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: Chayse McGregor (Using creative and interesting language in his Writer’s Notebook)
Foundation F: William Naylor (Entertaining his class with his sensational creative writing piece)
Foundation K: Xavier Leng (Consistently being a kind member of his class)
Foundation T: Whole Class Award (Performing well for their special friends even though they were all nervous)
  1/2A: Charlotte Peake (Doing an amazing job at Special Friend’s Day)
  1/2G: Bridget Elliot (Completing a lovely poem about friends)
  1/2M: Samuel Shingles (Creating a meaningful acrostic poem for his special friend)
  1/2P: Campbell White (Making a huge effort to be a responsible member of his class)
  1/2V: Hayden Ward (Showing dedication towards his learning)
  3/4B: Brooke Mazzarella (Displaying a responsible attitude for others to follow)
  3/4M: Jaedon McCrum (Using a range of multiplication strategies)
  3/4W: Madi Roddy (Being a wonderful friend and caring for students within and outside of the classroom)
  5/6B: Hayley Browne (Working hard on applying social and emotional learning focuses during the term)
  5/6Z: Anita Barbour (Identifying and summarising information for her project)

Reminders

If your child is on an Individual Learning Plan progress reports will be sent home on Friday 7th October

Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th October - Grade 3/4 PGL Campaspe Downs camp

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A Message from the Principal Team

Dear Families,

Welcome back to an exciting term four. Hopefully everyone had a restful break from school and students are ready for some exciting learning.

Special Friend’s Day: Congratulations to everyone involved in our Special Friend’s Day at the end of term three. The day went off without a hitch and it was wonderful to witness our students overcoming fears to present with their peers. For many of our students, this is one of their first ever opportunities to perform in front of an audience - and they all did an amazing job! Thank you to the staff (Mrs Castle, Miss Giacomini and F-2 classroom teachers) who all assisted in preparing our students for their big event.

School review: This week, I am awaiting the draft report from Heather our school reviewer, following our full day review in the last week of term three. This report will outline the successes of our school and the areas for future direction. Both myself and Tony Gooden, my Senior Education Improvement Leader, will proof-read the report and can request additional information if desired. Once we are satisfied with the level of detail in the report, it will be presented to staff and then school council members at the October School Council Meeting. Over the remainder of this term, we will then develop our new four year Strategic Plan – a document that will outline what we plan to focus on for the period 2017-2020. This is perfect timing for us as a school, as we enter a new stage of development (see below).

Planning for 2017: Planning is now well underway for the 2017 school year. At this stage, we expect around 400 students will be enrolled at Wandong Primary School – an increase of around 50 students over our current enrolment. Families that will not be at our school in 2017 are requested to please let the office know of their departure within the coming two weeks. To cater for the increase in numbers, I have requested access to the new site and have been informed that we will be provided with two brand new double portables for use in 2017. These classrooms will be placed in the north-west corner of the new block, allowing plenty of free space on the reminder for the block for future planning and development. This will be a very exciting time for our school, as we now begin the next stage of development. There is much to be done prior to the start of 2017. I will continue to keep you informed over the coming twelve weeks.

Fencing: Over the holiday period, we had some fencing installed around our school. This was made possible through the generosity of a recent community grant from Bendigo Bank in Wallan. Thank you to Leon Zelvys who has now completed the high fencing along Affleck Street – installing the section from the main front gate to the east corner of the school yard. Additionally, he has also installed a high fence behind the goal posts on the oval and one around the terraced fake grass area. All of these additions will certainly add to our school environment, whilst also keeping our students safer in the school yard.

Around the Bay: Miss Vilchez and I are getting very excited as we count down to our big bike ride this coming Sunday. We leave Sorrento at 8:00 a.m. for our 100 km ride to the Alexandra Gardens in Melbourne. Let’s hope the weather is kind to us – we look forward to sharing our story with the students next week. So far we have raised over $350 for kids in need - which is fantastic. No pain - no gain!!!

