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: Thomas Francis (Being a great role model for his peers)
- Foundation H: Harper Edwards (Spelling her red words with confidence)
- Foundation K: Cody Faralla (Writing a fantastic narrative)
- Foundation P: Scarlett Sharp (Amazing reading in her reading group)
- 3/4A: Haylee Dennehy (Showing kindness and support to her classmates)
- 3/4B: Jake Brincat (Showing persistence in learning new concepts)
- 3/4J: Chelsea Dumbrell (Consistently doing her best in all learning areas)
- 3/4J: Dominik McKinlay (Demonstrating excellent mathematical thinking)
- 5/6J: Brayden Draper (Trying his best in all learning tasks)
- 5/6M: Quinn Hughes (Showing persistence in maths activities focused on counting)
- 5/6S: Reece Coad (Trying his best in all ZPD reading sessions)
- Performing Arts Award: Wyatt Mundy (Following all instructions during music lessons)

Reminder
Monday 2nd November - Curriculum Day
Enjoy your four day weekend and see you Wednesday
Thursday 5th November - Come dressed up for OAKS DAY

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Well, the weeks just keep getting better and even more busy. Last week was a huge one, with three events happening on the one day - “Fantastic Friday!”

The grade one/two campers set off just after 9:00 a.m. to head into Melbourne for a day of fun. The teachers were totally excited that ALL students were brave enough to climb aboard the Melbourne Star for an amazing flight of discovery. Each group of ten students had an accompanying adult with them in their cabin and my group were totally amazed at the views we witnessed. From Port Phillip Bay to the docks with big cranes moving containers, to Tullamarine Airport and the “cheese-stick” that represents the entry to the city near Flemington Road – the view was superb. The half hour flight went by so quickly and, before we could believe it, we were eating lunch on the Docklands water-front.

Immediately after lunch, we “hit” the Ice Skating rink. I was totally out of my comfort zone (bit of a wall hugger) but the students were such good sports. As time progressed, additional students ventured into the middle of the ice. A great effort by everyone for giving it a good go.

Once back at school, the fun continued. Afternoon tea was quickly gobbled down and then it was off for a lolly hunt. A few games with friends followed, beds were set up, a sausage sizzles was enjoyed and the movie started. At that stage I headed home exhausted, but our dedicated staff and parent helpers stayed for the overnight camp and an early Saturday breakfast.

Until you attend a camp, it is difficult to imagine just how full on they can be. Even when everything runs smoothly, as it did on Friday, staff are on call all day and all night. Our camping program begins from Foundation and is certainly a highlight for our students. A HUGE thanks to Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Andrew, Miss Vilchez, Miss Pollock and Mr Fearn. Your efforts were very much appreciated. Additional thanks to our magnificent parent helpers - Roula, Hanna, Cheryl, Kim and Jason. Your support of our students and your hands on assistance to our staff was most appreciated.

Thank you 😊

But that wasn’t all that happened on “Fantastic Friday”. Our swimming program continued and Miss Giacomini forwarded photos of our swimmers showing their skills. With each session, we see an increase in students’ confidence levels. This confidence will be invaluable at our end of year swimming carnival.

Concurrently on Friday, Mrs Woods was at Wallan Secondary School celebrating the final cluster student leadership session with our grade six student leaders and those other school leaders from our nearby schools. Students listened to various leaders in their fields as they shared their aspirations, experiences and future plans.

Then came Saturday! The campers went home, the staff and parent helpers had a big sigh of relief ........and then the turf was laid. Our photos show just how fabulous the area now looks. We need to complete a few little finishing touches to define the edges, but overall the area is ready to go. I have approached our Parents and Friends Association to redirect some of their funds, (originally planned for the net behind the oval that we now hope Bendigo Bank will fund), to installing a black mesh cyclone fence at the highest points on the new grassed area.

Yesterday, we welcomed our 2016 Foundation students for their very first transition visit. Wow it was smooth!! They will return for three transition visits over the coming month to continue to meet each other and interact with our staff. Their final visit to our school will be at our Friendship Day in December.

I wonder what this week will bring!!

Have a great week - Rhonda Cole
CALLEJA FAMILY MEAL ROSTER REMINDER

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

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Term 4 Peer Mediators

Pictured are members of our final group of Grade 5 Peer Mediators for this year.
Every school day two or three of these students will be peer mediators on yard duty. The role of a peer mediator is to assist students with smaller concerns whilst at the same time building their own leadership skills.

We welcome Callum, Zaiden, Josh, Jaidyn, Claire, Blayke, Lucas, Will, Nicholas, Nathan and Ryan to their new roles. Oliver, Quinn and Alexandra are also peer mediators but were unavailable at the time of the photo.

Look out for them in their bright yellow vests.

PARENT PAYMENTS

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 7 1/2 weeks of teaching to go. Have you paid up yet? If not, your payment would be greatly appreciated.

2016 Parent Information Reminder

Parents are offered the opportunity to provide the school with written information that they wish to be considered prior to placing students into 2016 groupings.

This information should not relate to teaching staff as staff do not know where they will be placed until much later in the year. However, it can relate to social skills, family situations, etc. The information must be in writing and must be received in the office by Friday 20th November.

