28th May 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.

Being present at school is YOUR present to learning!

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

183 families at WPS.

117 Completed payments = 63%

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

“What did you learn today?”

Foundation B: Isabella Douglas (Consistently using her manners at school)
Foundation H: Kayleigh O’Shannessy (Explaining how we skip count by 10’s)
Foundation K: Campbell Harrison (Listening to the sounds in words as he writes)

1/2 G: Emmeline Nastevski (Being a kind and helpful class member)
1/2 H: Alyssa Dwyer (Consistently trying to do her best)
1/2 Z: Lucas Vicary (Excellent handwriting and book work standards)

3/4 A: Lawrence Baggio (Trying his hardest in all his learning tasks)
3/4 B: Quinn Hughes (Having a great attitude to his learning)
3/4 C: Hugh Drofenik (Consistently trying his best in everything he does)

5/6 A: Zachary Tan (Teaching our class about Malaysian culture and traditions)
5/6 B: Mace Upton (Consistently doing his best at all learning tasks)
5/6 C: Ben Drury (Focusing on using his numeracy strategies)

Science Award: Matthew Delaney (Asking great questions during class discussions)

Sport Award: Cooper Meulenmeesters (Star shot put shooter)

Reminder
All visitors must sign in at the office before going to the classrooms
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

What a spectacularly MASSIVE week it’s been at Wandong Primary this week.

The Great Aussie BBQ Night
What a wonderful night we had last Thursday for our Aussie BBQ and movie night. It was great to see so many families join in the fun and treat our Indonesian guests to some old fashion Aussie hospitality. Unang and Corry really enjoyed the night and developed an understanding of some of our traditions. The night couldn’t have happened without the help of lots of people. Thank you to all the staff and to our parent helpers; Cheryl, Ben, David, Emily, Robyn, Kristie, Melissa and the many other who helped out on the night. Thank you also to those families who allowed us to borrow their popcorn machines.

Finally, can you get any more ‘Aussie’ than the BBQ going up in flames? Sadly (not really) we said farewell to our old BBQ that has served us so well for so many years in the most fitting way possible. Up in smoke.

Education Week – Open Morning
It was great to welcome a number of visitors in to the classrooms on Thursday during our Open Morning as part of Education Week. It always gives families the opportunity to see what learning your child is doing at school and how they interact with their classmates. Check out all the photos on the television in the foyer!

Student Led Conferences – Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th June
Accompanying today’s newsletter is a reply slip for student led conferences for 2014. These will be held on Monday 23rd June and Wednesday 25th June. SLC will begin at 2:30 and conclude at 7:00 on both nights. Please get your reply slips in early to ensure you receive the time you have allocated. Teachers will do their best to accommodate all families. If you are unable to attend on either of the mentioned dates, please see your classroom teacher to arrange another time.

Gas, Gas and More Gassssssss
Last Wednesday, we were visited by the Deputy Premier, The Hon. Peter Ryan. He brought with him many dignitaries including Member for Seymour, Cindy McLeish, and local councilor, Sue Marstaeller. Their visit was to announce the beginning of a multi-million dollar project to connect Wandong and Heathcote Junction to the state’s natural gas grid.

“This excellent project will see more than 450 Wandong-Heathcote Junction households and businesses get the option to switch to natural gas, which generally costs about one-third the price of bottled gas,” Mr Ryan said.

This is great news for the local area and great news for the school. We look forward to the completion in the coming few years.
A Message from the Assistant Principal….continued

Puk Unang and Bu Corry
Puk Unang and Bu Corry continue to enjoy their time Down Under. After a wonderful week staying with Mrs Cole and Ms Adams, Unang and Corry are now living with the Marks and Drofenik families. Thank you to both families for accommodating our guests. On Sunday they ventured into the city to the Queen Victoria Market for a spot of shopping and to watch a game of footy. It was a shame they only got to watch Carlton, but it was a close game which made it far more interesting. There were a few nervous people in the crowd who even managed to get their head on the big screen at the ‘G’. We will be saying farewell to our visitors this Friday with a BIG Indonesian ‘cook up’ of Nasi Goreng (Indonesian fried rice). Thank you to Chris Barbour for assisting with the cook up. We have thoroughly enjoyed Unang and Corry’s visit and have learnt much about their country, culture and way of life. We wish them a safe journey home and look forward to continuing our Sister School relationship in the future.

