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: Blake Irons (A fantastic effort with his writing)
Foundation F: Sarah Seeger (Doing an amazing job sounding out tricky words)
Foundation K: Damien Stranieri (Doing a fantastic job at listening to the sounds of words)
Foundation T: Ethan Calleja (Displaying a great attitude and always having a go)
1/2A: Alyssa Duffy (Doing her best in all classes)
1/2G: Nash Kelly (Taking time and care to practise his handwriting)
1/2M: William Burns (Consistently trying his best to complete all learning tasks to the best of his ability)
1/2P: Bella Mazzone (Doing a great job of peer editing during Writing)
1/2S: Ashlynn Taylor (Working diligently in class to classify events using the language of Chance)
1/2V: Cassandra Clarke (Consistently presenting five star work)
3/4B: Ella Hall (Showing the value of “Confidence” in all areas of learning)
3/4M: Patrick Marks (Showing the value of “Responsibility” when listening to others)
5/6B: Shae Fitzpatrick (Showing persistence towards her learning and asking for help when needed)
5/6T: Eruera Tapp (Engagement and enthusiasm in his inquiry learning)
5/6Z: Hayley White (Displaying an outstanding effort and participation in Reading groups)

Reminder
Monday 14th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
(No students required at school)

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Dear Families,

School Council News: On Monday night, we held our Annual General Meeting – the first meeting of our 2016/2017 School Council followed by our regular March meeting.

School Council positions are as follows:

- **President:** Penny Edwards
- **Vice President:** Catherine Watts
- **Treasurer:** Rhonda Cole
- **Secretary:** Stephanie Pollock
- **Finance committee:** Penny Edwards, Rhonda Cole, Ros Hulett.
- **Education committee:** Penny Edwards, Rhonda Cole, Narelle Liepa, Catherine Watts, Elly Thomson, Stephanie Pollock, Kira Green, Vasko Nastevski
- **Buildings and Grounds committee:** Susan Peake, AJ Russell, Peter Drofenik, Elly Thompson, Anthony Potesta.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- 2016 Budget was approved
- 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) was ratified – this document outlines the key areas of focus for our staff and students. Every school must have a one year plan – part of a four year strategic approach. In next week’s newsletter, we will outline the focus areas of our 2016 AIP
- 2015 Annual Report was tabled, discussed and accepted. Copies of the Annual Report will be on the school website from next Wednesday. Hard copies can be collected from the office.
- An application for a shade sail grant was discussed. Rhonda Cole to apply.
- Grade six student leadership excursion - approved

**Drink Bottles:** As the weather warms up, it is a good time to remind families to ensure that all students have a bottle of water at school every day (or maybe even two). Students can access their water bottle at any time during class learning, and from this week will take their bottles with them to specialist classes. It is very important that students remain hydrated throughout the day, as it helps keep them alert and ready to learn. It also helps reduce headaches in this hot weather. Students are not allowed to leave class to get a drink during learning time, as it interrupts their class and the classes near the drink taps. Additionally, students miss out on important learning information when they leave their classroom. Your support is much appreciated.

**Student Representative Council:** Last Friday’s assembly was big as we announced our thirty two Student Representative Council members – two from each of the sixteen classrooms. This super team will work with me to fundraise across the year, with some funds retained at our school and other funds targeted to specific charities.

**Kilmore Country Music Festival Stall:** The weather was warm and the enthusiasm was high last Sunday. We had an amazing amount of delicious cakes, slices and treats to sell on our stall. Thank you to the many wonderful cooks who provided these delicacies. Our stall looked amazing! We were all most appreciative for the use of the gazebos, kindly set up and packed away by the O’Neill and Delaney families. These kept the sun away from the cakes, and from us, and provided us with a nice “cool room” for our cakes prior to them being sold. A special thanks to the following mums and dads (and students) who came out on a very hot day to serve our customers – Melissa McKean and Steve Marks with Patrick who did an ice run for us, Kylie Seeger and family, Danielle Lucianni and family, Terry Jones, Dana Clarke with Mia and Aiden and Amanda Sheehy with Aurora and Max. The left over cakes and slices were sold to the students on Monday and Tuesday at recess. We had kept them cold on ice on Sunday and then straight to the staffroom fridge once the stall was packed up. Our first fundraiser raised $535 profit – a great start to our 2016 fundraising drive. Thank you all again.
A Message from the Principal Team (continued...)

Best Wishes Miss Smith! Today is Miss Smith’s last day at school for ten days. She will be taking leave as she is getting married this coming Saturday. We wish her, and her fiancé Trent, all the very best for their wedding day and hope they enjoy a lifetime of happiness. Mrs Maureen Buggy will be teaching 1/2M over the coming week. Miss Smith will return to school on Monday 21st March as Mrs McIlvain. Good luck!!

