

# Wandong Primary School



Last week was an exciting week in schools, as it was Education Week! We had lots of different things happening at Wandong Primary School to celebrate the week, starting off with our MAPPEN Open Afternoon. This gave parents and friends an opportunity to come into our classrooms and look at all of the amazing work our students have achieved in MAPPEN so far. It was great to see how excited the students were to talk about the topic they have been learning about this semester, as well as showing off their classroom displays and learning pieces they have completed.

On Thursday we had our 'Teacher Swap Day'. I handed over the Principal role to one of our first-year teachers, Miss Batchelder, as I headed into a 3/4 classroom for the day. Seeing the leadership team go back into the classroom and classroom teachers step into leadership roles was extremely fun and the students seemed to enjoy it too. I had so much fun teaching the jump strategy in Maths and solving words in Reading. We even prepared to write some facts for our non-fiction informative texts.

Throughout Thursday and Friday, our specialist teachers opened their sessions to family members. Learning more about digital technology, creating artistic pieces in the art room, learning about Indonesian culture and participating in unit sport training were all on offer. Thank you to the family members who joined our specialist team.

Friday was our 'Hero Day'. As our school recently gained accreditation as a Kids Matter school, we wanted to celebrate in style, so why not dress as our hero! We invited the local police and CFA to our assembly and used assembly as an opportunity to thank Max and Ann Perry (from Wandong Bus and Coach) and the Kilmore Men's shed for their support of our school. We plan to install two buddy benches (made by the Kilmore Men's Shed) in the revamped area near the chook yard (our newest Buddy bench area). This fits in perfectly with our Kids Matter accreditation – supporting students to be ready to learn and contribute positively in our school and wider community.



Of course, every week is Education Week at Wandong Primary School! ....  
But we certainly enjoyed this —special opportunity to have some fun together.

Have a great month,

Rhonda Cole (Principal)