Appin Park News



18th May, 2023

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Acknowledgement of Country We acknowledge the Aboriginal people as the Traditional Owners of this land and we pay our respects to Biders past and present.

Hello Everyone,

Excitement is mounting for tomorrow's Run4Fun. We have been overwhelmed with support for the event and thank everyone for their contributions. Students will be able to purchase warm Milo and cookies from the canteen for a gold coin on Friday at recess. Further details have been sent home throughout the week.

Don't forget sausage sizzle orders are to be returned by Tuesday in readiness for our annual cross country day lunch on Thursday. Let's hope this beautiful weather continues to shine down on us.

Breakfast Club

In special news we were fortunate to receive a \$2000 appliance grant from The Good Guys, through our involvement with Foodbank and Breakfast Club. This week we received a new fridge, microwaves, toasters, sandwich makers and a blender to support the program. We are *seeking donations* of jam and margarine. Warm toast on a cool morning is proving very popular!



Education Support Staff Day

On Tuesday we celebrated our ES staff with a thank you morning tea and shared a video put together by Mr Kerlin and some of students (see our Facebook page). Appin Park is extremely fortunate to have an enthusiastic team of ES staff who are always ready to support students across different year levels and with a variety of learning, behavioural and emotional needs. We value and appreciate their work and the care they provide our students.

Sensory/fidget/comfort toys

Staff are noticing an increasing number of students bringing toys, particularly large soft toys to school. We are asking for your support in discussing with your child if it is necessary. Large toys are filling up bag lockers and tubs, and often don't support student engagement in classrooms. It is difficult to keep track of who owns what and staff are not expected to take responsibility for items that get broken or go missing. We discourage 'special' items from coming to school.

Fidget/sensory objects have a place in classrooms to support students in refocussing or engaging in tasks. They are generally used for short periods to help students regulate their emotions and allow them to get on with the required task. All classrooms have a range of fidget/sensory items available for students to use. We are happy to discuss any wonderings you might have about this topic by contacting classroom teachers or myself.

Fiona Carson - Principal

Certificates of Recognition

Imogen Rocchiccioli *Chevy Hall* *Axel Fraser* *Jesse Walkerden* * Zara McCrae* * Toby Barnes*



School Run4Fun Colour Explosion Fundraiser Friday 19th May



Students can create their online profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. Big prizes are up for grabs! Unlock your first incentive prize simply by raising \$10 online. The more your child raises, the more prizes they will receive.

- Students should wear a white T-shirt. Casual clothes can be worn for the entire day.
- Students are also welcome to wear rainbow accessories on the day.
- \$5 donation to enter the run. Students will receive rainbow headbands & sunglasses.
- Canteen will be open at recess gold coin for a hot Milo & homemade cookies.
- Bus travellers must bring a change of clothing to change into before getting onto the Bus.

A huge thank you to everyone for your amazing efforts so far!







The senior students have been out and about on their bikes in recent weeks. As part of their bike ed training, they have been learning some basic road rules and also learning how to ride in groups, changing between double and single file. We are preparing for our bike ride next Friday to Bachelors Green.







5/6K have travelled back to the 1800s when Bushrangers roamed the land of Australia. We have been learning about famous bushrangers of the times, how they survived and what crimes they committed. We have also been on the look out for some Appin Park Bushrangers of our own!



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 25th May, we will hold our annual cross-country. The event will be held around the paths and tracks behind the school - across the suspension bridge joining Collyn-Dale and Arlington Park Estates and back towards Yarrawonga Rd. All classes have walked and run the course before the event. It would be great if you could find some time to take them around it again before the day. All students are expected to be involved.

The organisation for the day is (these times are approximate only):

11.30 am - Year 5/6 students 3 km 11.40 am - Year 3-6 students 2 km 11.50am - Year F/1/2 students 1 km

When students are not participating, they will be in their houses with teachers in the designated area. Upon completion of their race they will return to their area. It is important the participants have encouragement and support as they are running. When all events have been completed there will be a brief assembly to acknowledge the first placegetters from each year level, before heading back to class. A sausage sizzle is being organised for lunch, if your child wishes to place an order.

Everybody who completes the course will gain points for their team: 1^{st} - 10^{th} place = 10 points; 11^{th} - 20^{th} place = 9 points; 21^{st} - 30^{th} place = 8 points, etc.

The senior grade students, who do well, will be given the opportunity to attend the District Cross Country at the Barr Reserve, which will be held on Wednesday 7th June.

It is expected that all students will run/walk the required distance unless they have a note for illness or injury. Students who are asthmatic, please have your medication with you. All students should wear running shoes and it is suggested to wear a change of clothing. To add to the atmosphere, it would be fantastic for all children to wear the colour of their sports team. This is not compulsory, please don't feel you must buy a new shirt for the event. All new students have been informed of their sports team and colour.

Foundation students who have an older brother or sister currently at school will be in the same sports team. Parents, family members and friends, please come along to encourage and support all the runners. They certainly deserve it. If you would like to join in running with your child you are most welcome. Please note that if the weather is too wet we shall hold the event on another date. Hope to see you there.