30th July 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!

Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

Foundation B: James Tomlinson (Making improvements with his writing goal of using spaces between words)
Foundation H: Zenith Pongrac (Reading three letter words with confidence)
Foundation K: Jesse Robinson (Fantastic job with his reading)
1/2 G: Vaughan Joslyn (Reading with amazing expression)
1/2 H: Latoyia Tapp (Consistently using lovely expression when she reads)
1/2 Z: Corey Stone (Excellent progress in Numeracy Fluency Activities)
3/4 A: Macklin Spicer (Working hard and helping others in our class)
3/4 B: Ryan Barnes (Working hard all week to improve his spelling and handwriting)
3/4 C: Toby Duncan (Challenging himself in all mathematics tasks)
3/4 J: Bench Puckle (Persisting with his writing)
5/6 A: Kim Coad (Reading with enthusiasm during novel study)
5/6 C: Jeremy Nastevski (Persisting with his skip counting)
Dear families,

School Uniform Policy: At our next School Council Meeting, on Monday 11th August, we will be discussing the Wandong Primary School Uniform Policy. Parents are invited to provide input into the policy review. If you wish to make any suggestions or present any feedback, please send an email through to the school or send a letter to the office via your child's communication pouch. Your input is greatly valued. All information will be considered and School Council will make the final decision.

Student Representative Council News: Last week I met with the Student Representative Council to make some important decisions for our school. It is fabulous to allow our students to have input and we should not underestimate the depth of thinking by our students. The most exciting thing to witness was the way in which our older SRC representative assisted and explained information to our younger representatives.

Here’s what they decided…

- **House team names**: Thank you to everyone who sent in suggestions for our Sport’s House names: We had many suggestions and we grouped these into categories. SRC then chose the categories that had a “Wandong” feel. After lots of discussion (and helping little people), our SRC have decided the following for our house team names:

  - **Arkell**: (Red House) - named after Wandong’s first post master F.G Arkell
  - **Pickett**: (Blue House) - named after Wandong’s first station master Frank Pickett
  - **Lightwood**: (Yellow House) - the original name for Wandong Primary School when it was located at Lightwood Crossing near South Mountain Road. (The school was then relocated to its current site and renamed Wandong Primary School.)
  - **Davern**: (Green House) - originally named after Lawrie Davern, a notable community member who made a substantial contribution to the district and as a councillor who helped negotiate extra land for the L.B Davern reserve

  This week each house team group will get together and decide upon the mascot for their house. Once this process is completed, we will get some designs done for House Flags. How exciting!!

- **Cookie Tuesday**: SRC will be selling Snowy Mountain Cookies on a fortnightly basis this term for play lunch. Cookies will cost $3.00. Students will be asked to bring their $3.00 to the hall foyer to purchase their cookie at 10:45 a.m. and will eat it in the hall. Once finished, students will head out for their recess break. Cookie choices will be: **ANZAC cookies, Love Chocolate cookies, Ice Cream cookies and Smartie cookies**. Our first sale day will be Tuesday 12th August.

- **Story Time**: Our transition activities for our 2015 Foundation students have started as we welcomed fourteen pre-schoolers to our library on Monday for Story Time. The children listened to a few picture stories and completed a fun activity to take home. With 63 Foundation students already enrolled for 2015, it will be a big year.

Peer Mediators: Next week, our third group of grade five Peer Mediators will begin their role. Congratulations to Grace, Cameron, Zara, Zachary, Jed, Erin, Jake, Shani, Kira and Austin. We know you will be a great support to the other students in the yard
TREE PLANTING DAY: Our 2014 National Tree Planting Day will take place on Wednesday 6th August. Each grade will head outside with their plants and complete the planting process. Parents are most welcome to come along—please see the timetable below for the time during which your child will be participating. We wish to thank the Mitchell Shire for their donation of plants and our students who are currently decorating their tree guard.

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Parent Opinion Survey: Yesterday forty of our families will have received a Parent Opinion Survey. These surveys are sent to families randomly selected by the CASES computer system and are a way of gaining feedback about how our school is travelling. Today Jane has contacted all families involved to ensure they received the envelope. The surveys are anonymous. Please ensure you return your survey by the due date …… Monday 11th August.

Have a great week,
Rhonda Cole

Gold Certificate Winners !  
Congratulations to our gold certificate winners  
Blayke Bradley & Haylee Dennehy  
3 gold tickets so far this year.
Great Effort !!!

PARENT AND EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS  
In an emergency we require current contact details for all students. Please contact the office to update your details if they have changed recently.

Hooray Hooray !  
GRADE 5/6 IS GOING AWAY !  
We are pleased to report that Mr Fearn was able to reach the attendance target for the Grade 5/6 Ace Hi Ranch camp.
So camp in late November is full steam ahead !
What’s gone home this week?

The following notices were sent home this week:

Whole school:
- Term 4 Swimming Program
- 2014 Swimming Carnival

Selected Families
- Parent Opinion Survey

Selected Students:
- Grade 5 Students to visit Dianella Hostel

Individual grade levels:
Foundation: NIL
One/Two: NIL
Three/Four: 3/4 Health Program
Five/Six:
- Grade 6 Graduation 2014 notice
- Broadford Secondary Peter Pan Production

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

Posture Police award

Congratulations to Hayden Andreula, Ellie Schwalger, Noah Hazeldine and Kaleb MacPherson.

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

Other nominated students were: Gus Bonwick, Jaxson Watson, Vaughan Joslyn and Charlie Delaney.

RECYCLED ITEMS REQUEST

ThinksLinks is back for term three!!!

