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.

‘The Puggle Post’

Congratulations to our ‘Students of the Week’

Foundation B: Brianna Dwyer (Making fantastic improvements in reading)
Foundation K: Bridie Mundy (Consistently being a kind and caring friend in her class)
Foundation P: Daniel Calleja (Having a go at his maths and always trying his best)
1/2C: Alyssa Duffy (Demonstrating an excellent understanding of fractions)
1/2H: Taylah Fitzgerald (Displaying the school value of “Responsibility”)
1/2P: Campbell Harrison (Being a caring and generous member of his grade)
1/2V: Jackson Lewis (Being a kind and responsible member of his class)
3/4A: Jessye Tremayne (Consistently showing respect to his teachers & peers by listening intently)
3/4B: Georgia Thomson (Creating an interesting narrative using fabulous descriptive language)
3/4J: Jethro Caelli (Showing a positive attitude to learning & writing a fabulous story)
5/6J: Sean Holt (Showing exceptional organisation during transition week)
5/6M: Chloe Belfiore (Consistently trying her best in writing tasks)
5/6S: Oliva Brincat (Showing great organisational skills during transition week)

Reminder
Thursday 3rd December
Parent “Future Development” Forums - 2:30 to 3:00pm & 7:00 to 8:00pm

www.wandongps.vic.edu.au
A Message from the Assistant Principal

Dear families,

As the weeks continue to tumble by, the lead up to the end of the year continues to gain momentum. School is as busy as ever with so many events and functions occurring in and out of the school.

Book Launch

It was a privilege to attend the launch of ‘From Lightwood Flat to the Forest – A History of Our Schools on Saturday at the Wandong Hall. The Wandong Historical Society has done a wonderful job researching and producing a community document of exceptionally high quality. The book details the historical journey of Wandong Primary School, beginning over 130 years ago. It was wonderful to see so many of our school community in attendance. Our students were on hand to help sing the National Anthem and represent the current 2015 students. If you haven’t done so already, I strongly urge you to purchase a copy of the book as it is a wonderful historical account of not only the school but of Wandong. Books are $20 and can be purchased from the Wandong History Group.

Christmas Concert

Only 6 more school days until our annual Christmas Concert and Christmas Raffle on Thursday 10th December. Yep, it’s that close. On Monday 7th December, we’ll be having our out-of-uniform day. Please bring a Christmas related item for the raffle. Last year we had over 20 raffle prizes. Let’s see if we can beat that this year. The festivities will kick off around 5.30pm with a BBQ with the concert beginning at 6.30pm. Your child’s teacher will be on deck from 6.00pm – 6.30pm if you’d like to introduce yourself and have a chat. From 6.30pm, you can settle back and enjoy the tunes.

Bunnings - Craigieburn BBQ

We are still seeking helpers for Sunday’s fundraising BBQ at Craigieburn Bunnings from 2pm-4pm. If you are able to assist on the day during this time, it would be greatly appreciated. All funds go directly to the school to support curriculum programs. If you are able to assist, or offer a donation, please contact the office or return the reply slip in the newsletter. Thank you to families and staff for volunteering their time this Sunday. Please see your allocated time in the timetable below.

Bunnings Craigieburn BBQ Roster

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Transition Day – Tuesday 8th December

Our whole school Transition day is on Tuesday 8th December. On this day, your child will be in their new class for 2016. Unfortunately, new teachers to the school may not be able to attend on this day so one of our current staff members will take their grade. If a new teacher is unable to attend, they will have an opportunity to meet with their grade at a later date. Everyone is really looking forward to transition day this year with the opportunity to experience new friendship and to discover new learning.

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A Message from the Assistant Principal (continued....)

Flag Unveiling
Mrs Cole was a little excited on Friday, and rightly so, with the unveiling of the Wandong Primary School House Flags. After 12 months in the making, the flags were unveiled at assembly on Friday. House Captains and SRC had the delightful task of presenting the flags to the school community. I’m sure everyone will agree that they look absolutely amazing, ready for our swimming carnival on Friday 11th December.

Tour de Wallan
Steer clear of the roads on Friday as the 5/6s head off on their Tour de Wallan. The students have been preparing all term for this occasion and Mr Fearn has them ready and raring to go. All the safety aspects have been covered, students know the road rules and we have wonderful support crew in tow. The peloton will be leaving early so give us a wave if you see us riding by. They’ll be regular updates on Facebook.

