25th June 2014

‘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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

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

“What did you learn today?”

Foundation B: Jaxson Watson (Showing a positive attitude to his learning)
All students in Foundation K: (Reading big book with fantastic expression)
1/2 G: Alyssa Riddell (Consistently “Doing Her Best” in the classroom)
1/2 H: Ella Hall (Asking sensible questions)
1/2 Z: Ashley Stanton (Showing the school value of “Care” to his peers)
3/4 A: Lawrence Baggio (Demonstrating a maximum effort in all his learning areas)
3/4 B: Caitlin Roberts (Showing resilience in difficult situations)
3/4 C: Jesse Tremayne (Consistently trying his best in everything he does)
5/6 A: Jed Lunn (Writing a wonderful country information report)
5/6 C: Will Vicary (Researching interesting facts for his Inquiry project)

Reminder
This Friday (27th June) school finishes at 2:30p.m. for the school holiday break. Assembly will be held at 2:00p.m. in the hall
A Message from the Assistant Principal….

Where did those 10 weeks go? It flew past so quickly. For those who may have missed some of the awesome activities and learning we got up to in term two, here’s a recap.

⇒ We began the term with Easter Monday and ANZAC day in the same week. The grade sixes conducted a respectful ANZAC ceremony for the school
⇒ Our Foundation to grade two staff began their Oral Language Professional Learning through Monash University
⇒ We implemented a new Student Attendance Plan to support those families with higher than average levels of unexplained absences
⇒ ThinkLinks sessions and ‘Buddies’ alternated fortnightly
⇒ We had an evacuation practice over the blue bridge and down to the shops
⇒ Our wonderful community banded together to paint over the unimpressive graffiti
⇒ School photo day came and went
⇒ We’ve had many, many schools tours for prospective families and completed visits to all the local kindergartens
⇒ We held our Mother’s Day stall
⇒ 3-6s had their cross country trials and competition
⇒ Student leadership team cluster meetings
⇒ NAPLAN
⇒ We held our Crazy Hair Day to raise money for Harper
⇒ We held parent forums on the home learning and student management policies and procedures
⇒ We welcomed our Indonesian visitors with a series of events including our Aussie BBQ night and Nasi Goring day
⇒ Melbourne Heart came to visit the 3/4s for a soccer clinic
⇒ We held a Curriculum day
⇒ The 5/6s visited the Chinese Museum
⇒ The 4s and 5s visited Wallan Secondary College
⇒ Life Ed is happening as we speak
⇒ Reports went home and we are holding our Student Led Conferences.

Massive! Thank you to everyone for the commitment throughout the term. Have a restful winter break and we look forward to seeing everyone again for the beginning of term three on Monday 14th July.
A Message from the Assistant Principal…. continued

Student Led Conferences & ThinkLinks Display

It was wonderful to see parents/carers, students and teachers sharing in the learning that has taken place over the last two terms. All students have put a lot of effort into their Student Led Conferences and it was pleasing to see our students take so much pride in their achievements.

Also on display in the hall is an exhibition of the ThinkLinks items that students have completed throughout the year. ThinkLinks continues to be an important aspect to school life and we are lucky to be able to share the students and teachers work with our families. ThinkLinks will continue next term with new groups. Stay tuned.

Long Service Leave

This week we welcome back Annie from her holiday in Europe. Hearing your stories, it sounds as though you had a fabulous time. We certainly did miss you. As Annie returns, Mrs Beer heads off to America and will be away from school for the first four weeks of next term. We are fortunate enough to have Mrs McDermott in her grade for the entire time. Mrs McDermott is a wonderfully experienced teacher and has taught for many years in the grade 3/4 level. We are lucky to have her on board. Enjoy your trip Mrs Beer. Your students are in good hands.

BIGGEST Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone who participated in the BIGGEST Morning Tea on Friday. The turn out was exceptional. It was wonderful to see so many people support a great cause. We raised over $320 with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council of Australia to help fund research for the prevention and cure of cancer. Each grade did a fantastic job in making morning tea for our guests and I hope everyone enjoyed the goodies.

Mrs Gallinaro

On a sadder note, Mrs Gallinaro’s mother in law passed away on Sunday after a short battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with her and her family during this very difficult time. Mrs Gallinaro will be back at school next term.

Until next time..................have a great break!
Anthony Potesta

Electronic Newsletters:

Have you organized yourself for our term three emailed newsletters? If not, hop to it.

Its just a few easy steps — see below.

(If you have already subscribed, you do not have to subscribe again. )

- Head over to the school website @ www.wandongps.vic.edu.au
- Click on Newsletters
- Click on ‘Subscribe to Newsletter’
- Fill out the form and hit “Submit”. Your request will get approved and you will begin receiving newsletters via email.

If you experience any issues subscribing to the newsletter, please let Ros or Mr Potesta know. Remember we will still supply paper copies for those without internet access……. just let us know.
Posture Police award

Congratulations to Mitchell Jackson, Nikayla Harrison, Ruby Jewell and Jarek O’Neill (absent).

These four students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class.

Other nominated students were: Liam Wolfe, Xavier Hemphill, Lucas Vicary, Hayley Mumberson and Connor Gawley.

