

# Appin Park News

LEARNING  
FOR LIVING  
I SHOW RESPECT  
I AM RESPONSIBLE  
I CARE

4th November, 2021

## Save the Date

**November**  
29 Student Free Day

**December**  
7 Statewide Transition  
Day  
17 Last Day of Term 4

Hello Everyone

With restrictions finally starting to ease, this week saw the beginning of our swimming program. After not being able to take undertake lessons last year, our junior students were incredibly excited to get down to the pool yesterday for their first lesson. For many it was also their first trip on a school excursion bus which made the excitement even greater. Next week the 3-6 students will commence their 3 week swimming program. Thanks to Mrs Martin for the organisation involved in setting everything up.

Transition for 2022 Foundation students and our year 6 students is beginning over the next few weeks. Next Thursday we will welcome our Foundation students for a one hour session to start helping them become more familiar with our school. Students in year 6 will receive information from their different secondary schools about upcoming dates.

As part of the support for our year 6 students with the changes to come, Chaplain Bec began the first of 4 sessions, yesterday providing students with the opportunity to share how they are feeling and discussing strategies to assist them. If you or your children have any questions about the transition process, please don't hesitate to ask.

It's been great to see some initiative shown by some of the grade 5 students in recent weeks. This has included putting signs up in the toilets to remind students to look after them and keep them clean and in organising a recess netball match for interested players in grades 3-6.

## Reminders

The return of icy poles has been well received, however we ask that you only send your child along with money for 1, or at most, 2 icy poles. This helps to avoid students losing money and buying for others which is leading to some friendship problems.

We are starting to get quite a few students arriving before 8:30 each morning. Students arriving before 8:30 are asked to wait quietly under cover at the multipurpose room, it is not a playtime. Supervision for students does not begin until 8:30. As mentioned last week, parents are now able to come onsite for drop off and pick up. We ask that you stay no longer than 5 – 10 minutes to avoid groups congregating, as we are still mindful that covid is present in our region, particularly in schools. We also ask that parents avoid entering the buildings unless absolutely necessary and that you use the QR code at the door if you do need to come in.

We have noticed many students, particularly our younger ones, bringing along a soft toy or similar to school each day. This is ok. After 2 years of such a disrupted routine, research is showing that children are looking for something familiar, reliable and a comfort to them. If your child is bringing along a soft toy to school, they are encouraged to keep it in their bag for most of the day and to only bring one.

*Fiona Carson - Principal*



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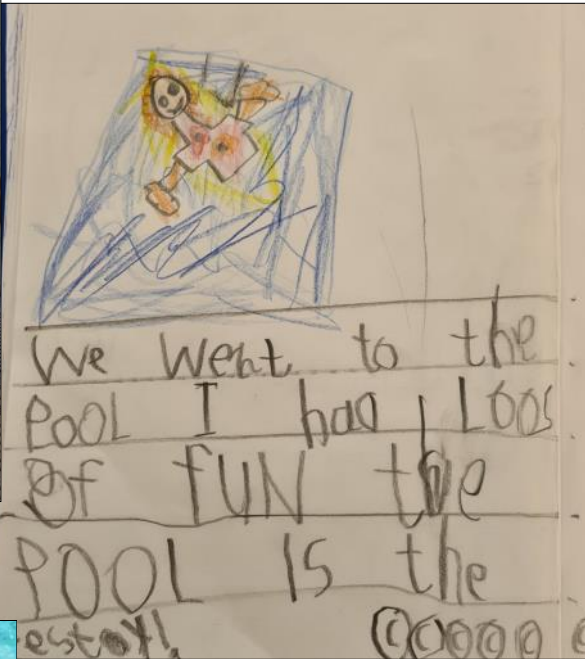
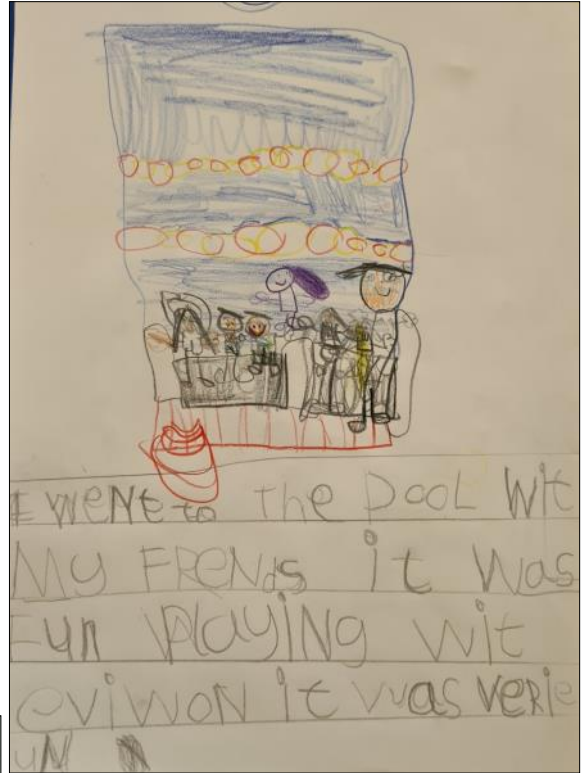
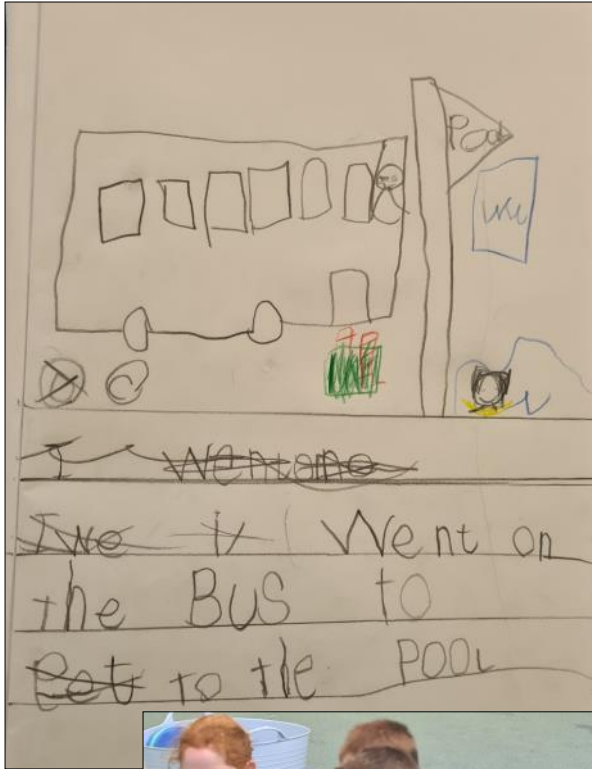
**Ruby Schultz**

*For always giving 100% and displaying the school values every day.  
Ruby is dedicated to her learning and loves to help others.*

**Judd Campbell**

*For always displaying a positive attitude towards his learning and a strong desire to improve.  
Keep up the hard work, Judd.*

# This Week at Appin Park



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

