

Wandong Primary School



We have had a great start to term three here at Wandong PS after a lovely holiday break!

Some recent highlights include:

Student Voice @ Wandong PS: Over the past month, our students have had the opportunity to participate in various surveys. These surveys collect data from students in relation to the teaching and learning programs offered at WPS, their level of engagement, matters relating to wellbeing and their relationship with their teachers. Last week teachers were given the opportunity to analyse their class's data and to set their own personal goals to improve their practise and classroom culture.

Education State Leadership Conference: I attended this conference with Ms Pollock and it was a fabulous opportunity to engage with principals from around the state, while participating in a number of quality professional development sessions. The two day event included world class speakers with a focus on innovative practise, evidence based teaching approaches and inspiring instructional leadership. Key points included:

- Managing change resistance- developing a culture that embraces change and encourages collaboration**
- Empowering a genuine sense of purpose and developing dynamic and effective teams**
- Changing mindsets in Mathematics and using 'rich' tasks to foster a deeper understanding of Mathematical concepts**
- Understanding our school context/needs and knowing our impact**
- Developing rigorous classrooms**

Mid-Year Reports & Student Led Conferences: As always our teachers put in a massive amount of work for many weeks, weekends and very late into the night, to complete all of the information necessary for the writing of student reports. It was wonderful to read a large portion of these reports throughout the proof-reading stages of the process and to gain an appreciation for the dedication level of our staff and to see how well teachers have developed relationships with and gotten to know their students throughout the first half of the year.

Student led conferences were also a highlight at the end of last term, providing students with an opportunity to review and discuss their learning and for teachers to engage positively with parents about their child's achievements. Students enjoyed sharing their 'Two Stars and a Wish' and talking about learning samples which they were particularly proud of.

100 Days of School: Congratulations to all of our Foundation students on completing 100 days of school! There were lots of creative costumes to celebrate the day and it was great getting into classrooms to celebrate with our students.

Wakakirri: I had the great privilege of attending our Wakakirri performance a few weeks ago at the Clocktower Theatre in Moonee Ponds- and I was truly amazed by our performance! Our students performed with great confidence and excitement and all of their hard work over the recent months certainly paid off. Well done to all of our students involved-we are all so very proud of you. A huge thanks to Mrs Robyn Beer and Mrs Shara Hall for their hard work and dedication in preparing our students so very well - it is much appreciated. I look forward to giving you another update next month.

Regards, David Warren