School Break-in
Sadly, on Sunday night, three undesirable individuals broke into the hall and stole two mountain bikes. One belonging to Ben Drury, the other belonging to Ben Jewell. If you see or hear anything in relation to this incident, please contact Wallan Police in 5783 0462.

Christmas Hamper Raffle/Out of Uniform Day
Please note that next Monday 7th December is an Out of Uniform Day and don’t forget to bring a donation/item for the Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the Christmas concert. PAFA will be wrapping the prizes on Tuesday morning if people would like to lend a hand.

Have a great week. Anthony Potesta

KILMORE WALLAN BYPASS & PROPOSED WANDONG INTERCHANGE

Have you signed the Petition?
Cr. Sue Marstaeller has advised that the Council has arranged for officers to meet with residents on the 15th December in relation to the Kilmore Wallan Bypass and the proposed Wandong interchange. Council will advertise further details shortly but please keep this night free to attend this meeting if possible.

About 90-100 residents attended a community meeting regarding the bypass and impact on Wandong - Heathcote Junction, and eleven residents nominated to form an action group to continue the campaign to alter/stop the proposal to have the interchange built on top of Wandong. The action group have requested that all residents sign a petition to have the Minister for Roads meet the community to hear its concerns.

The petition can be signed at Kemps Bakery, Wandong Pharmacy and Café Plus.

Parent “Future Development“ Forum
Consultation with parents regarding feedback and concerns about the school’s future development plans.

Please complete the information below and return this slip to the school office.

Name of parent/s attending:___________________________________________________
Child/ren of:_________________________ Grade/s:_________________________

Session attending (please circle):
Thursday 3rd December 2.30pm – 3.30pm or 7pm – 8pm
### WOW! ....WHAT'S ON @WANDONG

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| Thursday 3rd | Bravehearts "Ditto Show" for Foundation grades from 11:30am  
FREE Icy Pole Day for all students (no money required) - thank you to  
Pat Wilson for her kind donation  
Parent "Future Development" Forums - 2:30 to 3:00pm & 7:00 to 8:00pm |
| Friday 4th   | Grade 5/6 Bike Ride—Tour de Wallan  
Term 4 Swimming Program session eight  
2nd hand uniform stall in the hall from 2:30 onwards |
| Sunday 6th   | Bunnings Craigieburn Fundraising BBQ - 8:00 to 4:00 pm  
(Help needed please) |
| Monday 7th   | Final School Council Meeting - 6:00pm start  
Christmas Raffle donation & Out of Uniform Day |
| Tuesday 8th  | Whole School Transition Day - Foundation to Grade 6  
Parents & Friends Association meeting (9:15am in the staffroom) |
| Wednesday 9th| Parent Helper’s Morning Tea  
Pizza at the Park with the Principal (200 nights reading award) |
| Thursday 10th| Wandong Primary School Christmas Concert |
| Friday 11th  | 2015 Swimming Carnival - Whole school attendance  
2016 booklists due back today |

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### What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 26th November and Wednesday 2nd December:

**Whole school:**
- 2016 Booklists  
- 2nd hand uniform stall flyer

**Selected Families:**
- Parent Helpers Morning Tea Invitation

**Selected Students:**
- Wandong Community Carols information  
- Pizza at the Park with the Principal invitation

**Individual grade levels:**
- **Foundation:** Nil  
- **One/Two:** Nil  
- **Three/Four:**  
- **Five/Six:**  
  Grade 5/6 Skate Park Excursion permission

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

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### WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SECONDHAND UNIFORM STALL

**Friday 4th December 2015**

In the library from 2:30 onwards  
All items $5.00 each  
Proceeds to the KidsMatter Assistance Fund

### PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

- **231** families at WPS.
- **162** Completed payments
  
**= 70%**

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

**“What did you learn today?”**
Parent Helper’s Thank You Morning Tea

Wandong Primary School will be holding a Parent Helpers Thank You morning tea on **Wednesday 9th December 2015** from 10:30am onwards in the staffroom. Invitations will be sent out shortly so please don’t forget to diarise the date.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

**Congratulations on 200 nights reading:**


BUNNINGS CRAGIGIEBURN BBQ HELPERS

**SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER**

I ___________________________ am able to assist with the running of the Bunnings Cragieburn BBQ between the hours of:

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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)
- Sauce (Tomato or BBQ)
- Cans of soft drink/bottles of water
- Serviettes
- Bread

Please return this form to the office or click on wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to indicate your preference.

