25th November 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: Samuel Shingles (Managing his distractions and staying on task)
Foundation H: Jordyn McClure (Demonstrating how to count back from 20 with a calculator)
Foundation K: Levi Wigney (Showing an improved attitude and behaviour throughout the week)
Foundation P: Isaac Mellado (Writing a great story and always trying his best)
1/2C: Bella Mazzone (Demonstrating excellent strategies when solving multiplication problems)
1/2H: Connor Allsop (Always offering to help others in need)
1/2V: Riley Roberts (Showing the school value of ‘Friendship’ when welcoming new students)
3/4A: Trinity Hobson (Working hard to create a sizzling narrative start)
3/4B: Andrew Riddell (Summarising a task and keeping it sequenced in his own words)
3/4B: Brodan Kye-Cornwall (Displaying the value of ‘Persistence’ in reading)
5/6M: Grace Hannemann (Consistently demonstrating the school values)
5/6S: Ben Jewell (Making an outstanding contribution during reading)

Reminder
Friday 27th November - Term 4 Swimming Program session seven
Monday 30th November - 2016 Foundation Information Evening - 7:00pm start

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A Message from the Principal

Dear families,

The weeks are certainly getting busier as we celebrate our achievements for 2015 and plan for 2016.

**Grade placements:** Next year we are expecting 360 students to be enrolled. Our grade structure will consist of: 4 x Foundation, 6 x grade one/two, 3 x grade three/four and 3 x grade five/six. Staff have worked for a number of hours on placing students into positive and supportive learning groupings for 2016 and we are in the final stages of completing our classes, with all staff now checking combinations of students. Thank you to the parents who have provided information to me regarding grade placements. We have attempted to accommodate your requests as best as possible.

**Dianella Afternoon tea:** On Thursday afternoon, our grade five students hosted a group of elderly residents from Dianella Hostel in Kilmore. As part of our Intergenerational Program, the students had visited Dianella in term three to interact with the residents, enjoying fun activities together and having chats about the past and present. The final celebration was a delicious afternoon tea at our school, with the food all created by our students. From 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. it was sandwich and scone making time, then the hall was set up and the residents arrived around 1:00. The students served them cups of tea and coffee and enjoyed some long and interesting conversations. We must sincerely Max and Anne from Wandong Bus and Coach. Every year they support the program by providing cheap bus travel for our visits to Dianella and then transporting the elderly residents to us for free at the end of each year. We are most grateful for their generosity. Max made a special trip into the school after he had returned the residents to Dianella on Thursday, especially to tell us about all the chatting on the bus trip back by the residents about the wonderful time they had experienced at our school. Perfect!!

**Thanks Samuel:** On Friday, Samuel Shingles was the principal for the day. Samuel unpacked the office tubs, visited classrooms, made notes about student learning for assembly then presented his speech in front of the entire school at the end of the day. He assisted with organising the students of the week, shaking their hands to congratulate them on their wonderful week. Thanks Samuel, you were a great help 😊

**Swimming:** On Friday, I watched the second group of swimmers as they practised some safety skills. Donning life jackets, they went in a canoe, learnt how to reach to assist, swam in gum boots and practised floating on a plastic bottle. Safety skills are vitally important to ensure students don’t panic if they fall into water unexpectedly.

**Book Launch:** I would like to encourage people to attend the launch of the book about the history of the school, happening this Saturday from 11:00 a.m. at the Wandong Hall in Rail Street. The History Group have done an amazing job, researching the schools that have existed in the Wandong area over the past two hundred years. The stories and photos in the book unveil a great deal about life in the past and will certainly help to explain our history to the younger generation, whilst also allowing those older residents to reflect and remember. Hope to see you there.
A Message from the Principal (continued...)

Minister’s visit: Last Wednesday, Penny Edwards and I met with Minister Merlino. We had in depth conversations about our increasing enrolments and the pressures that these additional numbers are placing on our playing space. We are currently awaiting a formal response from the minister.

