Dear students, parents and friends,

With one day to go until Field Days everything for our famous food stall is planned and ready to go. This is one of our major fund raisers for the year and would not be possible without the support and hard work of our families. Thanks to those people who have been working hard behind the scenes to get our stall organised, purchase and prepare food etc, as well as those families who have put their name down to help during the event.

Feel free to add you name to the roster or turn up and help out. The weather looks like it's going to be fabulous so make sure you get down and support our school.

The mix of warm and wet weather we have been having lately has meant our gardens have gone wild and are in need of an urgent clean up. So we would love to have you along at our working bee after school next Friday 24th of October. The more kids, parents and friends we have the more we can get done. Let us know if you are coming and we'll make sure there are enough snacks for you and your family at the BBQ to finish the working bee.

Over the holidays, Emily H in 5/6 and her cheerleading team experienced an outstanding achievement at the State Cheerleading Championships at MSAC, winning the Under 12s division. The Wandin Warriors basketball club, of which many of our kids are members, have had a very successful season with three of their junior teams winning their grand finals. Well done to Lachlan A, Heath F, Ava K, Maddy K, Madi H, Taryn W, Mikaela H, Mikayla T, Elise J, Kiana M and Alannah M on your success.

The school would also like to congratulate Kayne A from 5/6 who will be heading to Sydney this weekend to compete in the International Sport Karate Association's World Championships. He will be competing in 7 events after qualifying at the State level earlier this year. Good luck Kane, we are sure you will do your best. You can be very proud of your achievements in getting this far.

See you at the Field Days,

Trevor Vass
Principal

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

COEN B.

Coen has made an excellent start to Term 4. His intrinsic motivation to be the best learner he can was demonstrated by his positive attitude towards participating in our school’s swimming program. He worked very hard each day to take his skills to a higher level. He was very well organised and showed very responsible behaviour in both the bus and change rooms. Coen’s positive attitude can also be seen in the classroom where he consistently models calm and responsible work habits and sets high standards in all that he attempts. Each week he strives to achieve a perfect score in his spelling test and takes extreme pride in the presentation of all his written work! His handwriting is amazing! Coen can often be spotted cleaning up both inside and outside our school of his own accord. He even took the time to weed a section of the vegie patch as a surprise for Farmer Rob. Well done Coen you are a true Wandin Yallock citizen who is an excellent role model for all our children to follow!

JYE B.

This boy is progressing in leaps and bounds in every way! He can do beautiful handwriting, especially when he writes letters. He loves Maths and is so quick to answer questions. He is a Jigsaw Champion – that’s Mrs Watson’s Jigsaw – who listens and participates in activities so positively. He tries hard to be in the best learning spot all the time, listening respectfully and focusing on his learning. Jye, be proud of what you are achieving. You are being noticed for all the right reasons.

Creativity, Achievement, Respect, Integrity, Nurture, Growth

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### Charlotte L. (3/4K)
Charlotte presents a quiet determination and enthusiasm in everything she does, and always with a smile on her face. She was an absolute superstar during our swimming program. Charlotte overcame her nerves to have a go at every task, and was excited to achieve many new water skills by the end of the week. Charlotte is coming along in leaps and bounds in all areas of her learning too. She works hard to achieve her best and is proving herself to be an excellent mathematician with strong problem solving skills. Charlotte is a champion at spelling too, attaining near perfect scores in the weekly spelling tests. Congratulations, Charlotte. Your hard work and determined approach to learning is really paying off for you. Keep up the fantastic work!!

### Eve S. (5/6M)
How fantastic it is to see Eve finishing her last year of primary school in such style! You would have seen Eve at the start of the concert up on the stage welcoming the audience and introducing our concert. What a courageous effort, Eve, and you did it so well! Eve was also an exceptionally enthusiastic and creative contributor to our class concert item. She had wonderful ideas for every aspect of our item from choreography to script writing to making props. This is not surprising though: Eve is always a magnificent class member and she can be very proud of the way she participates in all learning activities to the best of her ability. Congratulations Eve, you are all set to fly in secondary school next year.

### Daisy M. (5/6M)
Daisy is an outstanding student who demonstrates the Wandin Yallock values every day! She works with quiet determination to achieve the best outcomes she can in all subject areas, and she is a particularly talented writer who loves to apply new writing strategies. Daisy is always respectful of others, and is an exceptionally kind and caring friend. She is highly organised in class and with her homework, and she can be proud of the many hours she spends reading at home. However, Daisy doesn't just excel in the classroom: she is also a talented athlete and she represented our school recently when she attended Zone Athletics. Daisy you truly are an absolute delight and we will miss you greatly when you move on to Year 7 next year!

### Emily H. (5/6S)
Emily, what an all-rounder you are! You are a delightful girl, who would give the shirt off your back to a stranger. Your kind, caring and patient nature will help nurture one lucky prep student next year. Academically, you are flying through grade 5 excelling in every possible aspect. Nothing is ever too much to ask and your positive attitude to your schooling where you aim to achieve your best in everything you do is a key factor in your wonderful progress this year. You're a superstar Emily with a bright future!

### Amy S. (5/6S)
Prepare yourselves for Amy Spargo to take the world by storm as the number one voice for audio books. Amy proved in her prepared reading recently and her regular readings of class texts that she is a very gifted reader and public speaker. Fluency, clarity, expression and maintaining the perfect volume throughout are no problem for this star of the future. Keep up the hard work Amy, you are a star!

