26th November 2014

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.
140 completed payments = 75%

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

“What did you learn today?”

Congratulations to our "Students of the Week"

Foundation B: Madison Kirby (Consistently being a motivated learner)
Foundation H: Alyssa Duffy (Remaining positive and having the courage to persist)
Foundation K: Emily Arnup (Neatly forming her letters on dotted thirds)
1/2G: Tanika Francis (Consistently “Doing Her Best”)
1/2H: Jaedon McCrum (Listening carefully when on the floor)
1/2Z: Skylar Marshall (Displaying excellent effort when solving multiplication and division number stories)
3/4A: Morgan Smith (Showing persistence with her learning tasks)
3/4B: Oliver McKinlay (Writing a great timeline about the telephone)
3/4C: Hugh Drofenik (Working hard to write his timeline about automobiles using the correct structure)

(Grade 5/6 students were on camp so no awards this week)

Reminder
Working Bee - Friday 28th November 2014
3:00pm - 7:00pm
A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

We are now finalising the vast amount of information and structures needed to set up for a successful 2015.

Within the school yard: Over the last week, our school yard has begun its transformation, in order to accommodate our new classroom. The monkey bars and cricket nets have been removed and I have held discussions with the Student Representative Council about what happens with these in the future. The arrival of our new classroom has been put back a week or so and is now expected on the 4th December.

SRC walked through the school grounds and looked at sites for the relocation of the monkey bars and cricket nets and have decided upon two recommendations which will be represented to the December School Council meeting.

1. The monkey bars to be reinstalled near the outdoor seating area outside room 5, just west of the brick retaining wall. This will allow staff to observe students on the monkey bars. The alternative site near Room 9 and 10 and adjacent to the climbing wall area was outvoted 19 – 3 as some students on the monkey bars could be hit by basketballs that fly over the high wire fence. The other site was also voted more central to all classrooms. (This re-installation of the monkey bars will occur at a working bee early in term one.)

2. The cricket nets will not be reinstalled at this stage. This vote was 19 – 3 as well. They are used infrequently and since their removal, students have used the oval for group cricket games. Cricket will now be included on our Oval Sports Roster to ensure that cricket fans have the opportunity to play the game. We are currently investigating installing high fencing behind the goals with the cricket net wire and poles (to prevent balls hitting students sitting in this shady outdoor area), or alternatively selling off the cricket nets and purchasing a new high frame/wire for this area behind the goals.

Foundation Transition: On Monday evening we held our Foundation Information meeting. Families were notified of their 2015 class teacher and our future students will visit the school next week to enjoy their Teddy bear’s Picnic with their classmates and class teacher. Miss Heidi Pritchard will be our fourth Foundation teacher next year and we welcome her to our school. We have received overwhelming positive feedback about our transition process - thanks to our wonderful Foundation team for all of their work over the past three terms weeks which has ensured a smooth transition process for our future students.

Staff and grade placements: We are in the final stages of organising staff for next year and allocating students into classrooms. These are both huge tasks that take a significant amount of time. Students will visit their 2015 classrooms three times in December, finding out their classroom and class teacher at the first of these visits on December 9th. Students will bring home an information slip for families at the end of that day outlining the vital information.

Wallan And District Community Branch Grants Evening: On Tuesday evening last week, Mr Potesta and I accompanied Luke Cashen, Shelby Reeves and Ryan Battistin to the Wallan And District Community Branch Grants Evening. Our school leaders accepted a $21,000 Grant certificate – the amount of money provided through the bank to assist us with infrastructure at our school over the past 12 months. This money was used to assist to pay for the sliding front doors and solely paid for the installation of CCT cameras around our school. We are most appreciative of the support we receive from the Wallan branch and hope to continue this relationship into the future.

School House Flags: This week I met with the SRC to discuss the draft designs for our four house flags. The students recommended a number of changes to the original designs. These suggestions have been sent back to the graphic designer for alterations.

Have a great week
Rhonda Cole
Grade 5/6 Camp

Excursion to Ace Hi Ranch on the Mornington Peninsula
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**WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:**

**Congratulations on 100 nights reading**

Mabel Tan

**Congratulations on 150 nights reading:**

Tyler Carr, Jhet Clydesdale, Lacey Fogliaro, Gus Bonwick and Zenith Pongrac

**Congratulations on 200 nights reading:**

Vaughan Joslyn, Chloe Milani, Skylar Marshall, Isaak Harrison, Bella Mazzone and Ashlynn Taylor
What’s gone home this week?

The following notices were sent home this week:

**Whole school:**
- Friendship Day feedback form
- Café Vento “2 for 1” offer voucher

**Selected Families:**
- Neighbourhood Watch Community Xmas raffle tickets (only given to Grades 3-6)
- Bravehearts Ditto Show flyer & Parent information letter (Foundation to Grade 2 only)
- AFC Music 2015 enrolment form (Current Grades 2-5)

**Selected Students:**

**Individual grade levels:**
- **Foundation:** Nil
- **One/Two:** Nil
- **Three/Four:** 3/4 End of Year Movie Excursion permission
- **Five/Six:** Grade 6 Graduation parent helper request

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

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Community Inception

**Workshops**

Mitchell Shire Council is about to prepare structure plans for the townships of Kilmore, Wandong & Heathcote Junction. This will provide a long term vision which will underpin the future direction of these areas.

