

Wandong Primary School



We have had a great start to term four here at Wandong PS after a lovely holiday break! The term is flying by and I can't believe the end of the year is in sight! A reminder that we are in the process of finalising our enrolments and grade structures for 2020, so if you are looking to potentially enrol at our school- please come into the school at your earliest opportunity.

In such a big start to the term, some recent highlights have included:

Foundation 2020: A few weeks ago, we held our annual welcome BBQ for our new 2020 Foundation students and their families. The current Foundation teachers, along with the leadership team attended as we got to know our new families, while participating in some fun in the sun! Our fabulous school captains were also in attendance and volunteered their time to run some games outside on the day.

Following our transition BBQ, we have been hosting our formal 2020 Foundation transition sessions. Our new Foundation students have been taking part in some basic learning activities and are beginning to develop their school routines. While students are enjoying their time in class with our current Foundation teachers, we run sessions for parents in our hall, focusing on helpful hints for a smooth transition to school.

Walk to School Month: In October, we joined 746 other schools participating in the Walk to School initiative, encouraging students to develop healthy habits around regular exercise. Along with promoting walking, riding or scooting to school, students were also involved in the trundle wheel challenge on the yard, where they tried to accumulate as many kms as possible for our school, by pushing the trundle wheel around the grounds. We would like to thank Mrs Andrew for organising this event, in conjunction with the Mitchell Shire Council.

Grade ½ Camp: A huge thank you to the wonderful grade 1/2 team of teachers, support staff and parents who made the grade 1/2 camp to Campaspe Downs, which from all accounts was a rocking success. It was lovely to see our older grades and families coming to farewell our littlest campers. So special! I was pleased to hear such lovely reports from staff members, parents and students about the wonderful experiences they had at camp. Our students challenged themselves to experience new things and they did themselves proud with their excellent efforts. A huge shout out to Mr Fearn for coordinating this adventure.

Bushwahzee: Our school community had a great time last week as we headed down to LB Davern for 'Bushwahzee'- a whole school bush dancing celebration! Much fun was had by all those who attended and we thank our school community for their support of the event. On behalf of our school community, thanks to Mrs Beer for all of your great work.

World Teachers' Day: World Teachers' Day is celebrated around Australia and in over 100 countries world-wide to acknowledge and appreciate teachers and the important role they play in shaping the next generation. Every day teachers are making a positive difference – creating opportunities for their students, empowering the minds of young people and proudly teaching our communities future leaders, innovators and influencers. Last Friday we celebrated all of the hard work, passion and love that our WPS teachers contribute to our wonderful school. We held a special morning tea and whole school assembly for our teachers to say a big thanks! I look forward to giving you another update next month.

***Regards, David Warren
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