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.

ANZAC Commemorative Garden Opening Ceremony

Reminder
School Photo Day - Monday 4th May 2015
Mother’s Day Stall - Wednesday 6th May 2015

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

What an amazing week! I’m sure you will all agree that it is one that we will long remember for all of the right reasons. Our student’s attendance at the official opening of the Wandong War Memorial was extremely respectful and bought a tear to my eye. To watch our older students hold the hand of their little buddy and assist them to lay a poppy, remembering to try and place one knee on the ground as they knelt, then stand and bow in silence was overwhelming to observe. Our student leadership team not only assisted with setting up the area and participated in the service, but also conversed with retired service men and women as they served afternoon tea to the governor and guests following the official opening.

Equally beautiful was our own official opening of our flagpole garden last Friday. Our grade six team formed a guard of honour, with all other students assembled on either the terraced lawn or the area just inside the hall. The official speeches by Alesha, Ben, Zara and Cameron were delivered with compassion and understanding, as was the information shared by Sharni, Gypsy and Will relating to The National Flag, the important colours within our garden and what Anzac Day means to a twelve year old.

Our youngest student Ella unveiled the plaque with Rob Mitchell and our six Foundation students, Ava James, Amelia Paxinos, Ethan, Chloe Hall, Ocean McSolvin and Nabyte Patrick, led our singing of the National Anthem……….. and that was all before the 25th April!!

On Anzac Day, members of our whole community came together at the Wandong War Memorial. Many laid a wreath and/or a poppy and Alesha and Ben represented our school. They are certainly experts at this role and once again did themselves, and our school, proud.

Finally little Ella and her family headed over to Whittlesea. Whilst I had planned to ask Ella to unveil our school plaque (being our youngest students), she also had her name drawn out at assembly just over a week ago, to participate in the Whittlesea Anzac Day March as a representative of our school. She carried a floral wreath during the very long parade and laid it at the base of a white cross. I walked near her as she paraded down the street and it was great fun when we saw Mrs Smith in her Whittlesea Fire Brigade uniform just ahead of us in the parade.

Participation in these opening events and ceremonies helps to mould our students. They learn about respect and caring for others. They get the chance to display their beautiful manners and their amazing behaviour. I am extremely proud of all of our students and our dedicated staff who go above and beyond when needed – ensuring our little people are not overwhelmed and they recognise the significance of such important events.

Mr Potesta: All families will have received a letter last Friday informing them that Mr Potesta is taking up an Acting Principal role at Kyneton Primary School for the remainder of term two. This all occurred over the last few days of last week. This is a wonderful opportunity for Anthony to put into place all of the skills he has built in his past four years at our school as Assistant Principal. He is well prepared and is very capable. Kyneton Primary School is very lucky to have him as their leader. Anthony will pop back in a few times over the coming week to finalise some Wandong Primary School details and hand over responsibilities.

For us as a school, this now means that I will discuss with our school leadership team how we ensure all of Anthony’s key responsibilities are redirected. This will occur over the following week or so. For some of us that will mean additional duties, but they say that the busiest people get the job done! We wish Anthony every success in his new role.

Goal Setting Meetings: This week I am meeting with staff to finalise their 2015 goals. These goals form the basis of their annual performance and development process and determine the professional learning provided to staff throughout the year. All staff, including the principal/assistant principal, leading teacher, classroom teachers, office staff and integration aides must set these goals and be monitored closely to ensure they successfully achieve a positive outcome. Teachers and aides use class and team data collected in term one, self-reflection and feedback from other staff on their performance, to determine the direction and focus for their goals. Principals use whole school data, self-reflection and feedback from others. It is an exciting time as we plan for continued success into the future.

Enjoy your week, stay warm. Rhonda Cole
This term, all students at Wandong Primary School are learning about acting during their performing arts lessons. We have been playing games to learn about improvisation and learning about different acting techniques such as how actors use what they know about their character to help their performance.

Below is a fun game to play with your family at home to encourage creativity and improvisation.

**ONE WORD STORY**

This game is played with each person taking turns to add one word at a time to a story. It usually starts with ‘Once - upon - a - time’. The idea is to keep your thoughts free flowing.

Try playing the game in pairs, where both participants act the story out as it is told. In this case, tell the story in the present tense and as ‘we’. For example, ‘We - are - climbing - a - mountain. - Look - a - giant - spider - coming - towards - us. Quick - run!’ You can soon create an adventure story in this way.

Rehearsals for School Spectacular are going very well. Our dance group went to Diamond Creek for their second group practice. At these rehearsals, students from WPS have an opportunity to dance alongside students from other schools including secondary students. All of our hard work so far has really paid off with our students looking fantastic as part of a large group.

The students in the choir section will begin learning their songs shortly. Miss Adams will be getting a list of songs very soon and is very excited to start singing with the students. Students in the choir will also be travelling into Melbourne for two rehearsals. A note about these will be sent home shortly.

Wakakirri rehearsals have been keeping everyone very busy so far. Our circus performers are learning new skills and having lots of fun! Our grade 5/6 entry is telling the story of a group of soldiers and nurses that leave Australia and arrive at Gallipoli. If anyone has any khaki coloured work pants (similar to the ones pictured) that we would be able to borrow for two weeks can you please make sure they are named and given to Mrs Castle before 5th May so that our soldiers can wear these as their costume.
Help needed.

