## Wandong Primary School



Can you believe that we are already past the halfway mark in Term 1? Here at Wandong Primary we have managed to fit such a lot in to what seems like a short amount of time. Here are some of our highlights from February... □Our Foundation students have made a great start and are beginning to settle in to being at school five days a week. □Our new school values "Kindness, Pride and Curiosity" have been embraced by our whole school community. We really enjoy seeing our students demonstrate our values in all aspects of their learning. □ Eighteen outstanding students were elected by their classes as members of the Student Representative Council (SRC). These students have the important job of collecting feedback from their peers and sharing their ideas for school improvement, as well as developing leadership skills and contributing to school fundraising. □Students across the school are really enjoying the extra space available to them now construction of the new library is complete. During recess and lunch 'The Block' is an absolute hive of activity where students can be seen building cubbies with bamboo, making houses with tyres and rolling down grassy hills. □We had a brilliant team of students compete at Mitchell District Swimming who all displayed fantastic level of skill and sportsmanship. Five of our athletes have successfully won through to compete at Division! □ Staff at WPS enjoyed meeting the parents of their students during 'Meet the Teacher' sessions to further build relationships between school and home. □Teaching staff and our Education Support Staff had an exciting day @ Wandong PS on the curriculum day and became mini experts about 'SMART Spelling'- a program designed to help our students learn the fundamentals of spelling in a guided and systematic way. I took some time to ask a few of our students what their highlights have been this past month...

□ Ava (3/4) said "I got student of the week for counting to 100 fluently!"

□Cooper (3/4) is enjoying "trying to make stop motion animations in STEM"
□Samuel (5/6) just loved "learning about fractions by using chocolate then eating it"
□Holly and Addison (1/2) just "love writing and getting our ideas onto the paper." Holly is writing about a "unicorn, butterfly and an owl" and Addison is writing about "a cheetah that can fly and crashes into a window!"

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