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: Joshua Robertson (Using fantastic reading strategies)
Foundation K: Nash Kelly (Being a kind and caring friend)
Foundation P: Ava James (Fantastic writing about her trip to Bounce)
1/2C: Riley Ross (Completing an amazing job on his writing)
1/2H: Kayleigh O'Shannessy (Consistently being a fantastic reader and trying her best)
1/2P: Vaughan Joslyn (Amazing results in reading)
1/2V: Gus Bonwick (Excellent handwriting)
3/4A: Ryan Fitzgerald (Showing respect to his teachers and classmates)
3/4B: Kylie Bittles (Writing a good explanation on water cycles)
3/4J: Reuben McMaster-Christensen (Answering reading comprehension questions with enthusiasm)
5/6J: Toby Duncan (Trying his best in all learning areas)
5/6M: Grace Hannemann (Outstanding effort on creating a research project on volcanoes)
5/6M Shae McDonald (Displaying resilience when drawing in Art)
5/6S: Charlotte Delaney (Amazing effort in her inquiry project)
Performing Arts Award: Chad Ion (Always doing his best in Performing Arts lessons)
Sports Award: Chloe Hall (Best on Ground)

Reminder
Friday 4th September
Literacy Dress up day - Come dressed as your favourite Roald Dahl character

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

Dianella Visit

On Monday I took our final group of grade 5 students to visit the residents at Dianella. As we are getting closer to the footy finals, the theme this week was to make footy posters. It was no finger knitting, but we all had a great time. It was good to see so many residents barrack for Collingwood. Go Pies!! Check out some of the photos below.

Literacy and Numeracy Week: Read to Self

This morning, before the Father's Day Stall, we held our whole school ‘Read to Self’ session in the hall. The aim was for students to further develop their reading stamina by reading uninterrupted and without distraction for 10 minutes. It was easy. I think if we had let the students have their way, they would’ve read uninterrupted for the whole hour. You guys are great!

Literacy and Numeracy Week: Roald Dahl Dress Up day on Friday

…………………………and don’t forget on Friday to dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl character.

National Tree Planting Day – Wednesday 9th September

With many inclement weather days disrupting our planning for National Tree Day, we’re going to try again for next Wednesday. Weather permitting, on Wednesday 9th September, we will go ahead with and plant the 300 plants donated to us by the Mitchell Shire Council. As we only have a limited supply of plants this year, our Foundation to grade 4 students will be planting plants around the school. As always, we love your help and support for these events. We will be planting out areas of the school from 9.10am through until 12.30pm. Foundation and 1/2 classes will be planting from 9.10am until 11.00am and 3/4 classes will be planting from 11.30am – 12.30pm. If you are able to assist during these times, please let the office or your class teacher know.

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CALLEJA FAMILY MEAL ROSTER REMINDER

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

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National Literacy and Numeracy Week is fast approaching! We have some fun activities in mind for the whole school and we are excitedly awaiting it’s arrival!

On Friday 4th September we will be holding a special Literacy dress up day! The theme will be; Please come dressed as your favourite Roald Dahl character on Friday 4th September.

Resilience Survey

Families should have received a permission notice last Friday for each child in Grades 3 to 6 to participate in this survey. I strongly urge all families to return this form so that we can have as many children complete the survey. The results will be made available to the school and we will use this information to determine how we best use the $3500.00 that we received as part of the grant process. **If your child did not receive a permission form please contact the office.**

Anthony Potesta
Acting Principal

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER'S CLUB

**Congratulations on 50 nights reading:**
Ashley Stanton, Mia Thomas and Ellie Thomas

**Congratulations on 100 nights reading:**
Marley Tasevski, Kate Downey, Jaide Browne, Isaac Mellado and Phoebe White.

**Congratulations on 150 nights reading:**

**Congratulations on 200 nights reading:**
Brooke Mazarella and Rebecca Houston.

A Message from the Acting Principal (continued…)

2016 Transition BBQ—This Saturday

On Saturday, we’ll be hosting our annual Transition BBQ for all families with Foundation students enrolled for 2016. The forecast for Saturday is sunny, clear skies and lots of fun!!! This is a wonderful way for families to meet one another and for the children to get involved in a range of activities. The BBQ begins at 11.00am and runs through until 12.30pm. We look forward to meeting all our new Foundation students and families.

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### WOW! ….WHAT’S ON @WANDONG

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| **Tuesday 8th September**      | Parents & Friends Association meeting  
(9:15am start in the staffroom)  
Neighbourhood Watch (Final session) Grades 5 & 6 - 2:30 to 3:30pm |
| **Wednesday 9th September**   | Tree Planting Day |
| **Thursday 10th September**   | Indonesian Immersion Day at Broadford Primary School  
Victorian State School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal (Melbourne) |
| **Friday 11th September**     | Victorian State School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal (Melbourne) |
| **Saturday 12th September**   | Victorian State School Spectacular |
| **Monday 14th September**     | Special Friends Day at LB Davern Reserve Stadium (Foundation to Grade 2) |

### Notice

What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 20th August and Wednesday 26th August:

**Whole school:**
- KidsFest 2015 brochure
- Father’s Day stall reminder
- 3-6 Concert & Special Friends Day permission for Wednesday & Thursday performances

