



4th March 2015

## *'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.*

### **Congratulations to our 'Students of the Week'**



**Foundation B: Thomas Francis** (Having an improved attitude towards his learning tasks)

**Foundation H: Hunter Jackson** (Showing good listening skills during Literacy sessions)

**Foundation K: Cassandra Clarke** (Showing the school values of "Friendship" and "Care")

**Foundation P: Jaide Browne** (Working hard at learning her alphabet)

**1/2C: Alyssa Duffy** (Writing with enthusiasm)

**1/2H: Georgia Paxinos** (Consistently being a caring and helpful friend)

**1/2P: Chase Northrop** (Being focused and in charge of his own learning)

**1/2V: Nikayla Harrison** (Being a wonderful friend and an enthusiastic member of her class)

**3/4A: Thomas Downey** (Consistently trying his hardest in all learning tasks)

**3/4B: Jack James** (Persisting with all his learning tasks especially writing with a broken thumb)

**3/4J: Josh Cartwright** (Trying his best in all learning areas)

**5/6J: Seth Roddy** (Taking an active role in his learning and settling well into new classroom routines)

**5/6M: Tyler Carr** (Making relevant connections in non-number tasks)

**5/6S: Patrick Allsop** (Creating a touching dedication for his writer's gift)

**Performing Arts Award: Lachlan Bentley** (Persisting with new dances and having a great attitude to every lesson)

### **Reminder**

**Classroom Helper Information Sessions**

**6th March - 9:15 to 10:00am & 10th March - 9:15 to 10:00am**

**Assembly on Thursday at 3:00pm (due to Working Bee on Friday)**

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

**School Council Nominations:** Congratulations to the following parents on their recent successful application to School Council - Catherine Watts and Adam Russell.

Also we welcome back Peter Drofenik who has nominated as a community member.

At this stage we still have one parent vacancy. If you would like to fill this position, please contact me as soon as possible. Our first meeting for 2015 is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Student Representative Council:** On Friday, we continued with announcements for our student leadership team, announcing the Student Representative Council. These representatives will meet with me regularly to organise some fun fundraising events across the year. The SRC team are given a yellow badge, so that their peers can recognise them and make suggestions to them for future fundraising activities.



Congratulations to the following students on their selection:

Grade	Name one:	Name two:
H-F	Brodie Hall	Tahloulah Tarrant
K-F	Imogen Dawson	Nash Kelly
B-F	Campbell White	Bridget Elliot
P-F	Mackenzie Mc Donald	Daniel Calleja
1/2H	Sam Nemeth	Lacey Fogliari
1/2P	Jack Brundell	Piper Hobson
1/2C	Tanika Francis	Lachlan Thomson
1/2V	Alyssa Riddell	Gus Bonwick
3/4A	Charli McClure	Christian Moussa
3/4B	Lachlan Barnes	Lindsay Chalker
3/4J	Findlay Edwards	Kaitlyn O'Neill
5/6M	Kaylah Bradley	Quinn Hughes
5/6J	Toby Duncan	Samantha Granieri
5/6S	Eloise Harrison	Nathan Duffy

Their first fund raiser will be a **Zooper Dooper Day**. This will be held **next Wednesday** (March 11<sup>th</sup>). Zooper Doopers will be sold from the hall at the start of lunchtime for 50 cents each.

Our final component of our student leadership team will be the Peer Mediators. Over the next few weeks, I will train up the grade five students to act as mediators in the yard. Once trained, they will then be placed on a roster, assisting other students in the yard one day per week for eight weeks. This, along with their visits to Dianella Aged Hostel throughout the year, will assist them to build skills in the areas of communication and problem solving.

**Kilmore Country Music Festival:** We had an amazing response from families for our first PAFA fundraiser. A massive thanks to the following people:

- families who cooked delicious cakes and treats for us. We certainly had lots to sell
- Delaney family who came to the football ground early to set up the two marquees and then returned at the end of the day to pack them up ... and donated food!
- the wonderful parent helpers who assisted on the stall
- our amazing student helpers, most of whom helped to deliver trays of goodies to the audience as they watched the artists perform
- Greg Joslyn for setting up a generator for us... then returning to take it home at the end of the day, keeping our zooper doopers frozen.
- Ros – who ensured everything we needed was collected and boxed ready to go, wrapped the raffle prizes and then assisted me with set up and pack up on the day. Not many office staff would do this!!!

