

# Appin Park News

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FOR LIVING  
I SHOW RESPECT  
I AM RESPONSIBLE  
I CARE

9th December, 2021

## Save the Date

### December

- 10 Return book lists
- 14 Sausage Sizzle
- 15 Christmas Raffle drawn
- 15 Reports sent home
- 16 Graduation
- 17 Last Day of Term 4  
- Student Free Day

### January

- 31 First day for 2022

Hello Everyone

This will be our final newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been. We have been in and out of remote learning 6 times (I think!), had building works happening around us (and continue to do so), made several improvements to our school in terms of painting and yard upgrades and continued to work hard to support our students and families every day.

I am incredibly proud of our school and the dedicated team of staff I am able to work with. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff, admin, teaching, education support, welfare and maintenance. It takes many people to keep a school functioning on a day-to-day basis and requires staff to be flexible and work collaboratively and co-operatively to keep school a welcoming and safe environment for all our students. I wish all staff a relaxing, well earned holiday break over January.

To our parent community of helpers in APPA and School Council, the last 2 years have been extremely challenging in terms of keeping the school community connected. I thank this dedicated group of people who have continued to support all students by improving school facilities and continuing fundraising efforts even with so many restrictions in place. I look forward to strengthening this work in the new year.

Thanks to our student leaders this year for taking up the opportunity presented to lead assemblies, organise lunchtime activities and develop skills in public speaking and leading their peers. Again, it has been a tough year to demonstrate this leadership but hopefully more opportunities will present themselves in the coming years.

I'd like to wish all our year 6 students the best as they head off to their respective secondary schools. We hope that they will carry with them the Appin Park values as they embark on the next chapter in their schooling. It can be an exciting time, an opportunity to start afresh and continue to develop independence and to take up new challenges. We hope that you enjoy your graduation next week and look forward to seeing what the future holds for you all.

Next week we will be celebrating the end of the year with an at school movie, sausage sizzle and ice cream day. Thanks to everyone who got their orders in on time.

The APPA Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at our graduation on Wednesday morning and winners notified via phone later in the day. We will also publish the list of winners on Compass. Student reports will be sent home on Wednesday afternoon, please contact the office (5722 1326) if you require 2 printed copies.

**Last day of school is next Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3:15pm. School resumes on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.**

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Rachelle Gambold on successfully taking on a new teaching position at Melrose Primary School in Wodonga. We will be very sad to see Rachelle go, as she has developed a wonderfully caring and supportive environment in her classroom and an enthusiasm for teaching and learning that has been an incredible asset to our school. Good luck, Rachelle.

Finally on behalf of all staff at Appin Park Primary School, I would like to wish all students and families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone return in the new year.

*Fiona Carson - Principal*

## Appin Star

**Hayden Nelson**

*For working hard throughout 2021 and striving to improve.  
Congratulations on a great year, Hayden..*

## Certificates of Recognition

*\*Sam Savage\* \*Lylah Meloury\**

***This Week at Appin Park***

