3rd September 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

182 families at WPS.
123 Completed payments
= 70%

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

“What did you learn today?”

Foundation B: Iris Scott (Being a confident reader this week)
Foundation H: Charlie Thomas (Sensational composition of a poem using sophisticated spelling strategies)
Foundation K: Jhet Clydesdale (Persisting in writing when using dotted thirds)
1/2 G: Sarah Dwyer (Writing a wonderfully inspired narrative)
1/2H: Mabel Tan (Focusing on all the sounds when writing her words)
Blair Fitzpatrick (Doing everything straight away)
1/2 Z: Riley Lyons (Consistently being supportive to his peers)
3/4 B: Nathan Duffy (Persisting with his maths and having success)
3/4 C: Wyatt Mundy (Making an improved effort to stay focused during learning time)
5/6 A: Taylah Clydesdale (Confidently counting by decimal thousandths)
5/6B: Jennifer Cocks (Writing a descriptive ballad)
5/6 C: Austin Tennant (Writing a beautiful ballad)

Reminder
Cookie Tuesday from 10.45 in the hall
Don’t forget to bring $3.00 - 9th September 2014
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Spring has finally arrived and we are all beginning to shake off what has seemed like a very long winter. The smell of footy finals is in the air and school holidays are fast approaching.

Book Character Parade

Thank you to everyone who made such a MASSIVE effort last Thursday for our Book Character Parade. The quality of costumes was awesome and there were some wonderful original ideas chosen as book characters. Thank you also to all the staff who made the effort to dress up. You guys looked great. Congratulations to all of our parade winners. It was a fabulous way to end National Literacy and Numeracy week.

Book Swap

I mentioned in last week’s newsletter that we will be holding a book swap day in the final week of term. The book swap will occur on **Tuesday 16th September** in the library. This is how it works. Go through your old children’s books at home. If you have any you’re willing to part with, send them to school. Students who bring in a book will receive a raffle ticket and have the opportunity to swap their ticket for a book that someone else has brought in. This is a great way of introducing new books to children. Please ensure the books that are brought in are in good condition and appropriate for primary aged children. We will setup a junior school section and a senior school section for student to swap their books from.

Father’s Day Stall

Father's Day is this Sunday and our Parents and Friends Association has done a great job again this year organizing the Father’s Day stall and raffle. The stall was held today and they’ll be some happy dads come Sunday with their gifts. For those students who’d like to buy another item or didn’t get a chance to do so today, there will be another stall held this Friday. Tickets are still available for the raffle which will be drawn on Friday. Thank you to the Parents and Friends Association for your efforts in purchasing and running the stall.
Athletics

Good luck to all our athletes who’ll complete tomorrow at the Mitchell South District Athletics Championships. Over the last few weeks, students from 3-6 have been; jumping, putting, throwing, running and hurling themselves in preparation for the event. We have a great team selected this year and I know they’ll make us proud.

Footy Colours Day

It’ll be great to see everyone wearing Collingwood gear Friday week for our footy colours day. What a wonderful sight it’ll be having everyone dressed in black and white…………. That’d right folks, Footy Colours day is back this year on **Friday 12th September**. Make sure you dress up in your favourite footy gear from either AFL, Rugby, NRL or Soccer or your local club. We will be asking for a gold coin donation which will go towards Cancer research. Go the TIGES!!!

Nexus Health Survey

Below is some information from Nexus Health. They are conducting a survey about children and physical activity. If you have a spare 5 minutes, they’d really appreciate your time to complete the short survey. You can click on the link below.

*Hi Wandong parents.*

*We are Leadership Victoria participants working with the Wandong PS exploring local options for increasing physical activity.*

*Please let us know your ideas through the survey link below.*

*Thanks!*

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TLPXRQK](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TLPXRQK)

*Have a great week,*

*Anthony Potesta*

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Last week, the students in grade five attended a taster morning at Whittlesea Secondary College. The students were separated into two groups and were given the opportunity to experience different classes they might do when they get to secondary school.

Some students participated in a music class. During this lesson, they learnt about beats and the different types of drums used.

Other students learnt about using grey lead pencils to shade and create depth in a drawing of leaves during an art lesson.

Students made slime during Science and became poets in an English lesson.

