29th October 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.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

185 families at WPS.
130 Completed payments = 70%

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

“What did you learn today?”

Foundation B: Ocean McSolvin (Persevering during his writing sessions)
Foundation H: Kirra Wright (Returning to school with a positive attitude)
Foundation K: Amber Cartwright (Displaying a positive attitude towards learning her magic words)

1/2G: Emily Fitzgerald (Being a super helper with great initiative)
1/2H: Georgia Paxinos (Being a fantastic helper in her classroom)
1/2 Z: Findlay Edwards (Excellent application in all learning areas)
3/4A: Charli McClure (Excellent Comprehension when reading)
3/4B: Dakota Patrick (Displaying great effort with her writing)
3/4C: Claire Selvaggio (Working hard to prepare an engaging speech for her class)
5/6A: Kim Coad (Providing a detailed explanation of temperature variables across Australia)
5/6B: Austin Tennant (Excellent results in all learning tasks)
5/6C: Jeremy Nastevski (Adding lots of detail to his writing)

Reminder
Monday 3rd November—Report Writing Day (No students at school)
Tuesday 4th November—Melbourne Cup Day (No students at school)
A Message from the Principal....

Dear Families,

Grateful Challenge: Last Wednesday night we had about ten families come along to the art room to create their Grateful Challenge canvas. It was fantastic to see the amount of pre planning, discussion and thought that families had done prior, which meant they could get straight into producing their artwork. Additionally, there were forty canvases sent home to families so that they could work on them at a time more suitable. These canvases, once returned to school, will be added to the large canvas in the office foyer. Thank you to Mrs Yaneff who opened the doors to the Art room and had organised lots of materials for families to use for their creations.

Family Movie Night: Congratulations to the Student Representatives Council on their very successful Family Movie Night last Friday evening. We had around one hundred and fifty people attend and together we all enjoyed watching Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory. Throughout the evening, families munched on popcorn and the occasional lolly and it was great to see that some people even bought their own chocolate to keep in with the theme of the evening. It was certainly a warm night and some toddlers enjoyed a romp of the terraced grass outside. A huge thank you to everyone for their assistance in the kitchen and helping to clean up at the end of the night. We packed up in record time. The S.R.C. raised $360.00 from the night. This money will be used to install speakers on the outside of the school hall. These speakers will allow us to broadcast outdoors during assembly, and will also allow us the look into some outdoor movie nights in the future.

Student Leadership Conference Day: On Monday, Mrs Smith and I accompanied our grade six leaders to Wallan Secondary School for their final cluster leadership event. The students listened to stories of leadership from Peter Clarke, Youth Resource Officer based in Seymour and Christopher Brockwell from Wallan CFA. Students listened to these leaders share their Values and a few interesting encounters from their position. Additionally, students participated in a number of team building activities with students leaders from nearby schools. The day culminated with a presentation of certificates to each of our leaders for their participation and completion of this leadership program.
Oaks Day Dress Up: Next week, on Thursday, 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 in their finery. A special parade of the outfits is held on the asphalt at 9:10. So think “horse racing” theme and come dressed as a lady or gentleman, a bookie or jockey…. or even a horse.

Friendship Day 2014: This year, our Kids Matter team are launching a Friendship Day which has now formed part of our Transition process. Please take the time to have a look at the back page of this newsletter which will give more information regarding this special day.

Have a great week.
Rhonda Cole

Remembrance Day

Monday 11th November is Remembrance Day.

Please buy a poppy ($2.00) or wristband ($3.00). All proceeds go to Returned Services League (RSL).
Poppies are available from the school office.

Donations for PNG

Thank you to all those families who have already sent in school supplies to send to Papua New Guinea. Goods can be sent in until the end of November. Please place in the class tub or the box outside Mrs Cole’s office in a bag marked ‘FOR PNG’.

Ideas for items are: pencils (coloured or grey lead), pencil sharpeners, rubbers, exercise books, scrapbooks, blank A4 paper, rulers, scissors, picture books. It is best not to send textbooks and disposable plastic items as these could end up causing rubbish problems.

