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: Ethan (Being a creative and descriptive writer)
Foundation H: Riley McKendry (Settling into his new school environment with ease)
Foundation K: Alysha Ivory (Showing enthusiasm when completing “teen” number activities)
Foundation P: Isabella Thompson (Showing the school value of “Doing Your Best”)
  1/2C: Hayden Andreula (Persisting with writing his sentences correctly)
  1/2H: Ocean McSolvin (Consistently trying his hardest with his learning)
  1/2V: Riley Roberts (Making his spooky story extra spooky by using adjectives)
  3/4A: Noah Lunt (Persisting to challenge himself when working with fractions)
  3/4B: Deegan Belfiore (Huge improvement in leading and always using learnt strategies)
  3/4J: Lucas Bartolo (Writing information acrostic poems about bullying)
5/6J: Gypsy Munro-Bradley (Consistently helping and supporting others in her classroom)
  5/6M: Jed Lunn (Displaying an improved attitude toward all areas of learning)
  5/6S: Nathan Duffy (Trying his best in every learning task)
Performing Arts Award: Levi Wigney (Focussing on his learning during class)

Reminder

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Friday 6th November - Term 4 Swimming Program session four
Tuesday 10th November - Parents & Friends Association meeting (9:15 am start in the staffroom)

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A Message from the Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

It was a very short week this week with our curriculum day on Monday and Melbourne Cup day yesterday. Our staff were hard at work over the long weekend writing and finalising the end of year reports.

Facebook

The Facebook page is up and running with over 120 members on our official Wandong Primary School group page. It is proving to be fantastic way to share school events and send out important information and reminders. If you haven’t done so already, search Wandong Primary on Facebook and request to join.

Art Show

Our Art Show is fast approaching. The theme this year is “Reuse and Recycle”. Our students have been hard at work throughout the year putting together their works and are looking forward to showcasing their talents. The Art Show will run from 3.00pm - 6.00pm on Friday 13th November in the hall. There will no assembly that week.

Random Acts of Kindness

This week, our SEL focus has been on our school value of Care. To show care for one another is to show kindness to one another. Last Friday at assembly, I talked about a random act of kindness towards a family member, friend or neighbour. Have you shown kindness to someone this week?

Until next time.......have a great week.

Anthony Potesta

Pictured are Grade 3/4J singing “Shake It Off” at assembly last week with musical accompaniment by Ash and his guitar students

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PARENT PAYMENTS

As we enter term four, our Parent Payment thermometer shows that we still have 30% (69 families) who have not yet completed their 2015 Parent Payments. We have one of the lowest costs for Parent Payments of local schools and it is disappointing that nearly two thirds of our families are “carrying” the other third. As a school we do rely on this money to purchase items and continue to provide great learning opportunities. We still have 6 weeks of teaching to go. Have you paid up yet? If not, your payment would be greatly appreciated.

2016 Parent Information Reminder

Parents are offered the opportunity to provide the school with written information that they wish to be considered prior to placing students into 2016 groupings.

This information should not relate to teaching staff as staff do not know where they will be placed until much later in the year. However, it can relate to social skills, family situations, etc. The information must be in writing and must be received in the office by Friday 20th November.

Whilst we will attempt to accommodate family requests, (we are usually able to do so) please understand that there are many factors involved in organising grades and we can only do our best - there are no guarantees.

PRE ORDER FORM

Wandong: From Lightwood Flat to the forest, - A history of our schools.

Over the past eighteen months to two years, the Wandong History group have been collecting information and memorabilia related to the Wandong Primary School and the other schools that operated within our local area over the past two hundred years. This information has been combined into a historical book about the local schools within the Wandong and Heathcote Junction areas. Should you wish to pre-order a copy of the book please complete the following reply slip and return to the school.

Name: ____________________________

Please reserve ________ (insert quantity) books @ $20.00 each. Total. $________

I will:  ____________

☐ Pick up my book at the Book launch  (28th Nov 11.00-3.00pm Wandong Public Hall)

☐ Pick up my book from the Wandong History Group  (Old Catholic church)

☐ 1st Dec 9.00-10.00am or  Thursday 3rd Dec 3.00-4.00pm

Enclosed Cheque for the amount of $ ________

Or direct deposit: Bendigo bank. BSB 633000 Account: 147326292 Please use your name as the reference.

(The official book will be launched on Saturday 28th November at Wandong Hall in Rail Street from 11:00am)

Planning for 2016

Please return to the office by ASAP. Thank you!

Exiting students:

We are now in planning stages for the 2016 school year. To assist us with staffing, please indicate if your child WILL NOT be returning to Wandong Primary School next year. (Please fill this in even if you have told the office.)

Child's name/s: ..........................................................

Room/s: ..................

(Not needed for Grade 6 students)

New arrivals:

Alternatively, if you know of a relative/friend who we should be expecting next year (ie: new enrolment), please list their details below so we can check these against our records.

Their name: ..........................................................