If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer require can you please send them to school:

Old Drop Sheets, Used milo and coffee tins
Old runners/gumboots and wool/yarn

** Chocolates for Sale **

Fundraising chocolates will be available for sale at the office after 3.30pm
$2.00 per bar.
## WOW! ... WHAT'S ON @WANDONG

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| Wednesday 6th August     | Cadbury fundraising money due back (Not 1/2 G)  
                            | Tree Planting Day |
| Thursday 7th August      | Special Friends' Day (Gr F-2) |
| Friday 8th August        | CURRICULUM DAY - No students required at school |
| Monday 11th August       | School Council Meeting  
                            | Parent Opinion Survey due back |
| Tuesday 12th August      | 2015 School tour - 9:30-10:30am  
                            | COOKIE TUESDAY—bring your $3.00 to the hall at  
                            | 10:45 to get a yummy cookie!  
                            | Foundation 2015 Storytime - 2:30-3:30pm |
| Wednesday 13th August    | Tony's Pie order forms to be sent out |
| Thursday 14th August     | ThinkLinks (12:30 to 1:30) |
| Monday 18th August       | Wakakirri Performance |
| Tuesday 19th August      | Parents & Friends Association meeting  
                            | (9:15 am in the staffroom) |
| Wednesday 27th September | 2015 Foundation Storytime— 9:30-10.30am |

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| Thursday 11th September  | ThinkLinks (12.30 to 1.30)  
                            | Cluster Student Leadership |
| Saturday 13th September  | 2015 Foundation BBQ |
| Wednesday 17th— Friday 19th September | Grade 3/4 Camp |
CHANGE TO OFFICE PROCEDURE
At the moment, the office is producing a written receipt and then an A4 sized receipt. There have been many families that have requested the A4 sheet not to be sent home. If you still require this large receipt, please contact the office.

Davern (Green House) Wins!

Congratulations to Davern (Green House).
Vice Captain Pauly Morgan Watt is proudly holding the winner’s trophy.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Sean Duffy and Rohnen Boschen

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:

Congratulations on 150 nights reading:
Lachlan Battistin, Justine Nastevski, Kaylah Bradley, Caitlin Roberts, Dean Walsh, Grace Hannemann, Aurora Sheehy, Lucas Bartolo, Eloise Harrison, Natalie Hannemann, Katherine Adam and Nikayla Harrison

Wallan Junior Indoor Netball

Starts August 14th; at the Roy Robson Stadium in Wallan
Age groups; U9, U11, U13 & U 15
Team registrations due by Monday Aug 4th.
Please see www.wallananddistrictnetball.org.au for all details and information.
Learning is fun in Foundation H!

Term 3, is exciting and fun. We have been exploring ourselves, what we look like, what we dislike, our facial features and the similarities and differences between us. We needed to look in the imaginary mirror and then draw ourselves. It was a little tricky remembering what our reflections showed. We had a lot of fun trying to make our portraits look realistic!

To practise our fine motor skills we made a rocket ship that reflected the light when we placed it on a window. First we attached an outline of a rocket ship to a piece of black paper. The next step was to use a drawing pin to place holes through the outline onto the black card. When we were finished we added cellophane to the back of the black paper. Now the light can reflect through.

Being back at school is all too fun!!

Café Reading in 5/6A

In term three, grade 5/6A CAFÉ reading has changed, we are now experiencing different strategies for reading to self, reading to someone and listening to reading.

We now can choose what activity we want to do instead of following a chart that the teacher has made for us. We are learning to be more responsible for our own learning.

All 5/6 classes are reading Narnia as their class novel. Narnia is a series of books that are based in a magical land that has lots of mystical creatures.

In strategy groups every group in 5/6A has a different focus. The groups focus on different strategies:- comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary.

When we listen to reading we are using CD audiostories and USB’s on the class iPods. This term Miss Adams has found some new novels for us to listen to they include, Judy Blume’s ‘Superfudge’, Gary Paulsen’s ‘Hatchet’, Harry Potter books, Roald Dahl books, The Hunger Games, Aesop Fables and different fairytales.

Every Friday we sit in small groups for an hour to study different novels. Each week we have certain chapters we need to read before Friday. On Friday we share tasks we have finished. Each person has a different job:- illustrator, word wizard, summariser, connector and discussion director.

Here are some of the children’s opinions on the change to CAFÉ reading in our class:-

“It’s good because you can check what you have and haven’t done over the week”. (Charlie D)

“I like CAFÉ this term because I don’t need to look up on the whiteboard all the time. I can work out what I need to do myself”. (Dean W)

“It’s better because you get to pick what you want to do instead of doing the same thing over a series of weeks”. (Grace H)

Written by Emma Drury and Alesha McIntosh (5/6A students)
Welfare & Wellbeing @ Wandong PS

Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

JOINING A GROUP

People participate in many different kinds of social groups: sports teams, clubs, and many more. A class is also a kind of group. Classmates are part of a social group experience every day at school. Some children are also in classes/groups, such as sport etc. that meet after school or on weekends. A child’s life—and an adult’s, too—is filled with different kinds of groups.

Becoming successful in a group is not an easy task. It involves many subtle skills of give-and-take, as well as the ability to assert oneself at appropriate times. And even as children learn and practice new skills, it may take a significant amount of time for them to grasp and use the new skills.

How you can develop this SEL SKILL...Family meetings can help children learn about taking turns, respecting the opinions of others, and making suggestions. By practising in weekly family meetings, children will become more comfortable with these skills and can eventually transfer them over to groups of their peers.

Final Thought… “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”