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'

1/2A: Amelia Paxinos (Learning how to skip count by 4’s in Number Fluency)
1/2G: Marley Tasevski (Using the simile “as disgusting and scary as a spider” in her creative writing)
1/2M: Jasmine Cartwright (Correctly ordering numbers from 0 to 20)
1/2S: Ashlynn Taylor (Making an outstanding effort to form letters appropriately in handwriting)
1/2S: Aaron Luciani (Staying focussed on his reading strategies and working diligently to achieve his goals)
1/2V: Vimithi Meegoda (Displaying an outstanding attitude towards her learning)
3/4B: Sarah Dalton-MacCrea (Displaying persistence in every task in all learning areas)
3/4W: Blake Henderson (Contributing to class discussions on tone of text and author’s purpose)
5/6B: Samantha Granieri (Consistently involving herself in whole class discussions and sharing her ideas)
5/6T: Ryan Barnes (Excellent work in consolidating his skills in fractions, decimals and percentages)
5/6Z: Daniel Inch (Involving himself in class discussions and sharing his ideas)

Reminders
Thursday 1st September - 2nd PAFA Fathers Day Stall
Friday 2nd September - Footy Colours Day/PAFA Sausage Sizzle Day/Book Swap
Tuesday 6th September - PAFA Meeting/Indonesian Incursion & Grade 3/4 Indonesian Mask Dance Workshop
Wednesday 7th September - SRC Pyjama Day & Indigenous Literacy Day

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A Message from the Principal Team

Dear Families,

Some weeks are big, others are humungous. Fair to say this has been one of those HUMONGOUS weeks!

Wakakirri

Congratulations to all of our students that participated in Wakakirri this year. We are all so proud of how committed you were and how you performed on stage. We received 4 different awards this year for our performance. Staging (creative use of the stage), Performance Teamwork (how well all of the students worked together on stage), Individual Set Piece Design and Creative use of Reusable Material. Unfortunately we didn’t progress to the next round of competition but are rapt with the awards we received. The teamwork award really shows how well our students work together! Again, huge congratulations to Mrs Castle and Mrs Beer for their tireless work throughout the term and to everyone who assisted on the night.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

On Monday we had our ‘Writing Round Robin’ which saw our narrative start in Mrs Rowe’s Foundation grade and finish up in Ms Tresize’s grade 5/6 class. We’ll read the completed story at assembly on Friday. This morning we had our whole school ‘Read to Self’ in the hall. It’s quite a sight to see (but not hear) 353 students all read to themselves in the same area. It’s important to build reading stamina and this was a great way to highlight its importance. This afternoon, the whole school participated in a ‘Number Fluency’ activity in the hall to promote the importance of developing number fluency. Our book swap is on Friday. So far we’ve had quite a few books come in to swap, but would always like more. If you have any books at home in good condition that you would like to swap for someone else’s book, please bring them in by Friday. Also, don’t forget to choose your grid reference on the school map in the foyer. Spots on the grid are all nearly gone. Don’t miss out!! The movie voucher will be drawn at assembly this Friday.

Thank you to Mrs Rowe and Mrs Andrew for putting together all the activities this week. It’s been a great way to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week.

Athletics

Mr Fearn took our athletic squad to Meadow Glen Athletics Track yesterday for the District Athletics Carnival. We had over 50 students competing in a range of track and field events. Congratulations to Nathan, Jack, Jaedon, Hayley, Kaylah, Nola, Lachlan and Toby who finished in the top two or three for their event and made it through to the next round of competition. Good luck at the next stage.

School Reviewer Visit

As you know, staff have been hard at work over the last six weeks preparing for our school review. Yesterday, our reviewer Heather Norbury, had a tour of the school and met with Mrs Cole, Tony Gooden (DET) and Kim Laffan and Neil O’Sullivan (School Principals) as part of the review. Part of the visit was to ensure the school is compliant with all relevant policy documentation and to discuss the school’s performance over the last four years. Heather will visit us again on Tuesday 13th September to help us plan for the next four years.

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A Message from the Principal Team (continued…)

Father’s Day Stall
Thank you to the PAFA for organising and running today’s Father’s Day stall. There was a large variety of gifts and students were excited to be buying something special for their dads. The stall will run again on Thursday at lunchtime (1:10 to 1:50pm) for those who missed out or would like to purchase something extra.

Footy Colours Day
We end this HUMONGOUS week with Footy Colours Day on Friday 2nd September. Make sure you wear your favourite footy team colours to support children and young people living with cancer. We ask for a gold coin donation with all proceeds going towards the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Planning Week
Next week is planning week and teachers will be planning in their teams the curriculum for term four. Throughout the week there may be changes to your child’s normal routine.

Dianella Visit
Each year it is a great pleasure to accompany our grade five students to the Dianella Aged Care Hostel in Kilmore. Today we visited and spent our time drawing with the residents. It was lots of fun and both the students and residents gained much from the experience. We’ll be heading over with the grade five students from Ms Trezise’s grade and Ms Blakis’ grade over the next couple of weeks.