Classroom Helper’s Session: A third Classroom Helper’s session will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:45 pm in the staffroom. Please book in through the office if you would like to attend.

Have a great week,
Rhonda Cole

Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Sports Award & Indonesian Award Certificate Winners!

Indonesian Award
Riley Hayek
(Consistently being a fantastic learner)

Visual Arts Award
Riley Lyons
(Following instructions beautifully to create a still life drawing)

Performer of the Week
Blayke Bradley
(Keeping the audience entertained with a funny performance)

Sports Award
Jarvis Sleep
(Best on Ground)

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

Congratulations to our lucky family on being the winner of the firewood raffle last Friday. Also thank you to all the families that bought a ticket in the raffle with the proceeds going towards the re-instatement of the little fort.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Please note that our Out of Uniform Day has been changed to Monday 21st March. Don’t forget to bring a donation for our WPAFA Easter Raffle such as Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies, baskets, gift bags, etc.

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back today Wednesday 9th March. Last minute orders can be done today by credit card online, no paperwork required. Every order earns free books & resources for our school.

Wandong Primary School Ladies Night

We are looking for expressions of interest from mums, aunties and female family members who would like to hold a stall at our first Wandong Primary School Ladies night on 4th June 2016. If you are interested in hosting a stall please call Sharon Delaney on 0409 131 663.

We also require a volunteer that has an RSA certificate to be responsible for the service of alcohol at the ladies night. If you are able to assist please call Leanne Wingard on 0419 569 030.

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What’s gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 3rd March and Wednesday 9th March:

Whole school: Nil

Selected Families:
- Notice for upcoming community engagement activities for ATSI students

Selected Students:
- WPS Attendance Focus - Late Arrivals information
- 2015 Wakakirri Participation & Publicity Consent
- Cluster Wide Student Leadership Program permission and payment form
- ILP request for meeting form

Individual grade levels:

Foundation:
- 2016 School Nursing Program form

One/Two:
- 1/2M students - Miss Smith’s Wedding and Leave

Three/Four:
- Round 2 WPS Team Shirt order form
- Grade 3/4 “Healthy Breakfast” permission slip

Five/Six:
- 2016 Grade 5/6 Summer Sports Tournament permission & payment form
- Round 2 WPS Team Shirt order form

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

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OOPS .... We made a mistake!

Recently Individual Learning Plan requests for meetings were forwarded to families with an incorrect date. Teachers will be available for ILP meetings on Tuesday 15th March and Wednesday 16th March not Monday 14th March as originally advised.

Please amend the request accordingly and return to the office as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED

245 families at WPS.
100 Completed payments
= 41 %

Have you recently asked your child/ren...... “What did you learn today?”
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT FORUM UPDATE:

Late last year we held a parent forum discussion focussing on three main areas:

1. **What the school has done well as we continue to grow**
2. **Concerns or questions as we continue to grow**
3. **Suggestions as we continue to grow**

Throughout the year I will update you on what we have achieved since receiving your feedback, or what we have done that you may not have been aware was happening. Today is the first instalment.

**Section 1. What the school has done well as we continue to grow:**

**RELATIONSHIPS:**
- Open door
- Presence of senior staff in playground before school
- Maintaining intimate relationships with families/students
- Engagement with community
- Supportive of parent involvement

**CURRICULUM:**
- Structure of day – good routines and use of targeted teaching times
- Targeted learning programs
- Diversity of curriculum/programs
- Leadership – students
- Student Welfare

**Section 2. Concerns or Questions as we continue to grow**

**Question:** Do we have any staff that are trained in special needs?

**Response:** As part of regular teacher training courses, student teachers complete studies on disabilities. In addition, some can choose to major in the area of Disabilities. Currently we have one teacher who also has a qualification in Disabilities. In term three last year, all staff (teachers and integration aides) investigated a range of disabilities as part of our professional learning for the term. They researched an area of disability, investigating the associated behaviours/triggers/ways to assist students. This information was then shared by each group. It is important as a staff that we do continue to expand our knowledge and understandings of students with disabilities.

**Question:** Why is there inconsistency of the use of zippy bags (communication pouches) between rooms?

**Response:** It is often difficult to manage this situation when all families do not purchase the communication pouch. This pouch is a vital link between home and school – we often find students that lose notices are those that don’t have a pouch. As a staff we have discussed this matter. Staff have been instructed to contact families of students who do not have a zippy pouch and please ask them to purchase one. They have also been reminded that their needs to be a morning and end of day process for the packing and unpacking of these pouches. If your child doesn’t have a zippy pouch, expect a phone call soon.