Your name: ......................................................
**WOW! .... WHAT'S ON @WANDONG**

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| Monday 16th November                      | 2016 Foundation 4th Transition Session - 9:30 to 11:00am  
                                          School Council Meeting - 6:00pm start |
| Thursday 19th November                    | Grade 5 students & Dianella residents afternoon tea |
| Friday 20th November                      | Term 4 Swimming Program session six |
| Friday 27th November                      | Term 4 Swimming Program session seven |

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**CALLEJA FAMILY**

**MEAL ROSTER REMINDER**

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

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**NOTICE**

**What’s gone home this past week?**

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 29th and Wednesday 4th November:

**Whole school:**
- CFA Colouring Competition

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:**
- **Foundation:** Nil
- **One/Two:** Nil
- **Three/Four:**
  - Grade 3/4 End of Year Celebration payment & permission
- **Five/Six:**
  - Grade 6 - School Book Launch invitation

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

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**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

230 families at WPS.  
161 Completed payments  
= 70%

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**Have you recently asked your child/ren...... “What did you learn today?”**
SUPER READER

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 50 nights reading:
Andrew Riddell, Jake Brincat, Anita Barbour, Thomas Bond, Kyle Bittles, Noah Hazeldine and Lachlan Barnes.

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:
Georgia Gawley, Carly Davon, Xavier Hemphill, Karlee Rae Ritchie, Lindsay Chalker, Thomas Bond and Kyle Bittles.

Congratulations on 150 nights reading:
Katherine Adam, Caitlin Roberts, Dakota Patrick and Xavier Hemphill.

Congratulations on 200 nights reading:
Olivia Brincat, Ben Drury, Austin Tennant, Katherine Adam, Caitlin Roberts, Georgia Thomson and Dakota Patrick.

OAKS DAY DRESS UP

Tomorrow is Oaks Day if you are lucky enough to be heading off to the races. At school, this is a fun day with students and staff dressing up in their finery. A special parade of the outfits is held on the oval at 9:10. So think “horse racing” theme and come dressed as a lady, gentleman, a bookie or jockey...or even a horse.

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please note that all student mobile phones and electronic devices must be handed into the office in the morning and collected after school.

MEANWHILE IN KILMORE...

A week-long pop-up event to celebrate the revitalisation of Kilmore

Saturday 21 November
HOBBYHORSE GYMKANA (Day before the Kilmore Cup)
Event at the old car yard 56-96 Sydney Street
from lunchtime to evening
Hobbyhorse barrel racing
Hobbyhorse dressage
Open for anyone to grab a hobbyhorse and participate.

Wooden horse racing: the wooden horses on wheels are attached to fishing rods. Contestants furiously wind up the line the horse is attached to. First horse across the line wins the race.

Op Shop Fashions on the Field: MUST have been bought from local op shops to enter.

Thursday 26 November:
Author’s Talk:
ALL THE DAYS AFTER
John Taylor Room, Kilmore Library, 7pm-9pm
Author Sue Gunningham speaks about the writing process and her new book: All the Days After; A Story of Love, Loss and Resilience After Black Saturday

Please note that these are not Wandong Primary School events and should you require any further information please contact:-

AMANDA GIBSON
CREATIVE ARTS RECOVERY FACILITATOR
M 0429 217 792

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

‘Art Show’
Friday 13TH November 2015
3:30-6:00 p.m.
In our school hall
Would you like Santa to visit your Christmas party? Would you like him to arrive on a FIRE TRUCK? If so, call Wandong CFA to make a booking. Get in quick, as it books up fast! $5.00 per child and every child gets a show bag. Call Deb on 0405 645 212 or Heath on 0419 359 374 wandongsanta@gmail.com

NEW SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

Kristie Roberts, our current school banking co-ordinator is retiring.
We thank her for volunteering her time to process the school banking during the year.

This means we are now on the look-out for a new school banking co-ordinator.
Volunteers must have a financial background, money handling skills and confidentiality is a must.
Should you possess the above skills and can spare an hour a week, please contact the office, so we can provide further information on what the position entails.
This week our winner of the Posture Police was Katherine Adam. Congratulations!

We have been learning about fractions this week. We made a fraction wall and have used it to add fractions and help us learn about equivalent fractions.
Family – is it working well?

Feeling loved by your family – Child is affirmed, encouraged and disciplined.

Feeling your family respects your decisions – e.g. allowing for age appropriate autonomy.

Family structure is sound and extended.

Family heritage and values system are positive.

Family foundation of hope is articulated and understood.

Education - is it working well?

School and teachers are a great resource. The school is focused on ensuring a positive & enriching experience – not just academics.

Students feel respected by teachers. Having adults who listen & believe in them.

Getting right feedback as well as input.

Community – you’re part of one and it’s good

Positive peer connectedness generates a sense of belonging and being part of something bigger.

The crucial element is why they are accepted. A successful community is reliant on acceptance of the person not their performance or skill.

Core foundations

Sense of meaning, purpose, value & direction – needs to be reliable, strong, tried and tested. Enables a sense of having something bigger than you – bigger than circumstances, emotions, set-backs and disappointment.