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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

185 families at WPS.
130 Completed payments = 70%

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

"What did you learn today?"

Foundation B: Mason Gradenigo (Using his manners without being reminded)
Foundation H: Harley Noble (Showing confidence by getting into the water quickly at swimming)

Foundation K: Jai Munroe (Having a fantastic start in Foundation K)
1/2G: Jethro Caelli (Displaying a great effort and attitude in writing)
1/2H: Jake Roewer (Answering lots of questions during reading)
1/2 Z: Chad Ion (Showing an excellent understanding of phonics lessons)

3/4A: Brianna Dalton-MacCrea (Settling in well in her classroom)
3/4B: Georgia Thomson (Displaying confidence in tackling multiplication problems)
3/4C: Ruby Jewell (Working hard to multiply and divide larger numbers)
5/6A: Sean Duffy (Trying his best to improve his spelling and writing)
5/6 C: Jessica Darbyshire (Carefully revising her writing)

Reminder
Family Movie Night
24th October 2014 - Starting at 7:00pm in the hall
(Doors open at 6:30pm) no pass outs
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

School Council

On Monday, we held the October School Council meeting. Here is a little of what was covered:

- A twilight working bee has been planned for Friday 28th November with works including: replacing the climbing wall panels, installing ThinkLinks Environmental Art around the school and a general tidy up
- The Home Learning policy was ratified
- We held extensive discussions about NAPLAN and Parent Opinion Data
- The 3/4 excursion to ScienceWorks was approved as was the Student Leadership day

Book Fair

The book fair concluded today. Thank you to everyone who visited the fair over the past week. There were some really interesting books this year and it was wonderful to see so much interest from families. Thank you to Ms Chisholm who organised the event and to all the parent helpers who helped out before and after school.

Family Movie Night – THIS FRIDAY!

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate factory will be screened this Friday for our Movie Night. The SRC have done an outstanding job promoting the event with lots of thought and effort gone into the posters you see around the school. We had a wonderful turnout at our last event and hope that this movie night will be the same. As it is a family movie night, it is expected that parents and carers are present with their children during the movie. Entry to the movie night is a gold coin donation with all proceeds will be going towards new outdoor speakers for the hall.

Student Leadership Day

On Monday, Mrs Cole and Mrs Smith will be taking the grade six leadership team to the final student leadership meeting for 2014. It will be a great opportunity for students to reflect on their achievements throughout the year and how they have developed as leaders.

Walk to School Day – Wednesday 27th October

Next Wednesday is Walk to School Day. Ms Green has been working tirelessly organising the event which culminates on Wednesday 29th October. Walking, like all physical activity, is great for children's health and wellbeing and Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school students and their families to walk to and from school during October, building healthy habits for life.

Walk to School Day
October 29th

VicHealth's Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school students and their families to walk to and from school during October, building healthy habits for life. On Wednesday 29th of October Wandong primary encourages families to get active and participate in Walk to School Day! See you at the gate!

Cookie Tuesday is BACK!

Cookie Tuesday will be next Tuesday (28th October). Cookies cost $3 and will be on sale from recess only. Mmmmmmm........COOKIE
**Sentral Information sessions**

As you will be aware, the school began using an online centralised data tracking system called Sentral. Staff have been using Sentral for months now and we have successfully trialled parents and students on the system. Over the last couple of weeks, students have begun using various aspects of the system. Now it’s your turn. Shortly, families will receive a letter with instructions to access the system with their secure login details. I will be running a series of information sessions to help parents/carers access and understand the system. These sessions will take place on:

**Wednesday 29th October @ 3.30pm (students are welcome to attend)**

**Wednesday 5th November @ 7.00pm**

**Thursday 6th November @ 9.00am**

I will provide computers for parents/carers to use throughout the session. I will demonstrate the capabilities of the system and the type of information families will be able to access. Attached to your letter will a reply slip indicating the information session you may like to attend.

**Until Next Time..................Have a Great Week!**

**Anthony Potesta**

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**Grade 6 Transition**

We will be running some addition Transition support sessions for Grade 6 students who we feel would benefit from small group opportunities to learn more about going to secondary school.