On the day we raised \$590. The food not sold was refrigerated and or sealed tight for freshness and was sold yesterday to students as an additional morning snack. This raised an additional \$130.

This is a great start to our fundraising for the year and the assistance of our school community was much appreciated.

Thank you ☺

## A Message from the Principal continued .....



**State School Spectacular:** Yesterday I drove the mini bus, taking 20 students to Diamond Creek for their first practice for the State School Spectacular. They were all very excited and started to learn the seven dances that will be performed on the night. Many thanks to Mrs Castle and Miss Adams, the teachers organising our participation and Mrs Harris and Mrs Wharrie for also transporting students yesterday. How exciting!!



**ANZAC Day Grant:** Our official opening of our ANZAC Centenary Memorial Flagpole will occur on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – the day before ANZAC Day. We will hold the official ceremony in conjunction with our ANZAC Day ceremony. Over the past few weeks, I have been seeking permission from the Federal Government to use the official ANZAC Centenary logo on our invitations and the plaque which will be made and mounted on a large rock. This logo is trademarked and there are very tight rules about how this can be used. I have also written to Rob Mitchell MP to ask for a new Australian flag. Rob, the Mayor and representatives from our surrounding RSL clubs will be invited to our opening, as will our school community, their families and friends. This is a very important ceremony, so lock it into your calendars.

**Wandong War Memorial:** I am also on the committee that is establishing a war memorial on the Kilmore-Wandong Road, near the skate park. Our township was one of the few in the Mitchell Shire that did not have such a structure, so over the past year or so, a committee has been formed to ensure we will be getting one. The committee was successful in obtaining a grant for their memorial, as was our school, and this Wandong War Memorial will be officially opened on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Our whole school will be attending the event, with our school captains and vice captains having a pivotal role. Our senior leadership team will then accompany the Governor of Victoria to the Wandong Hall up the road in Rail Street, to assist in serving morning tea to the dignitaries. As this is the first week back of term two, permission notices will go home in the next week or so, so that we are all ready to go. Another date for the diary. ☺

**Whole School Raffle:** Next Tuesday you will be receiving a raffle ticket for a \$500 Woolworths WISH Gift Card. This card is redeemable at all Woolworths Group stores including Woolworths, Masters, Caltex, BWS, Thomas Dux and Big W. To enter into the raffle, please return your raffle ticket with the \$5 entry fee. There is only **one ticket per family** so the odds of winning are the same for everyone who enters. Staff will also be participating in the raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March (last day of term one) at 2.00pm. What a great prize heading into the Easter break. Good luck!

What a big week!!

**Rhonda Cole**

## WPS Parents & Friends Association

**Hello Everyone**

Following are a few of the items discussed at our 2015 Parents and Friends Association meeting yesterday :-

- \* \$720 made from the Country Music Festival
- \* Fundraising chocolates booked for June
- \* Bogan Bingo will be at the end of May
- \* Woolworths gift card raffle to go out on the 16th March, \$5 per ticket, one ticket per family (same concept to be used for Mothers Day raffle and Fathers Day raffle)
- \* 322 students across 14 classes
- \* Indonesian and Performing Arts classes are going well
- \* Working Bee is scheduled for Friday 13th March
- \* Wish list provided—\$10,000 target for this year