Mrs Buggy’s ThinkLinks group needs six only car tyres, no larger as the students will need to work with them. If you can help, please see Mrs Buggy (3/4 B)

What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 23rd Apr and Wednesday 29th Apr:

Whole school:
- Information about Mr Potesta’s departure
- Term 4 swimming program consent form
- Mother’s Day Raffle tickets

Selected Families:
- Thinklinks payment required

Selected Students:
- Koorie Engagement Officer meeting details
- Cluster Leadership permission & payment form

Individual grade levels:

Foundation:
- B-F - Miss Chisholm’s personal leave
- H-F - Miss Giacomini family leave

One/Two:
- 1/2H - Mrs Chisholm’s personal leave

Three/Four: Nil

Five/Six:
- 5/6 Winter Sports training permission slip

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

SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER

Don’t forget school photos are on Monday 4th May.

If you would like a family photo of your children please collect a Family Photograph envelope from the office.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

227 families at WPS.
129 Completed payments
= 56%
When a student has a continued absence from school, parents and carers of students must notify the school daily of the continued absence or they will receive an unexplained absence SMS.

Parental must come to the office to collect the early departure book and then collect their child from the classroom and have the teacher sign the book.

Students will not be called to the office unless absolutely necessary.

Positive Parenting Telephone Service
This Program is offered to parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our ten week program aims to assist you to:

* Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
* Manage everyday behaviour problems
* Set rules & limits
* Teach new skills
* Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

Interested?
For more information or to enrol phone
FREECALL 1800 880 660
ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND
Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime.

This service is funded by Department of Human Services Victoria
If you have any spare plastic shopping bags can you please bring them into the office as the Parents & Friends Association need them for the Mother’s Day stall.
THE LONG WALK TOGETHER 2015
SATURDAY 30 MAY, 2015
FEDERATION SQUARE TO DREAMTIME AT THE 'G'

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENT

12 NOON - 6PM

WELLBEING CONCERT

FEATURING ARCHIE ROACH
MC SEAN CHOOBriefura

6PM

THE LONG WALK TO DREAMTIME AT THE 'G'

Come TOGETHER for free fun family activities, workshops, community stalls and food vendors. Sing and dance TOGETHER with performances by some of Australia's best entertainers. Then walk TOGETHER with Michael Long for the annual walk to the 'G' for the Dreamtime AFL game.

Limited Dreamtime Walk packages now on sale.

Adults $120, children 11-17yo $80

NOTICE OF BRIDGE WORKS
Broadford Road, Wandong

Bridge safety works will be carried out on the Broadford Road Wandong bridge.

Works will be carried out on the bridge from mid-April until 30 June.

During the period of works the bridge will remain open, slight delays can be expected.

The works will improve the bridge's safety and durability. Works will be carried out between 7am and 6pm on weekdays and some weekends.

Residents are asked to please observe safety signage and to follow safety instructions.

Residents may experience low-level noise from the operation of certain equipment, including: excavating machines, powered generators and machinery, portable lights and general work activity.

VicTrack is a state owned business that supports Victoria’s public transport without relying on government funding. Its core role is to operate and maintain the road network and infrastructure essential for all road users.

The works are funded under VicTrack’s Bridge Rejuvenation Program.

VicTrack 24/7 CallCentre
Phone 131 799
Email Customer.Service@VicTrack.com.au

Broadford Community Market
“Mother’s Day” Market

Great opportunity to buy some great Mothers Day gifts from our Stall Holders!

ON: Sunday, 3rd May, 2015  TIME: 8am – 1pm

LOCATION: Broadford Community Centre, 158-162 High Street, Broadford

MARKET STALLS - SAUSAGE SIZZLE - RAFFLES - CHILDREN’S CRAFT ACTIVITIES - JUMPING CASTLE - LAUGHING CLOWNS & MOTHER’S DAY MORNING TEA!

Come along and treat your Mum to a Morning Tea, between 10am - 11am. Cost per person $4.00 includes Tea/ Coffee & Sweets. Bookings necessary.

Stalls Cost $10 for a 3m x 3m area
(Set Up at 7am - Bookings Required - Outdoor Stalls only - Stall Holders are required to bring own Tables, Chairs &/or Marquee)

For any queries, to book a Stall or bookings for the Morning Tea, please call Tanya on 0409 759 560 or send an email to: broadfordcommunitymarket@hotmail.com

Please like ‘Broadford Community Market’ on Facebook, for the latest information!

 Proudly Run By
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

People can bounce back like balls bounce back. A ball can bounce back up again when it hits the ground. It doesn’t stay squashed. Like a ball, you can bounce back too when you have an unhappy, worrying or sad time in your life. Then you will feel better again.

As a parent...

Encourage your child to think about the parts of your life that are still exactly the same and still really good (e.g. they lost a friend but they still have other friends in their team, in the street to play with, their school work is going well, nothing has changed at home).

Don’t fight all your child’s battles. Children need to experience some difficult times so they learn how to bounce back.

Model effective solving of problems that are age appropriate for your child by talking ‘out loud’. consequences of the different solutions.

Save the Date:

Parent Resilience (Bounce Back) Information Session with our school Social Worker Sharon Blackwell—Monday 27th May @ 7pm

More information to come home closer to the date

Pop this date in you calender