

# Wandong Primary School



The year is certainly coming to a quick close and we are getting excited about the plans for our school in 2018. At this stage we are expecting 452 students, with us increasing by two grades.

A brand new double portable will be placed on the block. Moving into next year, we have finalised the plans for our new Library and Staff resource centre, with detailed drawings now being completed so that the project can go out to tender sometime early in the new year. We will be welcoming some new staff to our school, and saying farewell to others. It's always a busy time.

To prepare our students for their transition, we have held three friendship days. These have allowed our students to be grouped with their 2018 grade levels. In the second last week of school, all students will "meet" their 2018 classmates and their teacher – how exciting! This reduces any anxieties over the holiday period.

Our grade 5/6 students have just returned from a fun filled camp at Anglesea. Surfing and skateboarding were on the cards and, after a rainy Monday morning, the weather picked up and they all returned with a bit of colour in their cheeks. Thank you to Mr Fearn for organising all of our camps, and to Mr Warren and our 5/6 staff for attending and ensuring the students had a great time. We certainly wish all of our grade six students a bright and happy future as they head off to five different secondary schools. We know you will be great ambassadors of Wandong Primary School.

A few fun events are due to occur – our Christmas concert (Thursday 14th December), our Pizza at the Park with the Principal for those students who have completed 200 nights of home reading (Friday 15th December), and our Grade Six Graduation. (Monday 18th December) and our whole school swimming carnival (Wednesday 20th December). These are a great way to spend some fun times with our students as we all celebrate another wonderful school year.

As we head into the holiday season, I would just like to thank our school community and the wider Wandong and Heathcote Junction communities for their support of our school. I also ask everyone to please keep an eye out for our property over the holiday break. If you see anyone lurking, please call 000. We do not need people on site with sinister plans.

Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.  
Rhonda Cole (Principal)