If you feel your child would benefit from this opportunity please contact me or send an email to smith.julie.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Regards Julie Smith Wellbeing Coordinator

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**School Supplies for PNG**

The Drofenik family (Hugh 3/4C) are organising donations to go to Milne Bay Province in Papua New Guinea and are hoping Wandong Primary School families can contribute much-needed school supplies for the island schools. You may have left-over scrapbooks and exercise books from previous years’ booklists or unused pencils, textas, scissors and rubbers lying around the house. Perhaps you could swing by the stationery section of the supermarket and buy a small contribution. Any donations would be much appreciated. Please put items in a bag marked ‘FOR PNG’ and place in the class tubs. Thank you from the Drofenik family.
Gold Certificate Winners!

Congratulations to our gold certificate winners
Carly Davon & Bridgette Davies
3 gold tickets so far this year.
Great Effort !!!

Davern Wins!

Congratulations to Davern (Green House) for winning last week’s house points competition.

Davern House Captain Jordan Tabone and Vice Captain Paul Morgan Watt House are pictured holding the winner’s trophy.

Planning for 2015. Please return to the office by ASAP. Thank you!

Exiting students:
We are now in the final stages of planning for the 2015 school year. To assist us with staffing, please indicate if your child WILL NOT be returning to Wandong Primary School next year. (Please fill this in even if you have told the office.)
Child’s name/s: ................................................................. Room/s: ...........

New arrivals:
Alternatively, if you know of a relative/friend who we should be expecting next year (ie: new enrolment), please list their details below so we can check these against our records.
Their name: .................................................. Your name: ..............................
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:
Jesse Wilkes-O’Brien, Jacob Phelan, Madison Beattie, Kayla Johnson-Breheny, Erin Roberts and Ellie Brown

Congratulations on 150 nights reading:
Piper Hobson, Tyler Dennehy, Taylah Clydesdale, Jesse Robinson, Kane Lemmar, Alyssa Duffy, Trinity Hobson and Lucas Vicary

Congratulations on 200 nights reading:
Sarah Dwyer, Taylah Fitzgerald, Finlay Edwards and Abigail Hume

What’s gone home this week?
The following notices were sent home this week:

Whole school:
- Active After School Program Information and reply slip

Selected Families: Nil

Selected Students:
- Cluster Student Leadership Conference

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.

Posture Police award

Congratulations to Jai Munro, Georgia Gawley, Zane Goring and Jarek O’Neill.
These students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class.

Other nominated students were: Mia-J Nikora, Marley Tasevski, Tanika Francis and Alesha McIntosh.
Congratulations on your nomination.

Congratulations
ALESHA McINTOSH
Winner of the 2014 Junior Excellence Award from Swimming Australia
Well Done!
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Foundation B
Opening Classroom Doors

In Foundation B we are focussing on forming our letters correctly. We practise our handwriting every day! This week we have used lots of different tools to help us to learn the correct way to form our letters in a fun way.

We wrote our letters in shaving cream smeared onto a table.

We wrote our letters on the windows in magic texta.

We wrote our letters on the carpet in rainbow chalk.

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The purpose of talking about a feeling is to “let it out” in a positive way so that it cannot continue to bother you.

It’s important to recognise how you are feeling at different times and to express your feelings appropriately. If you’re angry, it’s better to tell someone than to keep it inside. If you’re happy, it’s hard to keep your excitement to yourself. **Expressing your feelings will help you deal with them suitably.**

Telling someone you trust and sharing your feelings in a conversation almost always makes you feel better. When you’re aware of what you feel, it is usually easier for you to get along with others.

**Ideas to try at home…**

There are a number of ways you can express how you feel including:

- **Set aside some time** for you – even it is ten minutes to take some space for yourself.
- **Write about how you feel** – this can be a useful way to explore your feelings. Some people keep diaries, others just write down whatever comes into their head. You may want to write a story about whatever is bothering you.
- **Walk away** – from situations that might stress you out or make you angry.
- **Self-talk** – change negative thought patterns to help you look at things in a more positive light.
- **Relaxation** – is one way to focus your thoughts and consider the big picture. Is your stressful situation worth getting stressed about? Will it matter in the long run?
- **Play sport** – sport gives you plenty of chances to be loud or feel elated.
- **Be creative** – draw or paint. Make a collage.
- **Use music** – singing, playing or listening to music (or just shouting) can all help. Dance to music at home, or go out and dance as much as you like.

**Final Thought…**

A lot of problems in the world would disappear if we talk to each other, not about each other.