

# *Wandong Primary School*



**This term is certainly flying by, with us already in week five of the term. We started the term with a fun filled and amazing community event – our biannual school fete. The weather was perfect, and all grades organised a fete stall which they manned and managed. Students, staff and families enjoyed a range of activities, including sliding on two giant slides, throwing wet sponges at the principal and assistant principal, receiving calming hand massages and munching on a yummy barbecue tea. Stalls ranged from creative nail polish applications, showbags, cakes and treats, drinks, face painting and ice creams and we are delighted to announce that we raised over \$7000 on the day. This money will be added to the PAFA profits from 2016 to assist us to edge closer to installing a shade sail over the Foundation to grade two playground.**

**Our Foundation transition program is well underway, with families and students visiting classrooms and getting prepared for their big step next year. Next year, we are expecting around 90 Foundation students, with a total enrolment of around 455 students. A new double portable will be added to the new block to assist us in managing this growth as we begin our masterplan journey.**

**This week our masterplan project team will be visiting four other schools to gain a few ideas for the exterior and interior design of the two buildings that will be built up on the new block towards the second half of 018. A new staff centre and stand-alone library will ensure we can cater for our growing numbers of staff and students, and the planned visits will allow us to look at architectural designs as we finalise our plans.**

**Our camping program is in full swing with our grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  students recently enjoying a camp to Mount Martha, our Foundation students visiting Bounce after a camp breakfast at school and our grade  $\frac{1}{2}$  students off to Kyneton. Grades 5/6 student will enjoy a surfing camp later this month.**

**With less than six weeks of school left for the year, staff are busy finalising assessment data so as to be able to report accurate student growth to parents in the end of year reports.**

**Congratulations to two Wandong Primary School students who recently performed to an amazing level at the divisional and state athletics championships. Jayden McCrum was just pipped, missing the state event by a whisker. Kira Wright achieved three second medals at the state event. A great effort by both Jayden and Kira - well done!**

**Enjoy the sunshine – until next time, Rhonda Cole (Principal)**