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'

1/2C: Tanika Francis (Being a responsible and helpful class member)
1/2H: Connor Allsop (Persisting with his learning)
1/2P: Ella O’Brien (Trying her best and working hard to get her work completed)
1/2V: Madi Roddy (Being a helpful and friendly member of 1/2V)
3/4A: Christian Moussa (Being a respectful and responsible class member who is always willing to help others)
3/4J: Brooke Mazzarella (Being a kind and helpful member of her classroom)
5/6J: Dylan Al Kadhimi (Demonstrating our school value of “Doing Your Best”)
5/6S: Zara Marks (Consistently contributing to class discussions)

Reminder
Last day of Term 1 - 27th March 2015
Assembly at 2:00pm & Early School Finish at 2:30pm

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A Message from the Principal

Wow............................I can’t believe it’s already the end of term. What a HUGE term we’ve had and this week has been no exception. Interschool sports competition, Foundation excursion, cluster curriculum day and Bushwahzee has meant for a busy final week.

5/6 Sport
Throughout the term, the 5/6s have been training each Friday morning for their chosen sport. This training culminated in the cluster interschool sport tournament day last Friday. I was fortunate enough to accompany the basketballers to Wallan Stadium for their competition. I had a fantastic time with the teams and I know the other teachers had similar experiences with their teams. The 5/6s represented the school in Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Rounders, with our Rounders team finishing the day undefeated. It was a great day had by all and our students displayed excellent behavior and sports-person-ship throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Fearn for all his work organising the day and to Ms Smith, Mrs McClure, Miss Christie, Mrs Castle and Mrs McDermott for all their work in preparing the students for competition.

Bushwahzee
What an AWESOME day it was yesterday with Bushwahzee. Felix and his band put on a great show, but it was you, our school community that made it memorable. The students rehearsed hard throughout the day and seeing so many families attend the evening show, get up and dance was the highlight. Check out all the photos in the newsletter.

Respecting our Neighbours and Parking in the Church carpark
Over the past couple of weeks, we have received complaints from our neighbours on Affleck Street about parents/carers parking their cars over their private driveways in the afternoon. We understand car parking is tight but please remember to allow access to our neighbours driveways by not parking over their crossovers. We have also received a complaint from a parent about reverse parking in the back car park. Please use common sense when parking and please do not reverse in to a car park after the school bell has gone.

New Smoking Bans
New laws have been issued enforcing No Smoking Bans on school grounds and at school entrances around the state. From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. Officers from councils will be responsible for enforcing the bans, and will take an education approach, making sure smokers understand the new laws. However, an infringement penalty of $147 could apply to adults caught wilfully breaking the law. Please contact the Tobacco Control Section in the Department of Health and Human Services if you have any questions regarding the new smoking bans, via phone (03) 9096 0469, or via email tobacco.policy@health.vic.gov.au.

$500 Woolworths Wish Card Raffle
Don’t forget to get your entry in for the $500 Woolworths Wish Gift Card Raffle. $5 entry could win you $500 to spend at any Woolworths partner store including; Woolworths, Caltex, Masters and BWS. You have to be in it to win it!!

Enjoy the holidays and take care.
Anthony Potesta
On Friday 20th March, we went on our very first excursion to Woodend Children’s Park. Leading up to the big day, we were very excited about the bus trip and the adventures to be had at the park. On arrival at Woodend Children’s Park, we were amazed to see all of the fun play equipment and just couldn’t wait to jump on! After eating our play lunch, we took a tour of the park to find out what the different areas entailed. There was a big fort, a musical play area, a little fort, a sandpit, a HUGE climbing orb and a really long flying fox! We had so much fun playing at the Children’s Park! After we had a play on the equipment, we stopped and came together as a group. We split off into 4 groups, where we played structured games with other kids that aren’t usually in our grade. We played ‘Indians and Tee Pees’, ‘Duck, Duck, Goose’, ‘Tunnel Ball’, ‘Poison Ball’, ‘Cat and Mouse’ and plenty of other games. We made lots of new friends! After all that playing, we were pretty hungry so we stopped to eat our lunch. After lunch, we had a little bit more time to play on the play equipment, which was so much fun! Then it was time to head back to school on the bus. Some of us were so tired that we even had a little nap on the bus.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all of the parent helpers who came along to assist us. The parent helpers were amazing all day and were especially fantastic when we found a lost dog. They called the owner and got the dog back home safely. What super helpers!

BREE CHISHOLM
**WOW! ....WHAT’S ON @WANDONG**

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**NOTICE**

What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 19th Mar and Wednesday 25th Mar:

Whole school:
- School holiday chook care roster
- Bogan Bingo Flyer
- PAFA Easter raffle tickets
- Bushwahzee Important Information
- Walking Excursion to Opening of Wandong War Memorial

Selected Families: Nil

Selected Students:
- ILP information documentation

Individual grade levels: Nil

**Foundation:**
- Foundation Excursion incident information

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:**
- 3/4 B : Mrs Beer’s absence in Term Two

**Five/Six:** Nil

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

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**STUDENTS ON INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS**

Last week we intended to send home letters to all families of students on Individual Learning Plans. Unfortunately some families received this letter by mistake. If your child is to be placed on an ILP then teachers will following up with the family to either organise a meeting or will send home a paper copy of the ILP (for students being extended). If there is any confusion please speak to your classroom teacher.

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**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

226 families at WPS. 
122 Completed payments = 54%

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

“*What did you learn today?*”
Art & Performing Arts Award Certificate Winners!

Performer of the Week
Ruby Stebbing
(Making thoughtful contributions to our class discussions)

Artist of the Week
Isaak Harrison
(Being focused on his art work)

OSHCC Certificate Winner!
Congratulations
Alexandra Coleman
(Being kind and considerate and a role model for other students)

Gold Certificate Winners!
Congratulations to our gold certificate winners
Taylah Fitzgerald and Corey Stone
3 gold tickets
Great Effort !!!

Centenary Concert

SEYMOUR - Sunday 12th April
2 p.m.
Community Arts Centre
Anglemay Street, Seymour

KILMORE - Sunday 19th April
2 p.m.
Kilmore Memorial Hall
Sydney Street, Kilmore

Featuring The Mitchell State Concert Band, Seymour Performing Workshop & Broadford Amateur Theatrical Society
Ticket: Adults $16, Concession $10, Family $30 (2A/3C).
Door sales only from midday on the day.

Posture Police award
Congratulations to Brooke Mazzarella and Brayden Draper.
These students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class.
Other nominated students was:
Callum Webb
Congratulations on your nomination.
WANTED!
I have some books which are in need of contacting.
If you could spare some time, I'll provide the books and contact.
Please contact me: smith.julie.f@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone/drop into the office Monday-Thursday to see me.
Thanks – Julie Smith
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

**What is a BYSTANDER?**

Bullying situations usually involve more than the bully and the victim. They also involve **bystanders**—those who watch bullying happen or hear about it.

An important new strategy for bullying prevention focuses on the powerful role of the bystander. Depending on how bystanders respond, they can either contribute to the problem or the solution. Bystanders rarely play a completely neutral role, although they may think they do!

**Bystanders also have the power to play a key role in preventing or stopping bullying.**

**Some bystanders . . . directly intervene**, by discouraging the bully, defending the victim, or redirecting the situation away from bullying.

**Other bystanders . . . get help**, by rallying support from peers to stand up against bullying or by reporting the bullying to adults.

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**National Day Against Bullying**

Check out our School, **We Take a Stand** display.

Thanks to all of the teachers and students who wrote their messages and decorated their hands.

A big thank you to Melissa McKeen for laminating and cutting the hands!