Parent “Future Development” forums: As we increase in student enrolments, families too may have concerns that we need to consider. To ensure all concerns are heard, I will be holding two parent forums – one during school time and one of an evening. This will be an opportunity for parents to let me know what they are thinking so that I can then take away their feedback/concerns and work this into our future development plan. These will be information gathering forums - no solutions will be decided upon. Please complete the reply slip and return it to the office to lock in one of the times below if you wish to attend one of these forums:

Thursday 3rd December 2:30 – 3:30 and Thursday 3rd December 7:00 – 8:00

New portable: With our increasing numbers, we will be receiving a brand new double portable in December, ready for the 2016 school year. School Council have been involved in discussions regarding the placement of the portable as we want to ensure we reduce the impact on the currently used playing space when it arrives. It is quite a large room – slightly larger than our other portables - which makes placement in areas like along the front fence or up behind the Art room near impossible. We would have liked to place it opposite the existing portable classrooms, butting up against the basketball court next to the climbing wall playground – however it is too wide. So the plan is: We will relocate the F-2 corner play equipment to the unused space north to the basketball court (on the lower level next to the climbing wall play area) and then place the new portable in the north east corner of the school yard, where the F-2 playground currently sits. This will cause the minimum interruption to currently used play space area, whilst also accommodating the new portable. There will be costs involved in relocating the playground, so we will use the money raised from our school fete to get this done as soon as possible. Whilst the playground will be removed, it cannot be reinstalled at the same time as the BIG crane needed to move the portable into the corner will be parked in that area on the day that the portable arrives. So it’s a process, first one thing then another. If we receive confirmation that our new portable will arrive before the end of the school year, student safety will be paramount. All students in the existing portables will be relocated for the day. It will be very exciting to watch the crane in action – they usually start at 7:00 a.m. and are finished by 11:00 a.m. approximately. A SAFE viewing area from a distance will be set up so the students can watch part of the process. Lots of planning.

Have a great week
Rhonda Cole

BUNNINGS CRAGIGIEBURN BBQ HELPERS

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

I _____________________________________ am able to assist with the running of
the Bunnings Cragieburn BBQ between the hours of:

8am – 9am 9am – 10am 10am – 11am 11am – 12pm
12pm – 1pm 1pm-2pm 2pm-3pm 3pm-4pm

I _____________________________________ am unable to assist on the day but I am able
to donate the following: (Please circle)

Bags of chopped onion (fresh or frozen) Cans of soft drink/bottles of water
Sauce (Tomato or BBQ) Serviettes Bread

Please return this form to the office or click on
wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to indicate your preference.
# 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 November and Wednesday 25th November:

**Whole school:** Nil

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:**
- Advice in relation to School Spectacular television broadcast

**Individual grade levels:**
- **Foundation:** Nil
- **One/Two:** Nil
- **Three/Four:**
  - 2016 Netbook Program information
- **Five/Six:** Nil

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

### School Banking

Please note that the last day for school banking this year will be Friday 27th November 2015.

### Parent Payments Received

- **231** families at WPS.
- **162** Completed payments
  - **70%**
Parent Helper’s Thank You Morning Tea

Wandong Primary School will be holding a Parent Helpers Thank You morning tea on Thursday 9th December 2015 from 10:30am onwards in the staffroom. Invitations will be sent out shortly so please don’t forget to diarise the date.

Congratulations Miss Pollock!

On Friday at assembly we recognised staff member Stephanie Pollock who recently received the La Trobe University Dean’s Medal. Stephanie was invited to a special dinner last week, where she was awarded the medal for the 2014 Student Teacher with the highest academic results in the entire Bachelor of Teaching cohort. We all congratulate Stephanie as she is a great role model for someone “Doing their Best”.

2016 BOOKLISTS & UNUSED STUDENT CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

2016 grade level booklists will be sent home this Friday and need to be completed and returned to the school by Friday 11th December to ensure prompt delivery on Book Pickup Day which is on Thursday 21st January 2016.

Any unused student classroom supplies will be sent home this Thursday to ensure that excess items are not purchased for 2016. Please look out for these in your child’s school bag.

If you have any booklist items that are surplus to your students needs, there is a donation box for disadvantaged families in the office.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Sam Nemeth and Blake Henderson.

Congratulations on 150 nights reading:
Ben Jewell, Mia Albert, Lewis Coter, Caitlyn Hemphill, Ryan Fitzgerald and Karlee Rae Ritchie.

Congratulations on 200 nights reading:
Olivia Brincat, Ben Jewell, Mia Albert, Zara Marks, Elosie Harrison, Charlotte Jones and Lindsay Chalker.

CALLEJA FAMILY MEAL ROSTER REMINDER

Below is a snapshot of the meal roster. Could families please diarise their nominated date.