**Section 3. Suggestions as we continue to grow**

**Suggestion:** Provide training for teachers and emergency teachers on special needs

**Action:** Every week staff participate in two hours of professional learning. This does include course based on a range of areas including special needs. In 2015 some staff visited the Austin school. In addition, the Austin school presented to all of our staff. Staff also learnt more about ASD, ADD, ODD, mental health, dyslexia and autism.

**Suggestion:** Present more lunchtime options

**Response:** Lunchtime clubs are run regularly twice per week with Toni, our Student Welfare worker. The library is also opened twice a week over the lunch break. Staff also run clubs on an occasional basis. We often ask for parent assistance to run clubs to allow staff to have a lunch break. Look out in the newsletter for our requests. We have included a list of lunchtime clubs for term one on the following page for your information.
WEB PAGE DESIGN

The LB Davern Reserve Committee are looking for a talented individual to set up a web page for the reserve. If you are able to assist please contact Mr Rob Telfer on 0408 393 250.

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Wandong Primary School - Lunchtime Clubs – Term 1, 2016

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Wandong Primary Art Photography Competition!

Entries are asked to enter a standard 4 x 6 photograph or Instax photo. The photo must be taken by the primary aged student. The subject may be varied. (Portraits or Landscapes will be accepted). Students are asked to clearly label the back of their photograph with their name and grade. All entries must be received before 15th April. Please take your entries to Miss Giacomini.

Entries will be on display in the Art Room!

Prizes awarded for the following categories:
- People
- Black/white
- Nature (plants and animals)
- Transport.

Please see Miss Giacomini if you have any queries.
That’s right race fans! It’s back - the Family 1 GP event is returning to Wandong in 2016!

The Family 1 GP event will take place on Friday 18th March at Wandong Raceway (L.B Davern RSV.)

Racers will be required to construct their own box car racers for the show ‘n’ shine and 1GP race events.

All box cars must meet the strict 1GP regulations. Each box car racer must have at least one student and one adult on board. Drivers and passengers must be surrounded by the safety of their race car. Racers are then required to hop into their racers (and carry them) and run the demanding track. All racers must be sporting big smiles and fuelled with fun.

Race Fans new to the 1GP are welcomed - bring your picnic rug and dinner and get set for a fun fuelled night! We have enjoyed a large contingent of racers and vehicles in the past, ranging from;

- 1 cars, to rally cars & vs supercars, and even to large trucks and buses carrying whole families. Some of these amazing cars are shown on the back of this page.
- So get down to the supermarket, hardware store, white goods stores, etc...
- Grab those large cardboard boxes and bust out the duct tape!

Official Event Program

Car’s marshalled and parked - 5:30
Show ‘n’ Shine - 6:00

Categories - biggest car, best paint, teacher’s choice, best girls, best boys, best themed (CFA, AMBO, truck, police etc...), best Ford, best Holden? (Hahaa - is there such a thing? Never seen one), best formula 1

Main event - Family 1 GP races - 7:00

Gymstick Classes at Wandong Public Hall

Every Tuesday $12 per class

- 7am - Gymstick for Older Adults / beginners Gymstick Class including Pelvic Floor Strengthening, light level fitness.
- 7pm - Gymstick Muscle Class for intermediate to advanced level of fitness.

Only 15 gymsticks available per class, so book in quick by email or phone as you don’t miss out on this awesome opportunity to experience a new way of gaining a stronger core, posture, balance, stability and flexibility. Gymstick has resistance bands on both ends with different colors depending on different strengths required.

Please check with your General Practitioner to see if it is suitable for you to begin a gymstick class if you have any health issues or not exercised in a long time. A PARQ (Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire) form will be available for you to fill out on the day.

- Mob: 0412565591 * Email: starvewellnessandmassage@gmail.com

Wandong Public Hall is located in Wandong Ave, Wandong
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

When people cooperate, they work together toward a common goal or something they want to achieve. For example, they might cooperate to get a school project done, or to do something they enjoy in their free time together.

When you cooperate, you save time by putting your heads together.

You can also have more fun, because you are interacting with someone and getting to know that person. In the end, when people cooperate, they usually both feel good about working together.

**Family Conversation Starters:**

~What does the word cooperate mean to you?
~How does your family cooperate?
~What is fun about working in groups?
~What can be frustrating when working in groups?
~What is something you have to do to cooperate at school?
~Can you think of any examples of cooperation in nature?

**Final Thought...**

Collaboration & cooperation will beat competition every time.