Congratulations to our “Students of the Week.”

**Prep B:** Kyle Bittles - (Being a caring class member)
**Prep G:** Hayleigh White - (Being a responsible and helpful class member)
**1/2 B:** Callum Webb - (Great achievements in reading)
**1/2 C:** Tyler Carr - (Having an excellent attitude in class)
**1/2 H:** Hannah Flannery - (Always trying to do her best)
**1/2 M:** Eloise Harrison - (Always being a reliable helper)
**3/4 S:** Jarek O’Neill - (A Fantastic week of learning)
**5/6 E:** Chrissy-Ann Beattie - (An outstanding effort on our bike ride to Wallan)
**5/6 K:** Mitchell Hopkins-Talty - (Displaying the school values of ‘Care’ and ‘Responsibility’ during the bike ride to Wallan)
**5/6 P:** Ethan McDonald - (Displaying the value ‘Respect’ to his peers and teachers)
**5/6 Y:** Trent Cook - (Displaying persistence with his writer’s gift)

All Booklists must be returned to the office by 16th December, 2011
A Message from the Assistant Principal....

Bike Ed – Tour de Wallan

Awesome! Only word to describe the day, and what a day it was. A HUGE thank you goes to Mr Fearn for all his hard work organising the day and for the bike education program as a whole. Also, thank you to Annie and Rita who drove the lead car, Ms Pratt and Ms Cachia in the support vehicle and Mrs Cole and Mrs Crawford who rode with the students. One last thank you goes to Jodie Jenkin for her expertise in traffic control. It was wonderful to see our students be safe and responsible on the roads.

School Council

We held our final School Council meeting for the year last Tuesday night at Hogan’s in Wallan. Here is a brief run down from Tuesday’s meeting:

- Discussions on the Intercultural Field Trial
- 2012 Annual Implementation Plan will be presented to School Council at the next meeting and will then be be This is our yearly action plan for teaching, learning and student welfare.
- Bendigo Bank donated $2000 to the school.
- Discussions about the Fete and how the money may be spent
- New blinds have been installed in the hall

Thank you to everyone on School Council for your contributions and commitment throughout the year. I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Black Diamondz steal the stage at the Kilmore Show!

Our school rock band – Black Diamondz (or as they are called now, the Most Awesome School Rock Band Ever!!!!!) have been very busy over the last few weeks. They played at the Kilmore Show last Saturday and performed in front of a packed audience and rocked the John Kelly Pavilion to its core. For the final song, the band teamed up with the Kilmore Primary School rock band to play ‘Shine’ by Shannon Noll. It was a fantastic experience and one I hope they will remember for years to come. Thank you to Miss Pratt and to Brendan Thompson from Kilmore Primary for helping to organise the bands.

Wandong Community Carols

On Sunday 11th December, the band played at the Wandong Community Carols night at L.B. Davern Reserve. Again, it was a great performance and the students did Wandong Primary School proud. They are becoming quite experienced now at performing to different audiences. If you were unable to see them perform at either event, they will have an encore performance at the Wandong Primary School Christmas Picnic on Monday 19th December. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Victorian Early Years Learning and Developmental Framework (VEYLDF)

It might be late in the year, but teachers are still dedicated to improving their practice and increasing outcomes for their students. Today, all the Prep, grade one and two teachers went to Alexandra Primary School to see how they run their VEYLDF program. Teachers at Wandong have been part of an action research team, investigating the program throughout the year. The visit to Alexandra Primary School provides an excellent opportunity to network with other teachers and to see different aspects of how they run their program. The Victorian Early Years Learning and Developmental Framework will be part of the Prep-2 program at Wandong next year.

Movie Night for Shaelea Humphreys

A reminder that tonight we will be having a movie night to raise money for Shaelea Humphreys. It was wonderful to see so many students support her family today by coming to school in casual clothes and giving a gold coin donation. The movie nights starts at 6.30pm in the school hall. BYO beanbag or sleeping bag. See you there.
Transitions
As part of our transition program, there are two transition days this week (and one next week) where students will get to experience life in their 2012 classroom. Students will transition with their 2012 grade grouping but will not know their teacher until next week.

Grade Six Graduation
Good luck to everyone involved with the Grade Six Graduation. Preparations have been going for many weeks, and everyone is excited, but saddened to see our wonderful Grade Sixes finish their primary school at Wandong Primary School. We hope you have a spectacular night.