Whilst we will attempt to accommodate family requests, (we are usually able to do so) please understand that there are many factors involved in organising grades and we can only do our best - there are no guarantees.

Planning for 2016

Please return to the office by ASAP. Thank you!

Exiting students:

We are now in planning stages for the 2016 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: ............
(Not needed for Grade 6 students)

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:

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Your name: ………………………………...
### WOW! ....WHAT'S ON @WANDONG

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<td>Come to school dressed up for <em>Oaks Day</em>. Parade on the oval at 9:10am.</td>
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<td>Parents &amp; Friends Association meeting (9:15 am start in the staffroom)</td>
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### 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 2015 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 $4,532.30 on books at the book fair and we were allocated $905 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 2015 Scholastic Book Fair.

**Bree Chisholm - Literacy Coordinator**

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### What's gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 22nd and Wednesday 28th October:

**Whole school:** Nil

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:**
- **Foundation:** Nil
- **One/Two:** Nil
- **Three/Four:** Nil
- **Five/Six:**
  - 5/6J Times - Classroom Newsletter
  - Grade 6 Wandong Primary Transition Program

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

### PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

- **Total families at WPS:** 230
- **Completed payments**
  - 161
  - **= 70%**

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

**“What did you learn today?”**
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Riley Van Weenen.

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:
Erin Libardi.

Congratulations on 150 nights reading:
Ben Drury.

Congratulations on 200 nights reading:
Tyler Dennehy, Emmeline Nastevski, Riley Roberts.

OAKS DAY DRESS UP

Next week, on Thursday it is Oaks Day if you are lucky enough to be heading off to the races. At school, this is a fun day with students and staff dressing up in their finery. A special parade of the outfits is held on the oval at 9:10. So think “horse racing” theme and come dressed as a lady, gentleman, a bookie or jockey… or even a horse.

Come see outstanding student art work
See how students have reused and recycled materials to make art work
See the ideas the students have for saving the environment
Silent Auctions of students work
Every student has a piece of art in the show

REduce, REUse, RECyCLE

‘Art Show’
Friday 13TH November 2015
3:30-6:00 p.m.
In our school hall
Would you like Santa to visit your Christmas party? Would you like him to arrive on a FIRE TRUCK? If so, call Wandong CFA to make a booking. Get in quick, as it books up fast! $5.00 per child and every child gets a show bag. Call Deb on 0405 645 212 or Heath on 0419 359 374 wandongsanta@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN FACE PAINTING
$5 each & all proceeds go to the school
Book your time to come to
14 Kooralinga Drive by calling
Sharon on 0409 131 663

CONGRATULATIONS
Skylar Marshall (1/2C)
For being one of the winners in the Ruralco colouring competition held recently.
Skylar is pictured with all of the fantastic prizes she received.

Have you ever thought...

'If only my children would listen, things would be calmer at our house!' or
'Sometimes my child's behaviour makes me feel really angry'?
You are not alone!
Come and join us at the
‘Tuning in to Kids’ Parenting Program
A six session ‘emotyon coaching’ program for parents and carers of primary school age children where you will learn how to
• Communicate with your child.
• Understand your child’s needs and emotions.
• Help your child learn to manage their emotions.
• Assist your child to deal with conflict.
• Have the tools to help manage your child’s behaviour

Starting: Wednesday 28th October 2015 for 6 Wednesday evenings
Time: 1pm to 3pm
At: Wallan Primary School
42-48 Queen Street Wallan
This is a free program.
Program is open to all members of the public.
Bookings are essential as places are limited.
To register or for further information contact Joanne at Primary Care Connect
Tel: 5823 3200

Brought to you by Hume Region Parent Education Service
Grade 1/2 Camp Melbourne Star & Ice Skating

Grade 6 Cluster Student Leadership Program
Tips on how to safeguard children in the world of technology...PART ONE

It is important to set boundaries around the use of new technology such as iPhones, iPads, computers and internet access. This gives peace of mind to both parents and children as both feel they are operating within safe parameters.

So how can parents ensure the safety of their children as they surf the virtual world?

_A commitment by both parents and child is a good place to start._

Here are some guidelines on how to safeguard children as they enter the world of technology:

**Trust and expectations:**

It is important that young people know their parents trust them. You trust that they will keep to the guidelines, failure to do so will have consequences. Let them know that it is your job to keep them safe and guidelines around the use of their iPhone or iPad is a way of ensuring their safety. Also let them know that they deserve this gift but it does come with rules and responsibilities.

**Guidelines:**

Make it clear when the piece of technology can be used and when it is off limits. For example, the computer stays in family areas of the house, the iPhone is turned off at night, and no technology is allowed in the bedrooms at night.

**Responsibility:**

iPhones and iPads are expensive. Make them aware of this and make sure they understand that they have to be responsible for it. So if they lose it or don’t look after it properly make sure they know the consequences (i.e. they contribute to it being replace or repaired).

**How it should be used:**

Explain that their new technology is not to be used to engage in online bullying either through social media sites or texting. Encourage them to be a good friend and only post and send positive thoughts. If they cannot say something in person to someone then they should not be sending it to them!

_REMEMBER:_ It is illegal for children under 13 years of age to be on Facebook. Why do you think that is the case?