**Next PAFA Meeting:** 14th April 2015 (9:15am onwards in the staffroom)

Thanks

Cheryl Mann—PAFA President

# WOW! ...WHAT'S ON @WANDONG



<u>2015</u>	
Friday 6th March	Classroom Helpers Information Session - 9:15-10:00am
Monday 9th March	<b>Labour Day public holiday</b> <b>No students required at school</b>
Tuesday 10th March	Classroom Helpers Information Session - 9:15-10:00am
Wednesday 11th March	Regional Swimming Championships
Thursday 12th March	Assembly at 3:00pm - due to Working Bee on Friday
Friday 13th March	Working Bee (3:00 pm start) - No assembly Grade 6 Young Leaders Conference
Monday 16th March	School Council - Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 18th March	2016 School Tour - 9:30am to 10:30am
Thursday 19th March	Out of Uniform Day - Bring a donation for the Easter raffle
Friday 20th March	Foundation Excursion Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports Day



## What's gone home this past week?

The following notices were sent home between  
Thursday 26th Feb and Wednesday 4th Mar:

### Whole school:

- Classroom Helpers information session notification and classroom help reply slip
- Tennis Lunchtime Club Permission note

**Selected Families:** Nil

**Selected Students:** Nil

**Individual grade levels:** Nil

### Foundation:

- Foundation excursion payment & permission slip
- Amended Foundation excursion slip

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:** Nil

### Five/Six:

- 2015 Grade 5/6 Summer Sports Carnival

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

## Sports Award Certificate Winner !



Best on Field

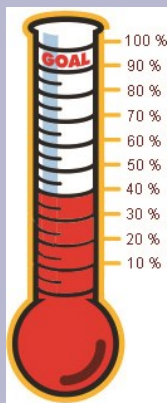
**Noah Tolevski**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

**BOOK CLUB MONEY & ORDERS  
ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY  
THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2015  
FOR ISSUE No. 2**



## PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED



227 families at WPS.

107 Completed payments

= 47%

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

**“What did you learn today?”**



## Arkell Wins!



Congratulations to Arkell (Red House) for winning last week's house points competition.

Arkell Captain Kira Roberts & Vice Captain Brayden Draper were pictured holding the winner's trophy.

## Faith Education Evening Sacrament of Confirmation

26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015



Dear Parents,

A Faith Education Evening focusing on the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** commencing at 7.00 pm in St. Patrick's School Stadium. This faith formation evening is for those parents wishing their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Children need to be in Year 6 or above and need to have celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Parent(s) and children are **expected** to attend the evening. The structure of the gathering will include a prayer and blessing followed by children moving to a Learning Centre with a leader. During this time the parents will learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation. An outline of the ceremony, booking on line, and questions you may have will be discussed during the evening.

If your child was not baptised in St. Patrick's Parish a copy of your child's baptism certificate will need to be sighted on this evening.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by the Arch Bishop, Denis Hart on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's School Stadium.

**Catechist Classes** will be conducted in the Parish Centre lead by Peter Nix. Classes will be held on a Monday starting at 4.15pm – 5.30pm. There will be 7 sessions – 20<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June. Children will need to bring their pencil case and a drink.

Also a whole day Confirmation Reflection/Prayer Day for the Confirmation candidates will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May in St. Patrick's Stadium, starting at 8.45-3.15

The cost of \$45.00 for all the requirements of the Sacrament will need to be paid on the evening or by the first Monday lesson.

We look forward to seeing you all for this wonderful celebration! If you have any questions please forward them to me at St. Patrick's School ph: 57821579 or [tracey@spkilmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tracey@spkilmore.catholic.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Tracey Brincat  
(Religious Education Leader)

## Posture Police award



Congratulations to Joseph O'Brien, Noah Tolevski, Alyssa Dwyer, Cody Cartwright and Seth Roddy.

These students were selected by their peers for displaying the correct posture in class.

Other nominated students were: Charli Dafos, Maddison Louis, Bridie Mundy, Iris Scott, Madison Kirby, Diesel Vella, Jesse Wilkes O'Brien, Blair Fitzpatrick, Chelsea Dumbrell, Katherine Adam, Dakota Patrick, Thomas Bond, Kira Roberts and Daley Gibbons.

Congratulations on your nomination.

## CLASSROOM HELPERS INFORMATION SESSION

Information sessions for classroom helpers will be held on the following days:-

- Friday 6th March**                      **9:15 - 10:00 a.m.**
- Tuesday 10th March**                **9:15 - 10:00 a.m.**

Name of Attendee .....

