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: Zachary Green (Displaying persistence with his writing and creating neat writing pieces)
Foundation F: Jonah Hazeldine (Displaying a fantastic effort in Writing and for being a caring friend to all)
Foundation K: Alexis Connolly (Writing a creative recount about Footy Colours Day)
Foundation T: Liam Dalton MacCrea (Making a real effort to concentrate during learning time)
1/2A: Rohnen Boschen (Beginning to take pride in your writing)
1/2G: Harris Barbour (Displaying a pleasing effort to understand direction and distance)
1/2S: Chloe Hall (Making great attempts to sound-out words by flipping the vowel sounds)
1/2V: Kaylee Bruning (Displaying commitment to achieving her writing goal)
3/4B: Kayla Johnson (Displaying commitment in focussing on her learning)
3/4M: Brock Hall (Working hard on developing an explanation text on digestion)
3/4W: Joshua Drury (Providing an excellent contribution to the progressive story)
5/6B: Christian Moussa (Showing sportsmanship towards his peers)
5/6T: Callum Webb (Applying himself well when problem solving in Numeracy)

Reminders
Saturday 10th September - WPS Family Day at LB Davern Reserve (11:00am to 3:00pm)
Monday 12th September - School Council Meeting (6:00pm start in the staffroom)

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A Message from the Principal Team

Dear Families,

**Literacy and Numeracy Week:** Hopefully you have all heard about, or seen, our fun recent Literacy and Numeracy week activities. The whole school “read to self” and “number fluency” practises in the hall last week allowed our students to showcase their stamina and focus at these key developmental strategies.

A whole school narrative was developed across the week, with all classes contributing a sentence or two to its development. The “unusual dream” continued to grow in excitement. The use of descriptive language and creative punctuation kept us all on edge as Mrs Rowe read it out at assembly last Friday. Please enjoy reading our whole school narrative that is featured on page 7 of this week’s newsletter.

Congratulations to Tayana Marstaeller who was lucky to have her name drawn to win the family movie voucher from our Numeracy Giant Grid Guessing Game.

**Footy Colours Day:** Our fun week was topped off with our Footy Colours Day on Friday. There were many colours on show and even a few clever kids in Navy Blue! Lunchtime was filled with handball and kick to kick competitions. The day was an “optional” gold coin donation event, and we are pleased to say that we will be sending $230 to the Fight Cancer Foundation. Thank you for your support.

**Indigenous Literacy Day and PJ Day:** Coming to school in your pyjamas – how warm and cosy!!! Well done to the SRC for organising this fun day today; a day which was also deliberately coordinated with Indigenous Literacy day. Students enjoyed snuggling up and listening to an indigenous dreamtime story, then completed a fun learning activity related to their book. $224.45 was raised by our SRC.

**Family Day this coming Saturday:** Hopefully you have all locked in this Saturday and are planning to head to the LB Davern reserve for our Family Fun Day. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., a jumping castle is planned, coloured hair spraying will occur and there will be heaps of footy fun. It should be a great day out. Bring your BBQ meat, or a home made picnic, and come a spend a few fun hours with our Wandong Primary School families. Many thanks to our PAFA for organising this fun day out.

**Belated Happy Father’s Day:** I hope all of our dads and grandfathers had a great Father’s Day. Thank you to my hubby, Wes, who spent part of Father’s Day welding new castors onto our two black football and basketball baskets. Lucky I spoilt him rotten 😊

**Indigenous plans:** Thank you to Kylie Portelli who has sourced us some wooden stumps to use as seats. Today we received a large indigenous indoor/outdoor floor mat and plan to place the seats around the outside of this to encourage students to sit and chat together. Next term, we will call a meeting for all indigenous parents to get your ideas as to how we can best implement ideas into our school ground and curriculum.

**Indonesian Incursion:** What a great day! Our grades 3/4 students enjoyed a workshop in the morning and then joined the remainder of the school after lunch for a performance. Thank you to Bu Kimber of organising this for our students.

Have a great week.

*Rhonda Cole*
Hello Everyone

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

- Family Fun Day this Saturday. Timetable 11:00 Open, 11:30 Sack races, 11:50 Three legged races, 12:10 Tug of war, 12:00-1:00 SRC hair spray, 1:00 Handball competition, 1:30 Kicking competition, 2:00 Footy match. BYO food, drink, tables, etc.
- Cadbury chocolate drive - funds are now overdue. Please return fundraising proceeds to school as soon as possible.
- Walkathon Day - 2nd November - Sponsor sheets and information to be sent home next week.
- A Night in Monte Carlo - Book your babysitters and get out your suits as 12th November is our Monte Carlo evening. Tickets will be $45 per person. Save the date. More information to come.
- Father’s Day Stall / Raffle - Thanks to everyone for their support - we raised $2800 for the school.

Next PAFA Meeting: 4th October 2016 (9:15am onwards in the library)

Thanks
Liz Clarke - PAFA President

Indonesian Visual Arts and Performing Arts Certificate Winners!

Artist of the Week
April Beckham
(Working with clay quickly)

Indonesian Awards
Jai Matthewman
(Demonstrating enthusiasm and doing his best in Indonesian)
Riley Ross
(Demonstrating the value of “Doing Your Best” in completing his menu)

Performer of the Week
Chloe Marshall
(Demonstrating the value of “Doing Your Best” and being a role model during her class rehearsal for Special Friend’s Day)

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Congratulations on 100 nights reading:
Brianna Stanley.

Congratulations on 150 nights reading:
Mackenzie Macdonald, Cody Faralla, Hunter Jackson, Alfie Williams and Daniel Calleja.

