3rd December 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

Grade 5 students & Dianella residents afternoon tea
Thursday 27th November 2014

185 families at WPS.
140 Completed payments
= 75%

Have you recently asked your child(ren).....

“What did you learn today?”

Reminder
Out of Uniform Day - Friday 5th December
Please bring a donation for the Christmas raffle
A Message from the Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Phew.............what a week! Wandong Primary School has been hive of activity and things are just as busy as ever.

Working Bee

Our working bees are never possible without the continued support from families. Although we didn’t have a huge turnout, we managed to accomplished quite a few things. A couple of the jobs included.....

- the climbing wall had a facelift
- a panel for the one touch area was replaced
- the sleeper step at the front of the school was replaced
- Mrs Chisholm’s ThinkLinks toadstools were installed
- Mrs Gallinaro’s ThinkLinks display was nearly installed..........let’s not go there
- Ms Adam’s ‘WANDONG PS’ sign was hung outside the library

Thank you to everyone who helped out throughout the afternoon including; the Harrison family, the Drury family, the Hannemann family, the Thomson family, the Stebbing family, the Drofenik family, Mrs Cole, Ms Adams, Mrs Smith and Mrs Castle. Special thanks also to Shane from Pretty Sally Home Hardware for supplying all the materials. We will be having another working bee early in 2015 to install the monkey bars and the retaining wall around them. Stay tuned.

Dianella Afternoon Tea

Our Intergeneration Program with the residents of Dianella Aged Care came to its conclusion for the year with our grade 5 students hosting afternoon tea for the residents last Thursday. It is always a wonderful event and our students gain so much from interacting with the residents. The residents also love the company and getting out to the school. Thank you to Mrs Cole and Mel from Dianella for organising the event and to Wandong Bus and Coach for supplying the transport through the year. Your continued support allows our program to continue. The residents presented our students with a book ‘Celia and Nonna’ as thanks for the afternoon tea.
A Message from the Assistant Principal (continued) ....

Change of Specialists Classes
I love this time of the year. Although everyone is getting a little tired, there is still a sense of excitement in the air about what next year will offer. I can let you all in on a little secret. Next year, we will be having Performing Arts as a specialist subject across the school. We can’t name teachers yet, but there are some fantastic events on the horizon. Our language program will continue to run next year with a native speaking Indonesian language teacher. This program will operate from Foundation to grade two. It is our hope to extend the program in future years across the whole school. We will announce all staffing positions from next week.

Election Day BBQ
Thank you to everyone who bought a snag or an egg and bacon sandwich on Saturday for our Election Day BBQ. We managed to raise $500.00 for the school. There is always a lot of work behind the scenes to get these events up and running and I’d like to thank Ros and Cheryl for their work in preparing for the day. I’d also like to thank our awesome team of helpers; Ben and Emily Gawley, Steve and Melissa Marks, Kate James, Vasko Nastevski, Jo and Peter Drofenik, Liz Cook, Daniel and Robyn Hannemann, Michelle Carr, Shay Smethurst and Grahame Kirby, Mrs Cole, Mrs Castle and Ros. Your company and support throughout the day, made it enjoyable and the time flew by. Thank you also to Robyn Mumberson for the use of her marquee.

Christmas Concert – Wednesday 10th December
Ok. The Christmas Concert is back on Wednesday 10th December. After some re-negotiating, it was deemed that this was the best night for everyone. There will be a sausage sizzle beginning at 6.00pm so come and have a snag for tea and sing a Christmas Carol or two. It’ll also be a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher for 2015. The concert will begin at 7.00pm.

Christmas Hamper Raffle/Free Dress Day
Don’t forget that this Friday is a Free Dress Day and don’t forget to bring an 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.

Swimming Carnival
Friday week (12th December) is our inaugural swimming carnival. Make sure you have returned your permission notes. It’s going to be one AWESOME day!!

Have a great week
Anthony Potesta
### WOW! ...WHAT'S ON @WANDONG

| Thursday 4th December | Bravehearts—The Ditto Show (Parents welcome to attend)  
                         (Foundation to Grade 2— No cost involved—2:30 in the hall)  
                         Parent Helpers “Thank You” morning tea |
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| Friday 5th December  | Swimming Program  
                         Xmas raffle donation & Out of Uniform day  
                         **2015 Booklists must be returned by today** |
| Monday 8th December  | PAFA Xmas raffle sorting and wrapping  
                         (9:15am start in the staffroom) |
| Tuesday 9th December | Classroom Transition Session 1  
                         Parents and Friends Association meeting  
                         (2:30pm start in the staffroom) |
| Wednesday 10th December | Wandong Primary School Family Christmas Concert  
                           (6:00pm BBQ and 7:00pm Concert) |
| Thursday 11th December | Classroom Transition Session 2  
                         Pizza in the Park with the Principal (200 nights reading) |
| Friday 12th December | Wandong Primary School Swimming Carnival |
| Monday 15th December | 2014 Grade 6 Graduation |
| Wednesday 17th December | Classroom Transition Session 3 |
| Friday 19th December | Last Day of Term 4 (1:30pm finish) |
| **2015** | |
| Friday 23rd January | Book Pickup Day from 9:00 am onwards |
| Thursday 29th January | Term 1 starts - Grades 1 to 6 |
| Friday 30th January | Term 1 starts - Foundation |

**Icy pole day**

Tomorrow there will only be icy poles for sale. No ice creams available.

**OUTSTANDING LIBRARY BOOKS**

Could all outstanding library books please be returned to the library or the office. Borrowing services will be suspended shortly due to the fast approaching year end. Invoices will be issued for any outstanding books and students will be unable to borrow next year if overdue items are not returned or paid for.