These must be attended before helpers can assist in the classroom. Please indicate which session you will be attending and return this slip to the office.

## WELL DONE WPS SWIMMERS !



Congratulations to our Wandong Swimmers – Imogen, Dakota, Lachlan, Kate, Lara, Kira, and Emma who competed against the Whittlesea Division's best on Monday. Our swimmers represented our school and the Mitchell South District proudly. Sadly, our team was a member down as Team and School Captain Alesha was unable to compete due to illness – get well soon Alesha. Next week is the Regional Championships! Good luck to Kate who qualified for event and will represent our school, Mitchell South District and Whittlesea division in the Backstroke!

*Cal Fearn*

## Wandong Outside School Hours Care

Welcome back to school and welcome to all the new families we are seeing in Before and After School Care. As our program expands we are looking for various materials needed in our program. If you have any of the following to donate can you please leave them in the labelled box in the foyer of the hall. We are currently looking for newspapers, paints, brushes, coloured paper, egg cartons and plastic ice cream containers, old pencils or crayons, wool and craft containers.

**OSHC is a nut and seafood free service**

Regards

Karyn Homewood

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## WORKING BEE Reply Slip

Friday 13th March

3:00pm - 7:00pm

Family Name: .....

We will be attending the working bee on Friday 13th March.

Number of adults: .....

Number of children: .....

I can bring along the following equipment .....

(Please return to the office or reply to [wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) for catering purposes.) Thank you!

Please help.

Even half an hour will make a difference.

### FOUNDATION EXCURSION FORM ERROR !

Unfortunately the recent excursion notice that went home to our Foundation students was sent out in draft form with a number of errors. The form will be re-issued and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE



Broadford Secondary College places your daughter or son at the centre of everything we do. Our School is dedicated to providing a broad, supportive and challenging environment for every student, no matter what their needs.

Starting secondary school is a very important time for a young person and their family. Making a good transition and feeling comfortable and supported at secondary school is very important. We work very hard to make the transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

We offer personal tours of the school during a normal school day or after hours. Tours are conducted by our Transition Coordinator, Cathy Coppinger.

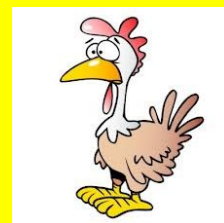
Bookings can be made through the General Office  
ph; 5784 1200

Email; [broadford.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:broadford.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### CAN YOU HELP THE CHICKENS ?

The school has been made aware of one rooster and three hens that are in desperate need of a home as they are now close to being neglected.

If you are able to offer them a new home, please contact Laura on 0479 049 885



### Wandong Primary School Lunch Time Clubs – Term 1, 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What?	Construction Club	Wakakirri Club	Craft Club	Car Wash Club	Tennis Club
Where?	Near 5/6 Classrooms	Hall	Room 6	Near Hall	Tennis Courts
Who?	Mrs Smith	Mrs Castle	Miss Green	Mr Fearn	Miss Adams & Parent Helper

As there were limited numbers for the tennis lunchtime club, unless your child has been notified that they are going to tennis they are on a waiting list.



Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

## WHO IS A BULLY?

You can't necessarily look at a person and know if he/she is a **bully** or not. And he/she's certainly not going to wear a name tag that says, "Hi. I am A. Bully." That's why it's so important to understand what **bullying** is and to recognise when it is happening, then you can choose to do something about it.

How do you know who is going to **bully**? You don't.

People who **bully** today are every size, shape, race, popularity and gender. In fact, an increasing number of people who **bully** are actually people who were **bullied** themselves!

**Bullied** turned **bully**.

### I've been called a bully...What can I do?

Talk to someone and stop!

Think about your behavior—think about how you were acting. What was your face and body showing? Think about why you acted this way.

Think about the other person—your behaviour has made someone else feel bad.

Being responsible for your behaviour—it is important and admit to what you have done.

### If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly to get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check-in** regularly with your child.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**



**Final thought..**

***Pulling someone down, will never help you reach the top!***