SEL Stars of the Week Award
Congratulations to
Charli Dafos, Charlee Stuart and Sienna Jackson
These students were selected by their peers for identifying and demonstrating the weekly SEL focus in class in the area of “Dealing with Anger”.
### WOW! ... WHAT’S ON & WHAT’S DUE @WANDONG

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**Wandong Fire Brigade is proud to announce that we will be running a junior brigade (11-15 year olds) as of Monday 10th of October.**

For more information contact Lt Terry Roberts on 0413644319 or email tezz1717@hotmail.com or come to our information night on the 12th of September 7pm to 8pm at the Wandong Fire Station, Rail St Wandong.

### What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 1st September and Wednesday 7th September:

**Whole school:**
- School holidays chook roster assistance

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:**
- Indication of attendance slip at Family Fun Day for SRC members

**Individual grade levels:**

**Foundation:**
- Foundation Newsletter - 5th September 2016
- Special Friend’s Day information flyer

**One/Two:**
- Special Friend’s Day information flyer
- 1/2 Latitude Camp additional information

**Three/Four:**
- Roald Dahl 100th birthday celebration information
- 3/4 Movie Time permission information slip

**Five/Six:**
- Resilience Survey Parent Consent Form

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

### 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.

### PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

246 families at WPS.
155 Completed payments

= 63%

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

“What did you learn today?”

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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
### Wandong Primary School - Lunchtime Clubs - Term 3, 2016

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### Hidden Valley

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY**

Sunday September 18th 10 AM TO 4PM

**ON THE VILLAGE GREEN OPPOSITE THE CLUB HOUSE**

**FAMILY DAY**

Representatives from CFA, SES, Police, Ambulance, Medivac Helicopters, Avlite Systems, Mitchell Shire.

**Learn to learn, do and see:**

BRT's, Bouncy Castle, Fire Fighter challenge lessons, special guest appearances from Captain Kanga and Paddy Platypus.

Come and get answers to your questions. Enrol for safety defence classes, information on fire readiness, stay or go, defending your property, safety in and around the home.

Advice about gardens vegetation, fires, planning, all safety and resilience issues addressed in one place.

Handouts, information, brochures.

Sausage sizzles, coffee van, refreshments and lots more surprises on the day.

Thermomix raffle drawn at 3pm.

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### Wandong Netball Club Registrations for 2017

WNC is now taking registrations for all teams (9 & Under, 11 & under, 13 & Under and 15 & Under) for season 2017. If interested please contact either our President Dave Waddell via Facebook or our Secretary Robyn Mumberon on 0419 011 064 for a registration and Media Form. No payment is required until December 2016. Boys and girls both welcome. Uniform supplied free for new players in 2017.
I woke up to the strangest sound. As I looked around, I had no idea where I was. All that I could see were trees and plants. Then I heard the sound again... BANG! The sound was as loud as a tree falling onto a house. I hid under the sheets and shivered like jelly on a plate. Slowly, I peeked out over the covers and saw a scary, dark shadow outside my window... I stepped out of my bed and my footsteps made a creaking sound on the cold floor boards. I slowly crept forwards. Suddenly the shadow was moving towards me too! But just then, I realised that it wasn’t just the one shadow, there were two of them! Two dark blobs as big as elephants crept closer.

“Ahhh!” I screamed. I bolted for the door, but I tripped over the dog! I scrambled to my feet again and felt for the door handle in the darkness. I found it! I opened it and walked through. What I saw was truly amazing! There was bright coloured candy everywhere that I looked. Then suddenly, something dark and slimy caught my eye. It sneezed and slid out of the darkness revealing itself. At that moment I realised it was Melvin the 7th, the most evil fluffy, pink unicorn on Unicorn Island. By the look on his face I could tell he had an evil plan.

All of a sudden Melvin galloped for the rainbow door. On the way out he dropped his evil plan. I picked it up, it was covered in fairy floss and it said that Melvin was going to turn the world and everything but living things into fairy floss using his special powers.

All of a sudden the floor turned to fairy floss and I knew the evil plan had commenced. I ran out of the door, knowing that I had limited time to find Melvin, only to see a dancing chicken eating all of the fairy floss, distracting Melvin from his evil plot. I saw my opportunity and leapt over him, using my best ever football skills. I knew the only way to defeat this evil creature was to feed him something healthy- all of this candy had turned his brain into a giant, mushy, squishy marshmallow! I remembered the apple that was in my pocket from recess. I quickly opened his jaws and shoved it in. I was not ready for what happened next- Melvin had turned into a giant piñata!

This was the biggest and best piñata I had ever seen. I couldn’t wait to hit it! By luck, there was a broom within reach. I raised it above my head and gave it the biggest whack I could muster. But instead of drowning in a pool of chocolate and jelly babies, I was confused to find that the lollies I expected were actually chicken pellets made especially for a dancing chicken!

Yes, I thought to myself, that is exactly the type of luck that I always get.

I could hear a faint ringing sound in the distance which was slowly getting louder. It’s my alarm, I thought. I sprang up in my bed...

Wow! That was the strangest dream!

Written by Wandong Primary School
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus for this week is.....

Handling Change

There is one constant in life and that is that change is inevitable. Things are always changing and when they do how do you cope with that change? Some find change welcome and have an easy time dealing with it. Others may have trouble handling change because they have grown comfortable with where they are currently. Either way, the effects of change are determined by your attitude. It could be negative, or a healthy positive attitude.

When things are bad, rest assured that they will eventually turn around and get better. And when things are good, be aware and have the wisdom to know that it may not be that way forever. When things change, how you cope with it can make a huge difference in your life. You can embrace it and take every benefit you can from it. Or, you can whine and cry about it and go nowhere. It’s your choice.

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