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As we enter term four, our Parent Payment thermometer shows that we still have 30% (69 families) who have not yet completed their 2015 Parent Payments. We have one of the lowest costs for Parent Payments of local schools and it is disappointing that nearly two thirds of our families are “carrying” the other third. As a school we do rely on this money to purchase items and continue to provide great learning opportunities. We still have 4 weeks of teaching to go. Have you paid up yet? If not, your payment would be greatly appreciated.

PRE ORDER FORM

Wandong: From Lightwood Flat to the forest, - A history of our schools.

Over the past eighteen months to two years, the Wandong History group have been collecting information and memorabilia related to the Wandong Primary School and the other schools that operated within our local area over the past two hundred years. This information has been combined into a historical book about the local schools within the Wandong and Heathcote Junction areas. Should you wish to pre-order a copy of the book please complete the following reply slip and return to the school.

Name: ____________________________________________

Please reserve ________ (insert quantity) books @ $20.00 each. Total. $________

I will:  Pick up my book at the Book launch  ☐ (28th Nov 11.00-3.00pm Wandong Public Hall)
  Pick up my book from the Wandong History Group  (Old Catholic church)
  1st Dec 9.00-10.00am or  ☐ Thursday 3rd Dec 3.00-4.00pm

Enclosed Cheque for the amount of $ _______

Or direct deposit: Bendigo bank. BSB 633000  Account: 147326292  Please use your name as the reference.

(The official book will be launched on Saturday 28th November at Wandong Hall in Rail Street from 11:00am)

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SECONDHAND UNIFORM STALL

Friday 4th December 2015
In the library from 2:30 onwards
All items $5.00 each
Proceeds to the KidsMatter Assistance Fund

Gold Certificate Winner!

Congratulations to our gold certificate winner
Georgia Shingles
3 gold tickets
Great Effort!!!

Parent “Future Development“ Forum

Consultation with parents regarding feedback and concerns about the school’s future development plans.

Please complete the information below and return this slip to the school office.

Name of parent/s attending:__________________________________________________

Child/ren of:_________________________ Grade/s:__________________________

Session attending (please circle):
Thursday 3rd December 2.30pm – 3.30pm or 7pm – 8pm
**SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED**

Kristie Roberts, our current school banking co-ordinator is retiring. We thank her for volunteering her time to process the school banking during the year.

This means we are now on the look-out for a new school banking co-ordinator. Volunteers must have a financial background, money handling skills and confidentiality is a must.

Should you possess the above skills and can spare an hour a week, please contact the office, so we can provide further information on what the position entails.

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**COOKIE THURSDAY**

3/4A have some delicious Snowy Mountain Cookies for sale. Bring your coins and enjoy a yummy cookie for morning tea.

**WHERE:** ROOM 11 (Miss Blakis)

**WHEN:** Thursday, 26th November

**TIME:** Recess eating, 10.45am

**COST:** All cookies $3.00

Flavours include: Chocolate, Apricot, ANZAC, Ice-cream and many more

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**PIZZA AT THE PARK WITH THE PRINCIPAL - 200 NIGHTS READING AWARD**

Those students that have achieved 200 nights reading will soon receive an invitation to have pizza at the park with the Principal.

Reading tallies will be finalised on Friday 4th December.

Those students who are close to 200 nights reading will also be included in the event.

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**FREE ICY POLE FOR ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

All students will receive an icy pole on Thursday 3rd December free of charge. This is possible due to a kind donation from Pat Wilson to say thank you for the help and support given to the Calleja family by the Wandong Primary School community.

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**“BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER”**

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days’ notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day, we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes used by our students will be cancelled.

So… Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website (www.wandongps.vic.edu.au) and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

It is vital that we all stay safe. Rhonda Cole
AFC MUSIC

Enrolment forms are being handed out to students interested in doing music lessons in 2016. Please read, sign and return enrolment forms to the office (one enrolment form per child - extra forms are available from the office).

Feel free to contact me with any queries.
Ash Christensen
M: 0408 519 035 T: 57871041 E: ashchrist33@gmail.com

‘2016 Grades three to six students only’

NAME

WANDONG PRIMARY
SCHOOL TEAM SHIRT

Don’t forget to order your Wandong Primary School Team Shirt.

Shirts are available for students in Grades 3-6

There are number of size samples available at the office. Please feel free to come and have your child/ren try on for size.

The final date for orders is Friday 11th December.

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP Inc.