Thank you from the Drofenik Family

Grade 6 Transition

We will be running some addition transition support sessions for Grade 6 students who we feel would benefit from small group opportunities to learn more about going to secondary school.

If you feel you child would benefit from this opportunity please contact me or send an email to smith.julie.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Julie Smith
Wellbeing Coordinator

2014 Cluster Leadership Certificate Presentation

There will no school banking next Tuesday 4th November due to the Melbourne Cup public holiday.
Gold Certificate Winner!

Congratulations to our gold certificate winner
Georgia Thomson
3 gold tickets so far this year.
Great Effort !!!

Davern Wins!

Congratulations to Davern (Green House) for winning last week’s house points competition.

Davern House Captain Jordan Tabone and Vice Captain Paul Morgan Watt House are pictured holding the winner’s trophy.

Planning for 2015. Please return to the office by ASAP. Thank you!

Exiting students:
We are now in the final stages of planning for the 2015 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: ............

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: ............................................................... Your name: .................................
What’s gone home this week?

The following notices were sent home this week:

Whole school:
- Sentral Parent Portal Registration and Information Session details
- Walk to School day information

Selected Families: Nil

Selected Students: Nil

Individual grade levels -

Foundation: Nil
One/Two: Nil
Three/Four: Nil
Five/Six: Nil

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

Posture Police award

Congratulations to Kobee Mann and Riley Lyons. These students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class.

2015 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 in 2015 class 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 by the office by Friday 14th 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.

Rhonda Cole
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Opening Classroom Doors

**Grade 1 / 2 Z – Learning Phonics**

Grade 1 / 2 Z have been learning extensively about letters, sounds and words and how they work to build their reading and writing powers.

Each day we learn a new principle and apply it to our reading and writing.

Last week we were using Word-Solving Actions.

“Using what is known to solve words.”

“You can use word parts to solve a word.”

“You can look at the first and last parts of a word to read it.”

Students were using basic common words and breaking words into word parts, to recognise consonant clusters and end chunks to make a word.

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**OPENING OFFICE DOORS**

A little different to the normal weekly classroom news, Ros and Jane thought it would be a good idea to provide you with a short description about the changes in both layout and job responsibilities in the school office. Ros and Jane met with Mrs Cole earlier in the year and compiled a list of office duties and then segregated these duties to better utilise their time. Changes in the office layout have also allowed them to benefit from the best use of the facilities. If you have any suggestions that you think may improve the office and its functions, please let them know as they would like to provide you with the best possible standard of service.

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**2014 OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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<td><strong>When Jane is not in the office, Ros will complete the following additional tasks</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Front counter duties after 9:00 a.m.&lt;br&gt;• Telephones&lt;br&gt;• Excursion money/forms (if last day)&lt;br&gt;• Sick bay&lt;br&gt;• Bus rolls and bus duty</td>
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The idea behind friendship day came from our **Kids Matter Team** who believe that the day will provide:

- An opportunity for early transition
- A chance for students to create new friendships with students in their new year levels
- Time to begin to understand that the work is 'not that much harder', alleviating anxiety in students
- An opportunity for students to have a ‘real life’ opportunity to implement their SEL skills.

**Friendship Day will consist of:**

- Team building games and activities
- Friendship activities (meeting new people)
- Snapshot of future learning activities
- Information about learning experiences camp, excursions or any special activities for the coming year

**Grades 1 – 5:**

Students go up as a whole cohort grade Foundation go to grade 1, grade 1 to grade two, grade two to grade 3, grade 3 to grade 4, grade 4 to grade 5 and grade 5 to grade 6. Students will not be put into grade groupings on the day but will work in small and large groupings working on the range of activities mentioned above.

**Grade 6 Students:**

These students will be timetabled to visit different classes held by different teachers according to a set rotational timetable, similar to those experiences that they may encounter at secondary college.

**Friendship Day…make sure you don’t miss it…**

**Tuesday 18th November**