemma at 12.59am this morning. A brand new addition to the Wandong Primary School community.

As the term draws to a close may I thank the school community for their ongoing support of our school. Have a great holiday break – stay safe and warm.

Rhonda Cole
WOW! ... WHAT’S ON & WHAT’S DUE @WANDONG

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What’s gone home this past week?
The following notices were sent home between Thursday 16th June and Wednesday 22nd June:

Whole school: Nil
Selected Families: Nil
Selected Students: Nil
Individual grade levels:
  Foundation:
  • Foundation Newsletter - 20th June 2016
  One/Two: Nil
  Three/Four:
  • Classroom activity notification for Grade 3/4W
  Five/Six: Nil

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

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

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

“What did you learn today?”

243 families at WPS.
144 Completed payments
= 59 %

SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS HAVE CHANGED
Please be aware that the school bank account has changed and we are now banking with the Bendigo Bank.
The new BSB is 633 000 and the account number is 157122797.
Should you have any direct deposits that are credited into the old account could you please amend your records accordingly as we will be closing the old account soon.
Student Banking will remain unchanged for those who are banking with Commonwealth and Bendigo Bank.
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Riley Van Weenan, Joshua Searle, Xavier Hemphill and Piper Hobson.

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:
Alistair Houston, Tahlia Clarke, Lily Jones, Mackenzie Macdonald, Tayana Marstaeller, Riley Roberts and Alfie Williams.
Seymour LAN warmly invites all community to join us for our
NAIDOC Week March & Celebration
NAIDOC Week provides an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous
Australians to come together and recognise the valuable and continuous contribution
that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have made to this country.

Join us on Wednesday 6 July
10.30am Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony.
The march begins at 11.00am
Meet at the corner of Stanton St and Crawford St, finish at Kings Park.
FREE Community BBQ & Activities
Make your own banner or simply come dressed in red, black and yellow!
Contact Deborah.Evans@gp.vic.gov.au for more information
This event is taking place on the traditional land of the Taungurung people.

Kilmore Celtic Festival
24th - 26th June 2016
Great Live
Celtic Music
Comedy
Celtic Dance
Heated venues
Pipers and Poets
Celtic Street Market
Our Famous Celtic Banquet
and many more great artists
Check out our website and Facebook for more details
A great weekend of live entertainment for all the family
Bookings online at www.kilmore.info
Tel. 5781 1711

MITCHELL SHIRE.
Youth Holiday Activities
June – July 2016

WaterMarc (Limited Places Available)
Join us for a day of fun and exploration on 30th June. 9.30am - 3.30pm. Transport is provided.
Skate Park Street Art Workshop/Skate Skills
Come along and learn some basic skate skills at the Kilmore Skate Park. Meet at the skate park for street art, no experience needed. We will have experienced skaters for the first hour to teach us some basic skills and tricks on the board.

MITCHELL SHIRE.
School Holiday Skate Workshops

No experience needed and all equipment is supplied.

Skate Workshops
Perfect for young people who enjoy skateboarding in a non-competitive environment, our program is ideally suited to beginners and intermediate skaters.

Broadford Skatepark
64 High Street, Broadford
When: 3pm – 8pm, Tuesday 8 July

Seymour Skatepark
Chittick Park, Pall Mall Street, Seymour
When: 3pm – 8pm, Friday 8 July

Kilmore Skatepark
Hudson Park, 2 Sydney Street, Kilmore
When: 3pm – 8pm, Saturday 9 July

Wallan Skatepark
Heathcote Park, 42 Bentinck Street, Wallan
When: 3pm – 8pm, Wednesday 23 and Thursday 30 June, Friday 1 and Wednesday 6 July

Active, social, safe and a whole bunch of fun!
As the end of term is fast approaching we are hoping everyone has plans for the holidays.

This Winter we will be going to the snow again and this excursion books out quickly. To get your bookings in and receive the Early Bird Special you will have to visit the holiday program is on the websites.

Kilmore bookings can be made through the link on www.kilmoreoshc.com.au.

Bookings for Wandong are available through the link on www.wandongoshc.com.au.

If you have any trouble please call in and see staff at either site for help.

Karyn Homewood - Service Coordinator OHSC

WINTER JACKETS AVAILABLE
The school has been able to source a navy Winter Jacket from our uniform supplier for these cold winter days.

Features of the jacket include :-
- Water proof nylon
- Polar Fleece lining
- Concealed embroidery zip
- Storm front flap
- Concealed hood with draw cord
- Two external patch pockets with velcro flap
- Hand warmer pockets

The jackets are $40 each.
Sizes ranging from 4 to 16 are available to purchase from the office.
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus for this week is.....

**Identifying Emotions**

Everyone experiences many different feelings and emotions. Some are sad feelings, some are angry, some are happy, and others are scared feelings. They are all a little different.

For example, if you watch carefully, you can tell as much about how people are feeling from their bodies as you can from their faces. When you think you know how they are feeling, you can decide the most appropriate way to act toward them. By doing so, you can help them to feel understood and give them the message that you care about their feelings.

As a family talk about...

⇒ Next time you feeling mad, sad or worried (or another feeling) what will you do?
⇒ How can you identify how you are feeling?
⇒ What is your body telling you?
  eg. butterflies in stomach or tightness in your chest.
  What can you do to relax the emotion?

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**Final Thought…**

- positive thoughts generate positive feelings and attract positive life experiences