All of the students had a lot of fun learning about Whittlesea Secondary College.
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Posture Police award

Congratulations to Alisha Frendo, Aurora Sheehy
and Corbin Mundy
These students were selected by their peers for
displaying the correct posture in class.

Other nominated students were: Trinity Hobson,
Emily Fitzgerald, Allie Coleman,
Justine Nastevski and Kira Roberts.
Congratulations on your nomination.

GoldCertificateWinners!

Congratulations to our gold certificate winners
Chase Northrop K-F
&
Thomas Allsop 3/4C
3 gold tickets so far this year.
Great Effort !!!

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

Whole school:
- 2014 Father’s day raffle tickets
- Café Vento / Wallder’s Café 2 for 1 offer
- Better Health Channel—Measles fact sheet
- Re-issue of term four swim sessions notice

Selected Families: Nil

Selected Students:
- Cluster Student Leadership Program

Individual grade levels -

Foundation:
- Foundation Camp information & consent

One/Two:
- Bring your toy to school flyer

Three/Four: Nil

Five/Six: Nil
Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in
the grade level trays.
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**NAME THAT TUNE**

Jeremy Nastevski, used his 150 nights reading wish to be Ash Christensen for the day. Jeremy helped Ash with music lessons for the day.

*Well done Jeremy and Thank you Ash*
We would like to congratulate all of the students that participated in Wakakirri. Our students won a number of awards. Our performance took home the ‘Soundtrack award’, the ‘Performance Teamwork award’, the ‘Cast/Ensemble award’ and a very special ‘Sustainable Production’ award. All of our students behaved extremely well all day and listened to all instructions that were given to them by all teachers and Wakakirri staff. Our students were fantastic representatives for Wandong Primary School. We are extremely proud of all of the students that participated.

We would like to thank Mr Potesta, Miss Giacomini and Alison Stone for all of their help on the day and a big thankyou to Amanda Allsop for ironing our boys costumes. We would also like to thank all of the parents who came to support our school on the night and at the matinee performance.

Thank you
Emma Castle, Jac Adams, Robyn Beer and Bridget Bayliss

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**Just 4 Kids**

An Early Years Event Especially For 0 to 5 year olds!

**Wednesday, 10th September 2014**

**Held at Wallan R.B Robson Stadium**

48 Bentinck St, Wallan
10 am to 12 pm

**Free face painting**  **Child Focused Entertainment & Play Activities**  **Free snacks**

**Fun Just 4 The Little 1’s**
This term we have been learning all about Wandong in our Inquiry topic ‘Community and Remembrance’. The students completed a range of activities learning about Wandong’s history before we went on a walking tour around the town. We learnt about the different buildings in the town, the changes that have occurred over time and even about the local Aboriginal tribes that originated in Wandong.

To celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week, last Thursday we all came to school as our favourite book characters and took part in a parade for the school. We had everyone at school this day and everyone in our class had a costume on! Great work guys!

Last week, as part of Literacy and Numeracy week, students across the school were presented with an architects challenge. Students were given four blocks and had to arrange these as many different ways they could think of to create different shaped houses.

When this section was completed, students then used isometric paper to draw their different houses to show what each would look like.

Here are some of the different ideas that students had.
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is..... Edition #8 Term 3

**Sharing is Caring**

Learning to share is hard for a lot of students, because it means giving something up. But it also means being generous and thinking about the needs of others. When you share, you feel good because you are being nice to someone else. When someone shares with you, you feel good because they are being considerate to you.

“It’s MINE!” We have all heard children scream this at one point or another. Young children often feel that a toy belongs to them just because they want it to. Children who are learning to share may become angry and frustrated when they cannot “get what they want.” They may show these feelings by grabbing items from other children or refusing to let go of toys.

Some children need extra support from adults when learning to share. As a parent you can do this by teaching your child which play materials belong to him/her, showing him/her how to share, and coaching him/her during play with other children. One of the best ways to show your child the benefits of sharing and working together is to have him/her participate in fun and co-operative activities he/she can enjoy.

Here are some simple sharing rules:

- Ask when you want to use something.
- Wait until someone is finished before you start using something.
- Help each other.

*Please note: As a school we have talked about the importance of not sharing food and why we don’t share food at school.*

**Final Thought**... The more we share...the more we have!