The Wandong & Heathcote Junction communities and interested parties are invited to attend the following Community Inception Workshop:

**Wednesday 3rd December 2014**
Wandong Public Hall, Rail Street
Wandong at 6:30pm

If you have any queries or wish to RSVP to the workshop, please contact Council’s Strategic Planning Department on (03) 5734 6200 or email mitchell@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

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SCHOLASTIC

**Congratulations**

**Wandong Primary School!**

A BIG, BIG thank you goes to all of the people that volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the 2014 book fair!

Thank you to all of the families who purchased books from this year’s book fair! The school has benefitted greatly from your purchases!

This year, Wandong Primary School families spent a total of $5014.20 on books and the book fair and we were allocated $1504 to be spent on Scholastic rewards! The school will be purchasing books and resources for the children to use in their classrooms in the new year!

Thank you again for all of your assistance and enthusiasm during the 2014 Scholastic Book Fair.

**Bree Chisholm, Literacy Coordinator**

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Posture Police award

Congratulations to Mitchell Jackson, Erin Roberts and Joshua Stone.

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

Other nominated students were: Zenith Pongrac, Amber Cartwright, Skylar Marshall, Tyler Dennehy, Lachlan Barnes and Callum Webb.
PAFA Mini iPad Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to
BRIDGEBTTE DAVIES
for being the lucky and very excited winner of the Parents & Friends Association Mini iPad raffle
Well done Bridgette !!!

ELECTION DAY BBQ HELPERS – SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER

I __________________________ am able to assist with the running of the Election Day BBQ between the hours of:
☐ 8am – 9am ☐ 9am – 10am ☐ 10am – 11am ☐ 11am – 12pm ☐ 12pm – 1pm ☐ 1pm-2pm

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.

BOOK PICKUP DAY 2015

Please note that Book Pickup Day is
Friday 23rd January 2015
from 9:00am onwards.

A big THANK YOU to Sharon O'Sullivan for volunteering her time and weeding the front garden of the school last Friday.
Sharon was unable to attend the Working Bee but still offered to lend a hand.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Please note that due to the busy time of year the PAFA Xmas raffle sorting and wrapping has been changed to Monday 8th December from 9:15am in the staffroom and the final PAFA meeting for 2014 has been changed to Tuesday 9th December at 2:30 pm in the staffroom.

SCHOOL BANKING

Please note that the last day for school banking this year will be the 2nd December 2014.

Do any our school parents and friends have a small chest freezer that they would be able to donate to the school? Mrs Baker, our Thursday icy pole and ice cream lady is running out of storage space with our current freezer and was hopeful that one of our families may be able to assist. Please contact the office if you can help.

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In Grade 3/4C this term, we have been exploring Units of Measurement.

Over the past eight weeks, we have learnt about length, mass and volume. It has been really exciting, as we have learnt to use a range of different materials to help us measure.

We have learnt how to estimate effectively, using our knowledge of the size and capacity of different objects. It has been LOTS of fun!

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Make a Wish

Recently I was invited to attend a very special presentation at Kirra Wright's House. Kirra was visited by two representatives from the “Make A Wish Foundation.” Kirra was presented with a family Queensland holiday package which she recently enjoyed with her family, a special medal and some delicious cakes. Kirra and her brother also received some toys as well. Kirra has undergone numerous operations in her short life and it was fantastic to see her family receive this donation. Thank you Kirra, for inviting me to this very special day. ☺ Mrs Cole

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WORKING BEE Reply Slip

Friday 28th November
3:00pm - 7:00pm

Family Name: .............................................

We will be attending the working bee on Friday 28th November.

Number of adults: ............

Number of children: ............

I can bring along the following equipment

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(Please return to the office or reply to wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au for catering purposes.) Thank you!

Please help.
Even half an hour will make a difference.
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is..... Edition #5 Term 4

People can have more than one emotion at the same time. For example, you might feel happy when your lost dog comes home, but upset because he has a bruised paw. You could feel excited about finding the last piece of cake in the refrigerator, but unsure about whether you should eat it. The important thing is to try to be aware of all the emotions you’re feeling, and if they trouble you, talk about them with someone who will listen to you and can help.

Two ideas for you to try at home...

Reading: Did you know that reading also increases children’s social interaction skills? Yes, there are many wonderful therapeutic stories out there that do just that. But you don’t even need those. When reading your child’s favorite story, don’t just focus on the words on the page or the story being told. Stop and point out the facial expression on each character. Ask your child to identify the feeling and label it when they get stumped. Focusing on the feelings within the story helps kids see various feelings in action.

Feelings Puppets: Tap into your child’s imaginative play and create a puppet show! Get some old socks or brown paper lunch bags and make several puppets, each depicting a different feeling. Write words that describe the feeling or causes of that feeling on the back. Draw some scenery and create a show. Remember to label feelings and point to facial expressions along the way.

Final Thought...