Visit from Mr Rob Mitchell MP
On Monday, Mr Rob Mitchell MP, member for McEwen, came to school to present certificates all the grade five and six students who attended Parliament on camp. He then stayed to answer questions from the students. It was quite an in-depth Q&A where Rob gave some interesting insights into how and why he became involved in politics and what is involved in being a member of Parliament. We were all intrigued with his stories. Thank you for visiting.

As the end of the year is drawing nearer, this will be my final newsletter. I’d like to use the opportunity to thank everyone; teachers, students, parents and the wider community for a fantastic year at Wandong Primary School. I have thoroughly enjoyed writing to you in the newsletter each fortnight, highlighting all the wonderful learning and events our students have been involved in. It has been a MASSIVE year of which everyone should be proud of. I would like to wish everyone in the community an awesome Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday break. I can’t wait to see everyone again at the beginning of next year.

Until next year...........................................

Anthony Potesta
Christmas Raffle  
Please return your raffle tickets and money by Friday 16th December. Raffle will be drawn on Monday 19th at the Christmas Concert.

Got to be in it to win it!

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPER READER’S CLUB:

Conratulation 100 nights reading:
Jack Coogan, Kristen Stone, Shani McLeish

Conratulation 150 nights reading:
Hayden Coad

Conratulation 200 nights reading:
Molly Hamilton, Joelle Coter, Sarah Mendola, Morgan Smith, Olivia Brincat, Tyler Carr, Nicolas Adam, Macklin Spicer, Hannah Flannery, Coby Hustler, Chelsea Stamos, Madison Wilson

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM AT WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear families,

We are currently in the process of reviewing our chaplaincy program to decide as to whether or not we should apply for funding to continue the program next year.

If you or your child has been directly involved in our chaplaincy program, could you please provide us with any feedback. It would be appreciated if this could be returned to the office by Monday 19th December. Thank you.

Name: (Optional).................................................................

Feedback:
Student attendance in semester two:

“EYES ON THE TARGET”
Staying below 1200 absent days this semester.
(approx 5 days per child)

Number of students per grade level at school every day last week

Preps: 31
(Total number of preps: 39)
Grade one/twos: 52
(Total number of 1/2s: 73)
Grade three/fours: 55
(Total number of 3/4s: 79)
Grade five/sixes: 50
(Total number of 5/6s: 85)

Total absence days across the school for this year (2084)

Congratulations to this week’s winners....
Prep unit
79% attendance
Hooray and well done Preps!

Shaelea Day at Wandong Primary School
Movie night **tonight** beginning at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

“Shrek The Halls”
Bring your donation and money for your hotdog and drink.

Wallan Venturer Scouts Disco
When: Friday 16th December 2011
Where: Wallan Scout Hall, Cnr Windham St and Watson St, Wallan.
Time: Grade Prep-3 from 6 til 7.30pm
Grade 4-6 from 8 til 10pm
Cost: $3
Lucky Door Prizes, Hot food, snacks and lollies, Drinks, Icy poles, Glow Sticks. Prices from .20c-$2
From the Art room

What an exciting year it has been in art!
Firstly I would like to thank the school community for showing such enthusiasm and support and coming along to the Art show at the beginning of the term. It was a proud moment for all of us to see how creative our students are here at Wandong and I know that they were amazed at the number of people who came to show see the artwork!!

Last week saw the completion of our print-making and textiles units, which resulted in students in all grades taking home work samples.

Students in years five/six and three/four have worked hard this semester while learning about art for a living. Five/six students revealed their tie-dye t-shirts with much anticipation last week, and proudly wore them to create a huge ‘2011’ on the basketball court, to commemorate the final weeks of primary school for the year six students. All the action was photographed by a very brave Mr Fearn from on top of the one/two building.

I would like to also thank all of you who visited the art room during the school fete to purchase bookmarks and felt designs made by these students.

To further develop their understanding of the processes of print-making, students in years three and four have produced a number of Christmas designs which they have made into cards and gift tags. Students were responsible for all aspects of the card making, from designing and printing, to folding, gluing, quality control and packaging.

Each pack includes four cards and two gift tags and will be available from the office tomorrow for $2 a pack. There are very limited numbers so be quick!

Finally I am very proud to let you know that these students have discussed ways of showing they care for their community and have chosen to send approx. fifty bookmarks, together with the money raised from the cards, to the Royal Children's hospital in time for Christmas. We can all be very proud of the caring nature of our three/four printmakers!