Have a great week.
Rhonda Cole

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Hello Everyone

Following are a few of the items discussed at our Parents and Friends Association meeting yesterday :-

- Save the date - Saturday 12th November - Monte Carlo Night
  
  Do any families have items that they would be able to donate for the auction on the night? Look out for a letter tomorrow regarding the evening.

- Cadbury Chocolate drive - payments are now overdue for this fundraiser. Please ensure you have returned your payment or any unsold chocolates to the office. PAFA will be contacting families with outstanding money in the coming days.

- Walkathon - Sponsor forms and payment are due back on the Friday 4th November.

Next PAFA Meeting:  Tuesday 8th November  (9:15am onwards in the staffroom)

Thanks

Liz Clarke - WPAFA President

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 150 nights reading:

Jazmyn Watson.

This year, Wandong Primary School Parents & Friends Association is hosting a Walk-a-thon. All proceeds will help PAFA to fund resources and equipment for the school.

The date of the Walk-a-thon is Wednesday 2nd November and students will receive a Zooper-Dooper, a bottle of water and a certificate on completion.

Please note that pledge forms need to be kept by parents until after the Walk-a-thon has occurred and then both the form and payment should be returned to the school by Friday 4th November.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the NW Regional Athletics Championships next Wednesday.

  Nathan Duffy – Discus
  Jack Johnson - High Jump
  Kaylah Bradley – High Jump & Hurdles

Planning for 2017

Please return to the office by ASAP.

Thank you!

Exiting students:

We are now in planning stages for the 2017 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:

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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 & WHAT’S DUE @WANDONG**

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**EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL**

Parents must come to the office to collect the early departure book and then collect their child from their classroom and have the teacher sign the book.

**Students will not be called to the office unless absolutely necessary.**

We would like to remind parents of our recess (10:51 - 11:17am) and lunch time (1:10-1:50pm) breaks and request that if children need to be collected, that it be done so either side of these items. We find that when students are called during recess and lunch they find it difficult to hear their names on the PA and classrooms are also locked during these times.

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**What’s gone home this past week?**

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 15th September & Wednesday 5th October:

**Whole school:**
- 2016 Mitchell Shire Pedometer Challenge
- Wandong History Group Colouring Competition

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:**

**Foundation:**
- Integrated Studies request for information

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:**
- Unit Sport LB Davern permission form
- Resilience Survey Parent Consent form

**Five/Six:**
- Bike Ed Program information
- Unit Sport & Graduation Practice LB Davern permission form

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

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**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

247 families at WPS.
157 Completed payments

= 63%

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

“**What did you learn today?**”
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 we 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 and Natalie Vilchez

Have you lost an iPod recently?

We have an iPod in our lost property and believe that it may belong to someone from our school community. If you have misplaced such an item, please contact the school office and provide us with a description of your missing item so we may ascertain the owner.

Thank you from the WPS Chickens!

A huge thank you to the McGregor family, Robertson family, Stranieri family, Douglas family and the Yeend family for feeding the chickens over the school holidays.

Hopefully the families received lots of eggs in return for their kindness.

Keeping safe around the school

We recognise that it is very crowded and roads are congested before and after school. We urge parents to please be very careful at these times. We have been made aware of unsafe practices including not following parking signs and overloading in cars. Please also not that U-Turns are NOT PERMITTED in Rail Street and drivers will be fined if caught.

We, as adults, need to role model appropriate and safe behaviour to children. The school has approached Mitchell Shire and the local police to do some checking of driver behaviour around our school. It is too late when an accident happens so let’s all “THINK - SAFE” for the sake of everyone. Thank you.

DON’T FORGET YOUR HAT FOR TERM FOUR

All students must wear their school hat when outside in term four. Should you need to purchase a new hat we have small, medium, large and extra large hats sized hats available for $10 from the school office.
BreastScreen Victoria’s Mobile Screening Service is coming to BROADFORD

BSC offer four academic scholarships for students beginning Year 7 in 2017.