Crazy Hair Day and Harper
It’s nice to be able to share a good news story from time to time. A week or so ago, we had our crazy hair day to raise money for Harper who is undergoing treatment for leukemia. Over $800 was raised between Wandong Primary School and the Wandong Kindergarten. This was an outstanding achievement. It was a privilege to act on the community’s behalf to present Harper and Penny with some gifts from the proceeds. The gifts included:
⇒ iPad 4
⇒ Pink iPad case + screen protector
⇒ $100 iTunes card
⇒ $200 family entertainment voucher
Harper was tremendously excited to receive the iPad and is looking forward to loading it up with Apps to use at home and while in hospital. The $200 family voucher was a wonderful suggestion by one of our parents and will allow the family to spend some quality time together at one of Melbourne’s many attractions. Penny was extremely grateful for the gifts and thanked the school community for their ongoing support.

Until next time...............have a great week!

Posture Police award
Congratulations to Beraiah McMaster, Vaughan Joslyn, Ryan Fitzgerald and Brayden Draper.

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

Other nominated students were: Mia-J Nikora, Noah Tolevski, Erin Roberts, Hugh Drofenik, Karlee Rae Ritchie and Daley Gibbons.
Congratulations on your nomination.

Electronic Newsletters:
Have you organised 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
Feature on a Teacher – Kira Green
An interview by Jackson Naylor

Do you have any pets? What are their names?
I have 2 cats, Penny and Molly

Do you have any hobbies? What are they?
Listening to music and having a bit of a boogie. I like seeing my friends as well.

Where do you live?
In Whittlesea, right near Funfields

What is your favourite food?
My mum’s homemade chicken soup

What is your favourite movie?
Billy Elliot

What was the last book you read?
The class big book – ‘The Monster Pet’

Where did you work before you came to Wandong Primary School?
Broadmeadows Disability Services. I worked with young kids and really enjoyed it.

What do you like about working at Wandong PS?
I love coming to the school every morning and seeing my cheerful and happy foundation students. Everyone is really lovely and friendly.

Peer Mediators at Wandong Primary School
Last term, our grade five students completed a full day’s training to prepare them for their role as a peer mediator. Every school day there will be two peer mediators on yard duty. The role of the peer mediator is to assist students with smaller concerns whilst at the same time building their own leadership skills. The peer mediators do not solve problems – their role is to assist others in solving their problems. Today we introduce you to the second group of peer mediators for this year. They will shadow our initial group this week, then begin on their own next week.

Monday (Ben D and Brayden) Tuesday (Mace and Thomas)
Wednesday (Ben J and Lachlan) Thursday (Alex and Matthew)
and Friday (Tyler and Reece)

Look out for them in their bright yellow vests.

Hello from Glynis.

Last week, Glynis, our Koori Education Support Officer popped in to meet some of our Koori parents. Glynis can be contacted via the telephone number supplied on the flyer sent home to all Koori families last week.

SOCCER FUN
How lucky that Melbourne Heart Soccer Club visited our school last week.... and that Unang’s favourite sport is soccer. He enjoyed playing soccer with the grade 3/4 classes, showing our students some of his soccer skills.
What’s gone home this week?

The following notices were sent home this week:

**Whole school:**
- Student Led Conference
- Stranger Danger letter
- Lunchtime clubs flyer
- Koori families flyer
- Nasi Goreng - Friday Delight

**Individual grade levels:**
- **Foundation:** Nil
- **One/Two:** Nil
- **Three/Four:** Nori roll permission slip

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

**NASI GORENG—FRIDAY DELIGHT**

This Friday will be the final day that we will host our Indonesian visitors, Unang and Corry. As a special treat, Unang and Corry will be cooking a nasi goreng (fried rice) delight for us all.

Below is a list of the ingredients that will be included in the recipe. **We strongly recommend that students with a peanut or egg allergy do not sample this food as we cannot guarantee peanut and/or egg products have not been included.** These parents are asked to contact the school for an alternative arrangement.

**Please note:** Students should still bring their regular lunch to school on Friday - this is just a little sample for students to have with their lunch.