Congratulations on your nomination.

Green House Wins!

Congratulations to Green House.

Green House Captain Andrew Dowell and Vice Captain Jacob McDonald are proudly holding the winner’s trophy.

Make Time For Yourself

1 Week Free Trial

To All our Classes

Present This Flyer To Receive Offer

Booking Is Essential

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

Whole school: Mid Year Student Reports
Selected Families: National Data Collection

Individual grade levels:
Foundation: SLC notice to HF
One/Two: SLC notice to 1/2G
Three/Four: NIL
Five/Six: NIL

All notices are uploaded to the school website. Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in the grade level trays.

June
Monday 23rd - Thurs 26th—Life Ed Van
Wednesday 25th - Student Led Conferences and Think Links display in hall
Friday 27th - Deposit for 3/4 camp due today
- End of term two 2:30pm finish

July
Monday 14th - Term three begins
Tuesday 22nd - Parents & Friends Association meeting (9.15am in the staffroom)
Thursday 31st - Cluster Student Leadership

August
Thursday 7th — Special Friends Day (Gr F-2)
Tuesday 12th - 2015 School tour—9:30—10:30am

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Hayden O’Sullivan, Jade Tremayne, Dylan Al Kadhimi and Elijah Hazeldine

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:
Lucas Bartolo, Shelby Reeves, Luke Cashen, Ben Drury, Erin-Skye Libardi, Jessica Darbyshire, Emma Drury, Kate Leavold, Kobee Mann, Zoe Dwyer and Findlay Edwards
ASTHMA INHALERS – NEW PROCESS

All classrooms now have a container to ‘house’ asthma reliever puffers/Ventolin. Each student who requires a Ventolin reliever will be allocated a labelled bag with their name into which their reliever will stored. We are aware that some students have one reliever which they keep in their bags and it is then transported back home and then back to school the following day. If this is the case, we now require you to provide an inhaler that will permanently be housed in the classroom’s Asthma medication container.

The reason for the change in process is for the following reasons:

- In an event of an evacuation, the classroom teacher can collect the container and take it to the evacuation location.
- If there is a teacher, other than the current classroom teacher, in the room, and your child requires their medication it is easily located in the container. This is particularly important if your child requires it urgently.
- When your child has a specialist class, such as Physical Education, the container can be taken to the different locations within the school and be readily available.
- Medication is easily transported from the classroom to excursion locations.

ACTION: Please provide a reliever (and spacer if required), that is currently ‘in date’ and send it to school with your child so that it can be placed into the classroom asthma medication container.

Please contact the school if you require any further information regarding this new process.

WANDONG HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Winter 2014
30th June - 11th July

For information and bookings
visit www.ssoshc.com.au or Ph: 5781 1300

Highlights Include:
Snow trip to Lake Mountain, Martial arts incursion,
Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Roller skating excursion,
Weird science incursion and a whole lot more!!

20% DISCOUNT FOR ONLINE
BOOKINGS MADE BEFORE 27TH JUNE*
BOOK IN NOW AT WWW.SSOSHOC.COM.AU
Government rebates and subsidies available, save 50-100%
Program located at Wandong Primary School

Gold Certificate Winner!

Congratulations to our gold certificate winner

Harley Noble H-F

This is Harley’s second gold ticket for the year
6 gold tickets so far

Excellent effort !!
Thank you to the Parents and Friends Association for their tireless efforts in fundraising for the school.

The PAFA recently elected to raise funds to purchase $1000 worth of books for the Foundation-2 units ‘Good Fit’ book boxes. I recently attended the Scholastic Warehouse sale to buy some bargain books for the ‘Good Fit’ book boxes using the money that PAFA raised. ‘Good Fit’ books are a variety of levelled texts across various themes. Students choose levelled text books from an area of interest. ‘Good Fit’ books have certainly helped to promote the love of reading at Wandong Primary School. I only ended up spending approximately $250.00 at the sale and will be purchasing more books in the coming weeks.

Thank you to the Parents and Friends Association! I’m sure the students in Foundation-2 classes will really appreciate some new books to further practise their reading strategies.

Bree Chisholm
Literacy Coordinator
Gestures: non-verbal communication

Gestures play an important role in communication. Many people use their hands to emphasise what they are saying. For example, clapping or giving a “thumbs up”, shows your approval. Waving is a gesture of greeting or a way of saying goodbye. Other parts of the body are also used to convey the meaning of our words. Shrugging your shoulders is a way to say, “I don’t know,” or “I don’t care.” Even though we usually pay more attention to the words people are saying, it’s important to recognise what signals and gestures mean so that we can communicate effectively.

At home challenge: read the descriptions of the gestures below, do them, and guess what they mean.

1. Hold one hand out open in front of you with your palm down and twist it from side to side.
2. Cup your hand around your ear.
3. Hold out one thumb in front of you.
4. Shrug (lift your shoulders up), maybe with your open palms facing up.
5. Put your index finger in front of your closed lips with the finger pointing up.
6. Wipe your forehead with one hand and then flick the fingers of that hand in front of you.

Final Thought: Why do people always gesture with their hands when they talk on the phone?