The examination may be taken on:
Wednesday 12th OCT.
OR
Wednesday 19th OCT.
at
4:00 – 5:00 pm OR 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Please phone the General Office on 5784 1200 to book your preferred day and session.

Other enquiries to Cathy Coppinger, coppinger.cathy@c@edu.mail.vic.gov.au

Information for parents and carers

Go to school like Winter and kick start your child’s active habits for life!

Victoria’s Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October. To help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

Walking to and from school can give you extra time to connect and chat with your child, and the opportunity to move up with other mums and dads along the way. If you can’t walk all the way your child can still get involved – simply drive over and walk, ride or scoot the rest!

Your family can get involved

Taking part through your child’s school

If your child attends a Walk to School, your child can participate, and make their walking counts by signing up with your permission. Visit the Walk to School Australia website www.walktoschool.org.au for full details on how this can be achieved.

For more information please contact the following:

Strathmore City FC:

Schools and students participating in Walk to School 2016 will have the chance to win free transport passes from

What information will be collected?

Why does Victoria’s Mobile Screening Service need your details?

In order to provide appropriate care and treatment to people suffering with breast cancer, Victoria’s Mobile Screening Service needs your details.

Victoria’s Mobile Screening Service collects this information to make the process easier and more efficient.

How do you protect my details?

Victoria’s Mobile Screening Service takes your privacy very seriously.

What if I don’t want my child to be involved?

Participation is voluntary, as is the collection of personal information.

If your child’s school is taking part in Walk to School and you do not wish your child to be involved, please contact your child’s school directly to receive your child’s details.

What if I don’t wish to go ahead?

If you change your mind at any point, or you decide to opt out of the program, please contact your child’s school directly.

Your privacy

If you wish to gain access to, or request the correction of, your personal information held by Victoria’s Mobile Screening Service, please contact the Victorian Privacy Officer at privacy@health.vic.gov.au.

Other enquiries to Cathy Coppinger, coppinger.cathy@c@edu.mail.vic.gov.au
Wandong’s Got Talent

Foundation: 14th Nov
Grade 1/2: 15th Nov
Grade 3/4: 17th Nov
Grade 5/6: 18th Nov

Wandong Primary School’s first talent competition!

This will take place at lunchtime in the hall on your grade level’s day

Prizes for each year level!

Some ideas for your show:
Dance routine, singing, comedy, magic, karate, music, circus acts, gymnastics, acting

Acts must be less than 3 minutes!!!
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

PROBLEM CAUSING BEHAVIOURS

We all encounter problems routinely. Some of them are caused by our own mistakes, such as sleeping through the alarm or being disruptive in class. Some are caused by others, (misplaced keys) and some are just bad luck (getting stuck in a traffic jam)!

Just about everything we do throughout the day involves solving some kind of problem; it’s just an unavoidable fact of life. What we can do, however, is learn to manage how we react to our problems. This involves, in part, managing the emotions that arise when a problem occurs. It also involves being aware of the effect our reactions to our problems have on ourselves and others.

Our ability to regulate our emotions in problem situations greatly influences how effectively we are able to solve the problems we face. In fact, emotional regulation is frequently the determining factor in whether or not the problem is solved and how easy or difficult it is to do so. For example, when a problem occurs, most of us are able to quickly figure out the size of the problem and then regulate our emotional reaction to stay calm and able to deal with it. But that’s not always the case. New or even bigger problems are created when the size of our reaction is mismatched to the size of the actual problem. Who wants that?

Something to do @ HOME...

Discuss problem causing behaviours with your child/ren and the importance of regulating our emotions. Together as a family, brainstorm possible solutions to these problems.

Example Problem: My friends don’t want to play the game that I want to play.

Solution: Suggest to your friend that you will play their game today, and then you both can play your game tomorrow OR Find some other friends to play with for that lunchtime.