Thanks for a great year!

Mrs Lewis.
Last week the Grades Prep, Ones and Twos participated in rotating Christmas activities. In Mrs Mac’s grade we made angels. We had to colour, then cut and fold paper angels. We put our angels on our Christmas tree.

In Mrs Beer’s grade we made 3D snowmen and a 3D Christmas tree. They fold back into 2D pictures.

In Miss Giacomini’s grade we made Santas. We had to colour in Santa and then cut and paste the pieces to make a Santa.

In Miss McLure’s grade we made angels out of patty pans and circles and glitter. We put these angels on our Christmas tree.

In Miss Chisholm’s grade we made mosaic Santas. We pasted rectangles and circles and squares onto a cut out Santa. We also used cellophane and pompoms to decorate our santa.
LEARN GUITAR WITH ASH!

Would your child like to learn how to play the guitar?
My name is Ashley Christensen. I have an Advanced Diploma in Jazz and Performance and currently play in two bands, one jazz and one original rock.
I love playing music and believe that it should be **FUN**.

In 2012, I will be offering guitar lessons at Wandong Primary School. They will run throughout the day (yet to be decided). Children will be withdrawn from class to do the lessons. Times will be negotiated with teachers and rotated so that your child is not missing the same session each week. Although the lessons are during school time, they will be run independently to the school, in the same manner that Amy's Keyboard lessons have run this year. All bookings and payments need to go through me.

Individual lessons are $20 - 20mins.
Learn in pairs will be $12 each - 20mins. (similar age and ability)

Expressions of interest and all other queries contact Ash.
ph 0408 319 035  57871041  ashchrist33@gmail.com

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**Thanks Super Principals!**

Many thanks to Alistair, Crystal, Brodie and Cameron who have helped me over the week as a “Star Wish” for achieving 150 nights of home reading. Your help was invaluable as this busy time of the year.

**SUPER GRADE THREE/FOUR READERS.**

Over the year a small group of grade three/four students have been doing some additional reading sessions to assist them to become “Super Readers”. Yesterday we held a small celebratory lunch to congratulate these students on their additional efforts, including lots of extra reading practice that they have completed and developing their ability to recognise and build on their reading strategies and techniques.

Congratulations and well done!
Wandong Netball Club will accept registrations for the following age groups for the KBNA season:

* NetSetGo! (Training only. Aged 5 - 10 years)
* 9 & Under (formerly Netta)
* 11 & Under
* 13 & Under
* 15 & Under.

Fees payable:
- **Club Fees** $65.00 (NetSetGo! Participants don’t pay this)
- **VNA Insurance** (Modified $30.00, Junior $40.00)
- **NetSetGo!** $50.00 (Includes Insurance and backpack)

Registrations will be held at the Sue Marstaeller Pavilion, Davern Reserve on Saturday 4th February from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Wandong Netball Club Uniforms (shirts and jackets) will also be available to purchase on the day.

- Shirts $35.00
- Jackets: $25.00
- Headbands: $5.00

2012 Registration Day

2012 here we come!

The under 12’s and under 10’s Wandong Warrior’s Footballer are seen here with the Under 14”s Premiership flag and trophy. Wandong Primary School was lucky to be able to display the Premiership flag for a short time.

The boys seen here will be hoping for a victory in 2012.

Go Warriors!
Bike Ed was conducted this term as part of the Grade 5 / 6 Physical Education Program. Each week students brought in their bikes, gaining a knowledge and understanding of the road and traffic environment and the road laws. They developed physical and cognitive skills to manage the road traffic environment safely as a cyclist and developed responsible behaviours, attitudes and decision-making skills for the safe use of bicycles both on and off the road through participation in enjoyable learning experiences relevant to their ages and abilities.

Ultimately, the students became competent to ride safely and independently on the road. Which was demonstrated in our road tour to Wallan and back.

The program was a great success and enjoyed by all who participated! Roll on Bike Ed 2012!
Wandong Primary School

Christmas Concert

Monday 19th December
6:30pm - 8:00pm

All grades will be performing Christmas Carols.
Amy Perry’s Piano Students will also perform.
Special appearance from Black Diamondz

Sausages, Hamburgers and Drinks available
(From 5pm - 6pm until sold out)

Parents Club will be drawing Christmas Raffle Prizes throughout the night
Bring a picnic tea and rug and enjoy a great family night on the oval.