

# Appin Park News

LEARNING  
FOR LIVING  
I SHOW RESPECT  
I AM RESPONSIBLE  
I CARE

25th March, 2021

## Save the Date

### March

29 Gr 5/6 Melbourne Camp

### April

- 1 Campers return
- 1 Last day of Term 1
- 19 Term 2 commences

Hello Everyone,

This brings us the end of week 9, term 1. It's hard to believe that this time last year we had begun the first of 2 remote and flexible learning periods for schools as a result of COVID-19. I don't think any of us could have imagined what would unfold over the following weeks and months. The good news is that we seem to be on a much brighter and more positive path moving into the last week of term and the school holidays. **A reminder that school will finish next Thursday at 2:15.**

### Building works update

This week has seen the continuation of the building works with plumbers onsite starting work in the main building. Work will continue throughout the school holidays and is on schedule to be completed mid-June.

### Koori Education Support Officer Visit

This morning we welcomed Judy Kirby to our school. Judy is a KESO (Koori Education Support Officer) and works throughout our network. Judy worked with some of our students to complete some bush art and craft. As you can see by the photos they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to Judy returning in term 2.

### School Council AGM

Our AGM was held on Monday night. We farewelled and thanked outgoing members Kevin Feldtmann (7 years including roles as President & Vice president) and Matt Waide (4 years). We welcomed new members Jamie White and Jeremy Campbell as parent representatives and Chris Vescio as a Department representative. Office bearers for 2021/22 are: *President- Jo Williams, Vice President – Steve James, Treasurer – Ross Moore.*

### 5/6 Camp

Next week our grade 5/6 students will attend camp in Melbourne. We wish them all an exciting and safe trip and look forward to hearing the stories through the week of their adventures. A big thank you our staff Wendy, Richie, Andy and Rachelle and parents Kirsty James and Jamie White for accompanying the students and providing them with this opportunity.

### Farewell and thanks

Finally I'd like to take the opportunity to thank and farewell Tim Hearn who will be finishing up in his role as Education Support Staff team member over the last 3 years. Tim has been a passionate supporter of our school and has worked tirelessly supporting our classroom teachers and students, has been successful in several grant applications and spent many hours working on the bore project and rejuvenation of the oval. We wish Tim well for his next venture.

*Fiona Carson - Principal*

## Appin Star

**Jimi Pell**

*For taking responsibility for his own learning. Jimi is well organised and promptly begins learning tasks. He also shows respect and caring towards everyone in our school.*

**Xavier Hutton**

*For being a kind and caring member of 12B. He shows respect to his classmates by working quietly on his learning tasks, using kind words and always remembering to use good manners.*

## Certificates of Recognition

*\*Ambria Jannenga\* \*Clare Williams\* \*Lenny Campbell\* \*Logan Fraser\* \*Jazhara Ellerton\**

### The Digital Assessment Library – Parent Information

Our school has registered to utilise a new online assessment platform, the Digital Assessment Library (DAL). The DAL has been established by the Victorian and Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) and offers high quality, online classroom assessments that are designed to provide teachers with meaningful and timely information about student learning progress. The DAL is for use in classroom settings and contains assessments that are validated and aligned to the Victorian Curriculum F-10. The assessments on the DAL will be progressively released by the VCAA and will be across a number of learning areas, including English and Mathematics. The DAL is freely available to our school and the assessments are able to be used optionally by our teachers to support their teaching and learning in the classroom. Please note that to facilitate assessments being undertaken on the DAL, our school and student data has been uploaded to the DAL. The VCAA's privacy policy can be found [online](#).



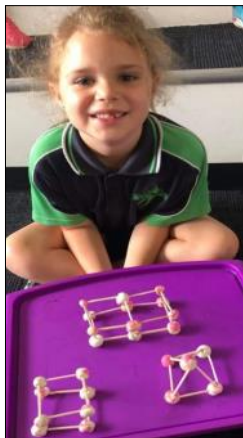
### APPA Easter Raffle

Please return tickets and money by 30th March. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of school. There will be a prize for the family that sells the most tickets!

### ICY POLES!

50 cents each every Friday lunchtime.

## From the Juniors



Grade 1/2E have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes/solids and thought it was a great idea to construct our own shapes using plasticine and matchsticks. We found that it was a little bit fiddly but we had a lot of fun.



## Happenings in the 3/4 Unit

In Grade 34 this week we are busy reading and making connections. Lucas & Mahlee from 34S were reflecting on their reading aloud session with Mr Storer on Tuesday. Cassidy was lucky enough to be doing some spelling practise on the iPad.



## What's happening in the 5/6 Unit

This week the 5/6s have been busy during reading learning how to effectively summarise short stories and picture storybooks. The students have been using the "Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then" method to ensure that they are including all the key information of the text.



*A big well done to Jazhara, Keira and Charlotte for winning the 5/6R Multiplication Easter Hunt!*



*Charlie Bell & Isaac Moore have been working hard participating in the Victorian High Ability Maths Program.*

## Bush Art & Craft