**Selected Families:**  
- Nil

**Selected Students:**
- 2015 Whittlesea Division Athletics permission

**Individual grade levels:**

**Foundation:**
- Foundation Newsletter - 28th August 2015
- LB Davern Special Friends Day rehearsal permission

**One/Two:**
- Wild Action inquiry incursion payment & permission
- LB Davern Special Friends Day rehearsal permission

**Three/Four:**
- Building Resilience in schools survey permission
- 3/4J concert information for parents
- 3-6 concert additional tickets - Wednesday
- 3-6 concert additional tickets - Thursday
- 3-6 General concert information

**Five/Six:**
- Building Resilience in schools survey permission
- 5/6S concert information for parents
- 3-6 concert additional tickets - Wednesday
- 3-6 concert additional tickets - Thursday
- 3-6 general concert information
- Cluster Leadership permission & payment form

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

### PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

**FUNDRAISING CHOCOLATES**

$1.00

for sale at the office after 3:30 pm

### PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

- 231 families at WPS.
- 146 Completed payments
  
= 63%

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

“**What did you learn today?**”
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Earn & Learn promotion runs from 15th July to 8 September 2015 and when you shop at Woolworths you’ll receive 1 Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend.

When you have collected your stickers you can then stick them on an Earn & Learn sticker sheet which can be collected from our school office or downloaded from the Woolworths website.

Once you have filled your sticker sheet, pop it in the collection box at school or Wallan Woolworths so we can earn many new educational resources.

Our school has collected 15,600 points so far but please keep collecting as the promotion does not end until Tuesday 8th September.

CAMP PAYMENT REMINDER

Please note that the due date for final payment of the Grade 3/4 Briars Camp & Grade 5/6 Anglesea camp is Friday 4th September.

SWIMMING REMINDER

Get those bathers and goggles ready!

Term Four swimming lessons permission form and payment is due by Friday 18th September

Swimming carnival permission form and payment is due by Friday 27th November

Romsey Primary School is 150 years old this year.

You are invited to join us for our celebrations on Saturday October 24th between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

School tours and visits to the old school site, Displays of student projects, old photos and other memorabilia, Performances and demonstrations by students, Devonshire Teas and gourmet bar-b-cue.

Market Stalls

A formal ceremony to mark the occasion at 2.30pm

Catch up with old friends or discover RPS for the first time!

Parking at your school

- Park the car in a legal parking area (in all weather conditions) and walk your child or meet them at the school gate.
- Avoid parking on or calling to children from the opposite side of the road. Excited children often dash out onto the road and forget to look for cars.
- You are not to park within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the departure side of a children crossing.
- Never park or drop off children on the school crossing, no matter how brief it seems.
- Never double park.
- Avoid letting children walk through carparks. Teach them the dangers of reversing vehicles cars on the move, etc.
- Insist your children get in and out of the car using the safety doors (the kerbside doors). This will keep them out of the flow of traffic.
**Mount Piper Kindergarten Presents the 2015 Annual Music Night**

**RAFFLES**
**COIN TOSSES**
**DOOR PRIZES**
**REVERSE DRAW**
**SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS**

**Tickets:** $15 pp
Or Book A Table of 10 For $100

**BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES**

Saturday, October 24th at 7pm,
Broadford Masonic Hall On Murchison St.
Enquires and Bookings Please Phone - Dani 0421 843 887

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**Disco**

Friday 11th September

Where: Wallan Scout Hall, Cnr Watson St and Windham St, Wallan.

Grade Prep–3 from 6 til 7.30pm
Grade 4–6 from 8 til 10pm
Cost: $5

Hot food, snacks and lollies,
Drinks, icy poles
Glow Sticks
Prices from .20c-$2

Your children will be in a fully supervised environment, all parents will be required to sign their child in and out of the disco.

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**Wandong Junior Football Netball Club Inc.**

**Raffle Books**
Each Family has received a Raffle Book

ALL Raffle Tickets NEED to be RETURNED ASAP

Please return in an envelope with your child’s name, team, money and any unsold tickets, to
Wandong Primary School – School Office
or
Club President, Rob Telfer - 13 Kooyalunga Drv, Wandong

If you have any queries please contact
President - Rob Telfer 0408 393 250 or Secretary - Darlene Gunter 0418 312 762
email: wandongjfc@gmail.com

Please help support our Club as we get a % $ for tickets sold in this RDFSFL Raffle

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In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That’s half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do
The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

* Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

• Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/attendance/Pages/studentattendance.aspx
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus for **this week** is.....

Negotiating is a back-and-forth communication that ends in an agreement in which everyone involved gets some of what they want. For example you may have seen negotiation in your own family, perhaps when you decide what restaurant to go to or what movie to see. If your parents want you to do your homework right after school, and you want to do it before bedtime, you can come to a compromise by negotiating.

**The steps in negotiating include:**

1. State the problem.
2. State what you want.
3. State why you want it.
4. Focus on things you both want.
5. Create win-win alternatives.
6. Evaluate the alternatives.
7. Come up with an agreement and make a plan of action.

To return your permission slip to participate in our whole school 2015 Resilience Survey!