

Appin Park News

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

18th February, 2021

Save the Date

February

- 19 Stationery payment due
- 22 School Council Meeting

March

- 1 APPA AGM
- 2 Parent /Teacher Interviews
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- 8 Labour Day
- 10 Foundation attend
Wednesdays
- 29 Gr5/6 Melbourne Camp

April

- 1 Campers return
- 1 Last day of Term 1

Hello Everyone,

What a week it has been!

It was great to see the lock down end yesterday allowing everyone back at school today. I continue to be extremely proud and grateful to our whole school community - students, parents and carers and staff, with the way in which you supported the sudden changes. We are hopeful that it won't happen again, but know that if it does, we are in a good position to provide our students with continued learning and wellbeing support.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our pool party evening, however plans are underway for an alternative activity and we should have more details for you next week.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These will now be held in Week 6, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd March. Bookings will be open on Compass from this afternoon. We encourage all parents and carers to make the most of this opportunity to have a conversation with your child's classroom teacher.

Masks

A reminder that all visitors must wear a mask when inside the buildings.

APPA

Appin Park Parents association will have their first meeting on Monday, 1st March at 6:00pm in the library. See information further in the newsletter about the role of APPA. We would love your support.

School Council

The next meeting for School Council is Monday, 22nd February. At this meeting we hope to endorse the Annual Implementation Plan for 2021 and set up some maintenance projects for improvement around our school. We are looking for new members to fill the spots vacated by some of our team who have finished their term. If you are interested in joining this group of parents please come and see me at the office for more information.

Fiona Carson - Principal

Appin Park Parents' Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 1st March 2021, 6.00pm in the School Library All welcome

Nomination forms for office bearers are available at the office.

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

A reminder that stationery is to be paid for by 19th February. Many families have credit from 2020. Please speak to Nicole if you are unsure of payment or if you would like to set up a payment plan.

Families who hold a current Health Care Card, please fill out a CSEF form at the office if you have not already done so. If you have filled out a form in previous years at Appin Park, there is no need for a new one.

Please call Nicole if you do not know your Compass login details or need your password reset.

ICY POLES ARE BACK!
50 cents each every Friday lunchtime.

What's happening in the 5/6 Unit



On 8th February we had a visit from the Melbourne Storm to have a chat about the NRL Inspire Program. Ari gave us a great presentation based around resilience, gratitude and support. The aim of program is to encourage students to develop a positive attitude and recognise when they may need to ask for support. One of the key messages from the program was 'sometimes you win, sometimes you learn'. The 5/6 unit will continue to focus on developing a positive mindset and knowing where we can go for support.

Happenings in the 3/4 Unit

Some of the grade 3 students had their first turn at using our Sphero collection last week. They were able to connect their iPads to them, change the colour of the Sphero and then control them to race around the room. Upcoming lessons will require students to develop and input code to make their Sphero carry out certain actions.



From the Juniors



Keeping our Students Safe around School



Rural City of Wangaratta

Wangaratta Highway Patrol had a mobile radar near the Ryley Street school crossing one day last week and issued infringements to **11 speeding motorists in 40 minutes**.

This shows an incredible lack of respect and disregard to the safety of our school crossing users and supervisors that man them. The enforcement action taken in relation to parking and speeding around schools has nothing to do with revenue raising but is all about the safety of the people within that 'safe' zone.

These people probably aren't parents/guardians of students however it is good to highlight that enforcement is occurring and people will be caught if they are doing the wrong thing.

Council has also had complaints from school crossing supervisors, as well as members of the public, regarding illegal parking and people sitting in the 5 minute parking bays, No Stopping areas, etc.

Council officers will be undertaking parking enforcement, both morning and afternoon, on foot and in vehicles, in an effort to reduce this behaviour and make the areas around our school safer for all our students, crossing and road users.

Warnings will be given from 9 February 2021 until 19 February 2021 after which infringements will be issued.

JUNIOR RACQUETBALL / SQUASH SQUAD PROGRAM

@ the Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre

This exciting program is designed for kids up to 16 and runs from 4th February. It will run each Thursday from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Please ensure you arrive 10mins before this time for COVID Safe Check In. Racquets, eyewear, and balls are all supplied (non-marking footwear please). All players need to bring their own water bottles.