Please contact the office if you are unable to locate overdue items.
BOOK PICKUP DAY 2015
Please note that Book Pickup Day is
Friday 23rd January 2015
from 9:00am onwards.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Please note that due to the busy time of year the
PAFA Xmas raffle sorting and wrapping has
been changed to Monday 8th December from
9:15am in the staffroom and the final PAFA
meeting for 2014 has been changed to Tuesday
9th December at 2:30 pm in the staffroom.

Wandong Primary School
Family Christmas Concert
Please note that the date of the
Christmas concert is
Wednesday 10th December

International & Assumption College
Second-Hand Uniforms
One of our parents has International School and
Assumption College second hand uniform for sale.
They would be suitable for boys from Years 7 to 9.
Should you be interested in viewing any of the items
please contact the office and we shall provide you with
further information.

Piano Lessons for Beginners
Comencing Term 1, 2015
(located in Kilmore)
Learning piano is beneficial for young brains!
Learning piano helps to:
• enhance coordination
• boost listening skills
• improve Maths ability
• sharpen concentration
• improve reading and comprehension skills
• foster self expression and relieve stress
• teach perseverance and discipline
• give a sense of achievement

………...and it’s fun too!
If you don’t have a piano or keyboard, request one
from Santa!
Cost: $25 per 30 minute lesson (approx. 10 per term)
Phone or email now for further information
and to organise a free trial session.
Tel. Joanne 0490 603 657
pianoatlambst@gmail.com

What’s gone home this week?
The following notices were sent home this week:

Whole school:
• Christmas concert date change details
• 2015 Christmas Xmas Hamper raffle tickets
Selected Families: Nil
Selected Students:
• 200 nights Pizza @ the Park invitation
Individual grade levels:
Foundation: Nil
One/Two: Nil
Three/Four: Nil
Five/Six:
• 2015 Grade 6 Uniform order form
• 5/6 End of Year celebration information
Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer
in the grade level trays.

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* Congratulations Jennifer *
Jennifer Cocks, one of our Grade 6 students
recently competed in the Victorian
Gymnastics Championships in Geelong.
She competed on all four apparatus and
placed 2nd on beam and 3rd on floor.
She was placed 11th overall.
She then competed with her team in the
Australian Women’s National Club
Championships 2014 and her team placed
12th overall.

Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea
Wandong Primary School will be
holding a Parent Helpers Thank You
morning tea on Thursday 4th
December 2014 from 10:45am
onwards in the staffroom

150 Nights Reading Award
Marley Tasevki from Foundation B recently received
her award for 150 nights reading. Her wish was to
be Miss Giacomini for the afternoon, but also to
share afternoon tea with all of the Foundation
students.

Thank you Marley.
The cake was scrumptious!
It's almost that time of year again so be on the lookout for our Summer Holiday brochures which should be with your schools in the not too distant future. We are looking for lots of donations for activities to be completed by the children. So if you are throwing away shoe boxes, boxes, glass jars with lids, wool, corks and bottle tops we would really love for you to pass them to us for the children to use. These items can be placed in the tubs left in the halls marked “donations”.

Please remember that this term all children must wear hats and sunscreen. Without these your children won’t be able to fully participate in our outdoor programs. If you wish to leave a hat at OSHC we have a hat box it can be stored in. Please clearly mark the hat with your child’s name.

Regards Lisa Hickinbotham
Writing in 5/6A

During term four, 5/6A has been learning how to structure procedures, letters to the editor, comics, novel response essays and recounts of camp. When the students in grade 5 were asked what work sample they were most proud of, this is what they wanted to show in the newsletter. Grade 6 students have been very busy preparing a memory book to give to their families at their graduation on the 15th December.

Opening Classroom Doors 1/2 G

We have been watching Dr Seuss to find inspiration for our poetry.

Student’s Poetry

I had a friend named Bill,
He sat so very still,
He lived on a giant hill,
And had a goat named Jill.

The sun is shining,
Yellow and bright,
We do not see it,
Shining in the night,
For if I did,
It would give me fright,
Because I would know,
That things are not right!

I can read in the mall,
I can read in the hall,
I can read standing tall,
I can read bouncing a ball.

If I had a dollar,
I know what I would do,
I would go to the mall,
And buy a blue shoe,
Then I’d buy a cow,
and I’d make it go
“Moo!”
Handling Change In a Positive Manner...

Be flexible: focus on smaller things instead of change as a whole. When you think something will go a certain way and it doesn’t, you can get discouraged. Be more flexible and focus on several different outcomes. Even if they are not the outcomes you prefer, it gives you some alternatives when things do change.

Keep a positive attitude: by staying positive, you will see change as good, and something that is necessary for you to grow as a person. Focus on the good things and remain optimistic that change will bring even greater opportunities for you.

Use forward thinking: plan for the future, but live in the present moment. Changes become harder to deal with when you focus on the past. Chances are things will never be the same as they were. All you have is right now so do something positive and spectacular. Don’t focus on the past.

Ask for help: you might feel like you’re all alone sometimes, but that’s simply not true. When something changes in your life that you find difficult, look to your friends and loved ones for support. You’ll find that there are plenty of people to lean on and help you through difficult changes.

Look at the big picture: it may help to step back and look at the wider scope of things. You could be caught up in just one aspect and giving that too much focus in that moment. Take a deep breath and know that there is much more to life. Look at your ultimate goals and how you’ve dealt with things in the past. Perhaps you can find a life’s lesson that will help you be able to cope better now.

Look for the constants: it is true that nothing in life is permanent, but there are certain things that you can count on. For instance you may find it upsetting when you have to move. But the constant things are that you are moving with your family and you’ll meet some great new people. And those are good things.

Everyone is different and how they handle changes will vary. One of these tips may work better for you than they will another.

Final Thought…

When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.
~Chinese proverb