2016 BOOKLISTS & UNUSED CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

2016 grade level booklists need to be completed and returned to the school by **Friday 11th December** to ensure prompt delivery on Book Pickup Day which is on **Thursday 21st January 2016**.

If you have any booklist items that are surplus to your students needs, there is a donation box for disadvantaged families in the office.

CALLEJA FAMILY MEAL ROSTER REMINDER

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

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Tyler Dennehy was working hard in the office. Tyler started the morning by emptying and sorting the classroom tubs and then after Jane had prepared the newsletter, Tyler helped print and label the newsletters, ready for distribution. Busy, busy day.

**CHANNEL SEVEN BROADCAST OF #VSSS15 - SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER - 7pm to 9pm**

Don't miss the Channel Seven two-hour broadcast featuring segments of this year's live Victorian State Schools Spectacular!!

For the first time, the show will be streamed on 7Live, which is a one-off chance to view the Spectacular online at the same time as it is televised.

This is a great opportunity for your family and friends across Australia to stream the show on any device available to them (smart phone, tablet and laptop).

**PIZZA AT THE PARK WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

Those students that have achieved 200 nights reading will have received an invitation to have pizza at the park with the Principal.

Reading tallies will be finalised on Friday 4th December.
Those students who are close to 200 nights reading will also be included in the event.

**FREE ICY POLE FOR ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS**

ON THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

All students will receive an icy pole on Thursday 3rd December free of charge. This is possible due to a kind donation from Pat Wilson to say thank you for the help and support given to the Calleja family by the Wandong Primary School community.

**“BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER”**

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days’ notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day, we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes used by our students will be cancelled.

So… Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website ([www.wandongps.vic.edu.au](http://www.wandongps.vic.edu.au)) and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

It is vital that we all stay safe. Rhonda Cole
Registrations are open for a second U 11 team for Wandong Netball Club for the KBNA season 2016 starting on 16th April.

If you have a child turning 10 or 11 in 2016 and they are interested in playing netball in U 11’s please email Robyn Mumberson at mumbohj@bigpond.com for a registration form.

Club fees are $80 for a 14 week season (payable 2015 when second team is confirmed) and VNA Insurance is around $50 per player (payable in 2016)
PRESENT their annual Christmas Family Event

CAROLS ON THE CREEK

in our new location at the Kilmore Miniature Railway site beside the Kilmore Leisure Centre in White Street

Friday 4th December

Railway runs from 4 until 6pm
Carols commence 6.30pm onwards
Santa arrives 8pm
Bring a rug/chair & picnic tea

Sausage Sizzle 4 til 6.30pm
FREE LUCKY DIP with every ride

Enquiries 0408 950 258 or 5781 1711

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Wandong Junior Football Netball Club Inc.

Football Coaching Applications for Season 2016

For
Under 10's
Under 12's
Under 16's
Annick Coordinator

Netball Coaching Applications for Season 2016

For
13 & Under
15 & Under
17 & Under

Please send applications to
Secretary, PO Box 212,
Wandong 3758
Or email
wandongjfc@gmail.com

Applications must be received by
Friday 27th November 2015

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Wandong Heathcote Junction
Natural Gas Project
Public Meeting

Date: 7pm, Tuesday 8 December 2015
Venue: Wandong Public Hall
Rail St, Wandong

- Meet the Project team
- Learn about the benefits of connecting to natural gas
- Understand the Project timeframe and construction activities

Australian Gas Networks Limited, with the financial support of the Victorian State Government, will be expanding their natural gas network to include Wandong Heathcote Junction. AGL Networks is the Operator for the gas asset owner Australian Gas Networks Limited, and as such will be managing the day to day activities of the project.

This Public Meeting is a great opportunity to learn about the project activities involved and the advantages of connecting to natural gas.

The construction works are expected to start early in 2016.

We hope to see you at the meeting.

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Robotics Workshop at Kilmore Library.

In this fun and interactive session you will build a robot and make it move using LEGO Mindstorms robots.

When: Saturday 12 December 2015
Session 1. 10.30am – 12noon
Session 2. 12noon – 1.30pm
Where: John Taylor Room, Kilmore
Appropriate for children aged 7+

Numbers at each session are limited to 10 participants. Bookings are essential. To book contact Kilmore Customer and Library Service Centre on 5782 1322.

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