### 3D ARTS GROUP
Once again this term, we are lucky enough to have the 3D Arts group working with students across the school. The Prep/1s will be learning about team work and getting along with others whilst having fun doing circus tricks, while, in the second half of the term, the year 6s will be ‘finding their spark’ and identifying strategies to help them through the transition into secondary school. Collette will also be running lunch time activities again in the multi purpose room for any interested children who might have been inspired by the awesome warrior dance we saw at the concert. You don’t have to be a great dancer, just be keen to have a go and try something new.

**Wandin Yallock Coffee Shop – Every Thursday 3pm**

Come along Thursday afternoons from 3pm in the Multi –purpose room for a coffee, cake and a chat. Grade 5/6 children will be baking on Thursdays and will help run our coffee shop for parents, family and friends. We will have Hot drinks, Cold drinks and biscuits/cakes/slices for sale each Thursday afternoon. Thursday 9th October.
FUNDRAISING FRIENDS NEWS

FIELD DAYS

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to come to help us at Field Days. The roster is now fairly full so all we need now is some good weather and lots of hungry visitors. Hope to see lots of Wandin Yallock families there.

Wandin Custom Car Show

Wandin Yallock catering starts again at the car show next Wednesday night (Oct. 22nd). If you are able to help in any way please contact the office. If you can't help, please come along and check out some of the fantastic cars on display and grab a hot dog, dim sim or sandwich for dinner from our stall.

FARM REPORT

AWARD WINNERS

Since the last report a lot has happened on The Farm. We had our Farmers of the Month Awards on the last day of Term 3 and those very worthy winners were:

Maddie K, Mikaela H, Anthony C and Lachie H. Well done to you August and September 2014 winners!

So what does a Farm Award winner actually do to receive this recognition? Generally an award is given as affirmation of:
- the ‘right’ attitude and focus
- an ability to be readily motivated
- attentiveness; being switched-on
- being prepared to undertake ‘hard yakka’
- positivity and purpose
- the 4 ‘R’s’ - respect, responsibility, resourcefulness & resilience
- the ability to work individually, with a partner, in small groups or as a whole class group

Over the past eighteen months we have had 23 Farm Award winners. An award is not given for a ‘one off’ effort. It is deserved recognition for a much deeper commitment.

All of our past winners continue to exhibit the qualities that won them their award. Most winners have continued to shine and have impressed me even more with their efforts.

And yes, a few, just like old brass, could do with a polish from time to time, but have any recipients been unworthy? No, not even close. I am proud of all of our young farmers and there are many, many more deserving winners to come.

Keep up the great work kids!

THE ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

Just before the holidays we readied three of our four younger chooks (which we had been given by the Royal Agricultural Society) for their journey to the Showgrounds.

A very big thank you to Allannah, Kira-Lee, Talea and Thomas B. for catching, cleaning and preening and loading our chooks for their trip to Ascot Vale.

Our chooks were off to the RMS Schools’ Egg Laying Competition! Ahead of them were 10 days free board and lodgings just across from the Master Chef building. (No wonder they were nervous!)

Our chooks were to be judged on their looks and egg laying prowess. Long story short - beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so no, we did not win best-presented chooks; no second or third either.

No matter! We had bigger eggs to fry.

On the second Tuesday of The Show Allannah and I went in to see the Schools’ Egg Laying Competition judging. Seven schools were entered. We were the only Primary School. (We are winners right there!)

The other schools were three High Schools and three Colleges; the most distant was Finlay High School (southern NSW). Talk about sheep stations! Three hours later the egg judging was still in progress!

Shells were checked - size, shape, colour; albumen analysed - clarity, movement, height (I kid you not!); checks were made for no ‘meat’ in the egg; yolks - checked against a colour chart, consistency size, volume.

We stuck out the judging for forty minutes, but ‘The Taipan’ (the revamped version of the famous Mad Mouse) was beckoning. We checked back in twice more, before we left for home, just beating the wild storm!
Again, no first, second or third ribbons. But, to me we won, as nearly every student at our school played some part in our chooks’ journey.

Whether it was by letting the chooks out, locking them up, feeding, topping up water, emptying class compost, gathering eggs or getting up close and personal with the chooks - we did it our way!

THE FARM

So far this year, apart from selling our chooks’ eggs we have variously sold to parents and friends, and had for sale at the Wandin Community Market, a host of produce that the WYPS kids have planted, tended and harvested.

This has been a huge commitment and I am so very proud of the efforts of our kids. We have grown and sold: beetroot, bok choy, broccoli, carrots, gourds, lettuces, parsley, potatoes, rainbow chard, silver beet and sweet corn.

The children have cooked with herbs from our garden; made ‘real’ lemonade; eaten apples, gooseberries, a couple of strawberries and raspberries. Calendulas, daisies, daffodils, jonquils, lavender and nasturtium have flowered.

The fruit trees are in blossom right now. The Farm is a magical place.

Along the way we have made owls, robots (still a work in progress), a giant pencil statue and fence (to be completed), wooden ‘pictures’ and various animals and birds from tin and various timber, sticks, cones and nuts.

Reclaimed furniture has been painted or stained and we still found time to tend the gardens and vegetables and soon we will be back to watering!

WHAT NEXT?

- FREEBIES!

What we really require are some freebies. We are trying to move away from commercially sourced seedlings, due to cost. So if you have any flower or vegetable seedlings, cuttings or plants spare please keep us in mind.

We would love to get some tomatoes in ASAP.

Other items (and we may be pushing it here...) but if there are any unwanted sturdy outdoor umbrellas or shade sails - in PG (pretty good) condition, please let me know. Outdoor garden furniture, ornaments etc. can be refurbished by us too.

(No plastic please!) Mulch, straw, hay etc. all cost money and once again we could certainly use these products, as they can hit the budget pretty hard.

Please contact me if you have anything which may assist us to grow our Farm.

Many thanks.

Farmer Rob

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