There is a one-off yearly membership fee of \$15 (due now) which covers club membership for the 2021 calendar year and includes insurance cover.

The first program for the year will run for 9 weeks (final date 1ST April) and the cost will be \$45 (\$5 per week) and is payable by the second week of the program (Feb 11th). Following programs will differ with the number of weeks depending on school terms.



SPACES ARE LIMITED SO GET IN EARLY!

To register your interest or for further information on this program please contact Club President - Barry Patterson on 0409 801 951.

WANGARATTA
SQUASH & RACQUETBALL Club Inc.

At Council we recently launched our community survey 'Shape Your Community'. This survey was created to help inform the development of the Community Vision and our 2021 – 2025 Council Plan and Budget. We also think it is important for the children in our community to have their say and share what is important to them. Therefore, we have created a kid's version of our community survey, for grade 3-6 students for them to complete before Friday 5th March.

Here is a link to our survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kidscommunitysurvey>



Rural City of Wangaratta

Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing who require a family for life as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

Prospective permanent carers must attend a three-day training course. Our next training dates will be held on March 3rd, 10th and 17th 2021.

For further information regarding Permanent Care please visit our webpage:

<https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/permanent-care>.

Please contact the program to discuss your interest via email: melanie.matthews@dhhs.vic.gov.au or phone: (03) 5832 1552.

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BASEBALL / TEEBALL 2021



The WANGARATTA RANGERS would like to invite new and existing players to attending training for the 2021 season. The Rangers will be looking for players of all ages to compete in A & B Grade plus an Under 13's baseball team and an Under 10's teeball team.

Start Training

17th February
Bring a hat and a drink bottle.

FACEBOOK -
[wangarattarangersonline](https://www.facebook.com/wangarattarangersonline)



Training will be every Wednesday
TARGOORA PARK
(Beside Cathedral College)
Juniors - 5pm-6pm
Seniors - 6pm-7.30pm

Contact
PHONE - Owen 0419514695
EMAIL - owengodenzi@gmail.com

Appin Park Parents' Association (APPA)

Who we are, what we do

The Appin Park Parents' Association (APPA) is open to parents, grandparents, guardians and carers of students at Appin Park PS who would like to help contribute to the wellbeing of the school community. As well as providing a fun and engaging place to meet others, APPA also provides the opportunity to discuss issues concerned with the welfare and general education policy of the school.

In conjunction with School Council, APPA coordinates a major component of the fundraising activities for the school with the proceeds enabling the school to purchase valuable resources and equipment that will benefit current and future students and staff across all areas and year levels. Some of our annual fundraising events include raffles, sausage sizzles, hot dog days, family pie drive, footy pie day and icy pole days.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested to join an existing group of parents. We are more than happy to chat with anyone interested in becoming involved in APPA either as a member who can attend meetings that occur 1-2 times per term, or as someone who is willing to help out on the odd occasion but cannot commit to meetings. We do understand the demands of work and family and so don't wish to discourage anyone who feels it is a requirement to attend meetings – there are many options out there to be a part of APPA and the school community, so we would love to hear from you.

If you are available and would like to come along and see what we are all about, please join us at our next meeting on **Monday 1st March at 6.00pm in the Library**. If this is not 'your cup of tea', however you would like to help out from time to time, please let us know your availability by completing the form below and registering on our **APPA Helpers' List**.

We look forward to meeting and/or hearing from you.

Kind regards

Janelle Hartwig

2020 APPA President

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APPA Helpers' List

Name:

Phone:

Email:

I am interested in being involved with APPA in the following way (please tick):

attending meetings, however would like more information first – please contact me

helping out occasionally with the following fundraising activities:

Sausage Sizzle and Hot Dog days

Raffles

Fundraising days ie lunchtime icy pole days (various)

General bits and pieces (give me a call and I can see if I can help)

I am generally available to help on the following days if given enough notice:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Thank you, from the team at APPA