**Ingredients:**
- chicken
- long-grain white rice
- vegetable or peanut oil
- onions thinly sliced
- garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- carrot, finely diced
- celery stick, trimmed, finely diced
- bought fried shallots
- spice mix (mild)
- capsicum
- peas
- eggs

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**WOW! ... WHAT’S ON @WANDONG**

**May**
Friday 30th - District Cross Country

**June**
Tuesday 3rd- Parents and Friends Assoc Meeting (9.15am in the staffroom)
Tuesday 3rd-Thinklinks 12:30pm—1:30pm
Thursday 5th- 5/6 Excursion
Thursday 5th - Issue No 4—Book Club Orders due
Monday 9th - Queen’s Birthday public holiday

**Tuesday 10th** — Curriculum day — no students at school.

Thursday 12th - 2015 School tour—9:30—11:00am
Thursday 12th - Division Cross Country
Friday 13th - Grade 5/6 Winter Sports
Tuesday 17th-Thinklinks 12:30pm—1:30pm

**July**
Wednesday 18th - 2015 School tour—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday 19th** - Cluster Student Leadership

**Monday 23rd -Thurs 26th—Life Ed Van**

**Monday 23rd** - Student Led Conferences

**Wednesday 25th** - Student Led Conferences

**Friday 27th** - Deposit for 3/4 camp due today
- End of term two 2:30pm finish

**July**
Monday 14th - Term three begins

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

**BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY 5TH JUNE 2014 FOR ISSUE No. 4**
You put boiling water in the bowl and then you put the noodles in. Kayla

We wrote about how to make noodles and it is called ‘Procedural Text’. Erin and Xavier

The noodles were yummy! Riley

I tried spicy noodles and they were yummy! Andrew

**Grade 3/4C**

Over the past few weeks in Grade 3/4C, we have been learning all about writing Procedural Texts. We have been able to effectively read and follow different types of procedures, as well as write some of our own. To begin with, we followed a procedure that taught us how to make Fairy Bread. After doing this, we wrote the procedure which included all of the materials needed, as well as the step by step instructions that explained how to make the fairy bread properly. When writing our procedures, we made sure each step began with a verb.

**Step 1:**
Pick up a slice of bread

**Step 2:**
Scrape some butter onto your knife and spread it evenly across the bread.

**Step 3:**
Press your bread gently into the hundreds and thousands.

**Step 4:**
Cut your slice of bread on half evenly.

**Step 5:**
Wait patiently until everyone has completed the above steps before you eat your Fairy bread.

**Step 6:**
Enjoy eating your delicious Fairy Bread.
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Tyler Dennehy, Alicia-Rae McCrum, Jake Roewer,
Riley Ross, Chloe Milani, Liam Wolfe, Amber Cartwright,
Oliver Duncan, James Tomlinson, Madison Kirby,
Mason Gradenigo and Gus Bonwick

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:
Georgia Gawley, Zachary Tan and Iris Scott

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
AT WANDONG PLAZA
SATURDAY 31st MAY
– 9AM TO 1PM.

* FREE TO CAR OWNERS
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERS WILL
REPLACE YOUR NUMBER PLATE SCREWS WITH
THEFT PROOF IRREVERSIBLE SCREWS
– FREE OF CHARGE

*FREE ENGRAVING
OR ULTRA VIOLET PEN MARKING
OF SMALL VALUABLES SUCH AS MOBILE
PHONES, CAMERAS.

*ENGRAVERS AND / OR UV PENS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

*FREE NHW GATE SIGNS AND BROCHURES

and

A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
VOICE VOLUME...What is it? And why is it Important?

This week we have been learning about the importance of appropriate voice volume. Controlling your voice volume is a very important skill for getting along with other people. It means making your voice softer or louder, depending on the situation you are in. There are three basic voice volumes—soft, normal, and loud—and each is appropriate for different situations. When you use the best voice for a situation, you are also using self-control.

Using the wrong voice volume—like talking loudly in a quiet place, or so softly that no one can hear you—can make other people feel uncomfortable, and it can make you feel as though you don’t fit in.

That’s why you should first think about the situation you are in.

Then, think about different voice volumes and choose the one that is most appropriate.

Encouraging Positive Behaviour @ Home

Tip #5 - Keep promises. Stick to agreements. When you follow through on your promises, good or bad, your child learns to trust and respect you.

Tip #6 - Choose your battles. Before you get involved in anything your child is doing—especially to say ‘no’ or ‘stop’—ask yourself if it really matters. By keeping instructions, requests and negative feedback to a minimum, you create less opportunity for conflict and bad feelings. Rules are important, but use them only when it’s really important.

Final thought: The volume of your voice does not increase the validity of your argument.