Finally, it is with the greatest of joys that we say goodbye to, what has been a hideous, cold, wet and miserable winter and hello to spring. I’m sure we’re all looking forward to some warmer weather. Bring it on!

Until next time---------Anthony Potesta

Items from Foundation Camp
Pictured are items that we found left in hall after last Friday’s fantastic Foundation camp. Should any of these items belong to your child please come to the school office to collect them.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:
Congratulations on 200 nights reading:
Corey Arnup.

Performing Arts and Visual Arts Certificate Winners !

Performing Arts of the Week
Carly Davon
(Demonstrating the value of “Doing Your Best” during music. Carly was very focussed when learning to play drums on her chair)

Artist of the Week
Hunter Jackson
(Showing a positive attitude towards his artwork)

SEL Stars of the Week Award
Congratulations to Shayla Fraser, Shae Fitzpatrick and Riley Hayek
These students were selected by their peers for identifying and demonstrating the weekly SEL focus in class in the area of “Self Control”.

## WOW! ... WHAT’S ON & WHAT’S DUE @WANDONG

### SEPTEMBER

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### What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 25th August and Wednesday 31st August:

**Whole school:**
- PAFA Father’s Day stall reminder
- 2016 Kidsfest brochure

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:**

**Foundation:**
- Foundation Newsletter - 29th August 2016

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:**
- Grade 3/4 Wandong Walking Tour permission

**Five/Six:**
- Grade 5/6T visit to Dianella permission slip
- Grade 6 Graduation photo reminder

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

### PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

- 246 families at WPS.
- 151 Completed payments
- = 61%
Hi all,

Miss Vilchez and I recently entered the Around the Bay bike ride and have committed to ride 100km to help Australian children in need. Sunday 9th October is the big day - Sorrento to Melbourne!!!

We’ll be continuing to train hard for the next few weeks to get ourselves ready for the big challenge. Rain or shine, We’ll be on our bikes for hours and we won’t stop until I reach the finish line.

Because we are riding to support Australian children in need.

Right now, 1 in 10 Australian children are living in disadvantage which means they can’t afford the basics at school to make the most of their education.

As a result, they feel left out, fall behind and lose belief in themselves.

So we are taking on this challenge because I believe that ALL children should get the chance to succeed at school and realise their true potential. And to prove it, we are raising funds to support The Smith Family to help disadvantaged Australian children create better futures for themselves.

Please support our ride to help these kids by making a donation through our fundraising pages.


All funds raised will support The Smith Family's work to break the cycle of disadvantage through helping children in need with their education.

Thanks for your support.

Rhonda Cole
Wandong Primary School is holding a Footy Colours Day on Friday 2nd September. Students can come dressed in their favourite footy colours. These can be from AFL, NFL, Rugby, Soccer or your local club. Gold coin donation (optional participation).

SRC PYJAMA DAY - 7th September 2016

The SRC would like to invite all students to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. How perfect for these cold early mornings!! We will be coinciding our PJ day with Indigenous Literacy Day. During the day, teachers will read students a selection of indigenous dream time stories (perfect for us in pyjamas) to add to the fun whilst also allowing us all to learn a little more about our indigenous people and their beliefs. Slippers can be bought to school to wear inside the classroom.

Get your PJs ready for a fun day ☺

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OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the school office hours are 8.30am to 4.30pm. Should you wish to contact the school outside these times you will need to leave a message on our answering machine. Another alternative is to send us an email at wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and we can direct this to the relevant staff member.
This term we have been learning about Australia and the landscape of Australia.

The students learnt about the different states and territories and what type of landscapes in each area.

They chose one natural landmark from their chosen state or territory to investigate and make a poster about and present to their classmates.

Now we are going to learn about the environment that we live in ‘Wandong’ and how it looked in the past and how it looks now.
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus for this week is.....

DEALING WITH ANGER

What causes Anger?

Everyone experiences anger. It is a normal reaction to frustration, stress or disappointment. It can occur in children as young as three or four months old. Anger can be quite noticeable in toddlers who often express it through tantrums and other aggressive actions. However, as they grow and develop, most children learn how to deal with some of the frustrations of everyday life. They also learn how to express their anger in acceptable ways. Some anger can be helpful. For example, when expressed effectively, anger can help tell someone else, “Stop. I don’t like that.” Anger can also motivate us to overcome problems and achieve goals. Whether children’s anger is positive or negative depends on how effectively it is managed and whether it can be directed towards positive goals.

Parents, carers and staff play an important role in helping children learn about regulating their feelings and behaviour. There are many opportunities to do this in the normal experiences of day to day life. Some of the ways adults can support children’s developing self-regulation skills include:

Observing children closely, simplifying tasks, modelling how to self-regulate, using hints and cues rather than discussing everything and gradually withdrawing adult support when a child has learnt how to effectively deal with their anger.

Other suggestions to consider....

- being calm
- responding and acknowledging what children are trying to communicate
- using supportive boundaries, routines and limits to provide structure and predictability
- making sure experiences are suited to the age of the child
- showing empathy and care towards children.

Final Thought ...

Stay In Control Of Your Anger! Don’t Let Your Anger Control You!