Invites you to the 
Book Launch

"Wandong: From Lightwood Flat to the Forest"
A History of Our Schools

ON
Saturday 28th November 2015
11.00am
at the
Wandong Public Hall - Rail St Wandong
Light Refreshments Served

Gold Coin Donation

RSVP: 29th November Ph: 57871 719 or 57871 314
EMAIL: wandongite@hotmail.com

LUNCHTIME LIBRARY READING CLUB

Due to the fast approaching year end the last session of the lunchtime library reading club will be on Thursday 26th November.

Please make sure all library books are returned to the library soon or books may be given to Jane at the office.

Overdue notices will be sent out shortly to those students that still have library books outstanding on our system.

Please contact the school office if you are unable to locate the items listed on your child’s notice.
Disability Support Services

Special Children’s Christmas Party

Come along to this great FREE family event! Enjoy a sit down BBQ lunch, train rides, jumping castle, pony rides, face painting, photo booth and much much more!

Saturday 5th December, 2015
12:00 - 2:30pm
McIntosh Centre, Shepparton Showgrounds

For more information or to book, phone 5823 7681 or email disabilitysupport@familcare.net.au by Friday 27th November

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

1st Wollan Wallan Rovers

Come and Join the fun with the 1st Wollan Wallan Rover Crew Christmas Disco

There will be heaps of fun with Dancing
Mega Hot Food & Snacks
Drink
Gloss Drinks
Prize Prizes

Where: Wulla Showfield, Collie Homestead & Northern Rd, Wollan
When: Friday 1st December
Time: 6:30-9:30pm for our smaller ones from pre-grade 3
8pm for our bigger ones from grade 3 to grade 6

Cost: $5.00

Your children will be in a fully supervised environment where they will meet new friends and have a fun evening. All parents are required to sign their child in and out of the club.

Motor Neurone Disease Christmas Fundraiser

ON: SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 2015
BETWEEN: 8AM – 1PM
VENUE: BROADFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, 158 – 162 HIGH STREET, BROADFORD

• FREE JUMPING CASTLE & ENTERTAINMENT
• MARKET STALLS (NEW & PRE-LOVED ITEMS)
• CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CRAFT ACTIVITIES
• OFFICIAL MND MERCHANDISE
• SAUSAGE SIZZLE
• FACE PAINTER
• RAFFLE
• SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY SANTA!

Please come along to this Great Christmas Event & show your support.
All funds raised will be donated to MND Victoria!

If you have any queries or would like to book a stall please contact Tony on 0404 748 660 or send an email to broadfordcommunytroth@hotmail.com

ARE YOU A LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPION?

If you are aged 12-19 and competing, coaching or officiating in a state, national or international level sporting championship, you may be eligible for a Local Sporting Champions grant of $500.

Applications are now open, from 1 November 2015 – 29 February 2016.

For more information on eligibility or to apply, go to the Ausport website at: www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions.

Call the code below or call Rob Mitchell’s office on 03 9333 4448.

Meet the Wollan Secondary College Staff

Hear about our dynamic learning program

View student work

College Tours held every Tuesday at 9.30am. Please ring our office for an appointment.

This is your chance to:

• View our new 2016 technology
• Year 7 Co-ordinator, Casual Care teachers, Experiential Program managers, Wellbeing Staff, Principal Class teachers, and more.

• Check out our Year 7 program for 2016
• Find out more about student Uniform requirements
• Discover the adventure that can be had on our Year 7 camp
• Learn about the initiatives that we have on Orientation day
• Explore the school two routes
• And much, much more...

Girls Football Information Night

Wollan Junior Football Club

Tuesday December 1st at 7pm
Main Clubrooms, Corner Duke St & Northern Highway, Wollan

Wollan Junior Football Club is seeking girls interested in playing Junior Girls Football in 2016.

The club is looking to field teams in Under12, 14, 16 and 18 Girls Northern Football League Competitions.

To be eligible to play:

- Under 12 Girls you must be born in 1998 or 1999
- Under 14 Girls you must be born in 2006 or 2008
- Under 16 Girls you must be born in 2004 or 2006
- Under 18 Girls you must be born in 2002 or 2004

This is a great opportunity to develop your football skills and play football in a team environment with other girls against girls.

Come along and learn more about Under12, 14, 16 and 18 Girls Football Teams at Wollan in 2016.

For more information, please contact:
- Wollan JFC President Nadine Christall 0413 239 445 or
- Dean G’Toole Youth Girls Under 16 Coach 0432 026 822.