

# Appin Park News

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2nd February , 2023

## Save the Date

### March

13 Labour Day

### April

3-6 Grade 5/6 Urban  
Camp

6 Last day of term

### May

1 School Photos

Hello Everyone, welcome back!

It was wonderful to welcome back so many smiling faces through our gates on Tuesday morning. We are delighted to have 25 excited foundation students enrolled and welcome 4 new families across different year levels. Staff are looking forward to the year ahead spending the later part of last week and early this week preparing and planning for the arrival of students.

In staffing news, we have welcomed Rachele Gambold (F/1G), Jess Gardner (Art) Maddy Selwood (5/6M on Fridays) and new Education Support Staff in Comfort Johns and Chloe Impink. It is wonderful having new staff on board who bring with them a range of experiences and fresh ideas.

I look forward to supporting all our students and families through 2023. If you wish to get in touch with me, please don't hesitate to call or visit the office, or send a message via email or Class Dojo. I am here to help.

Please read through the following updates and reminders carefully so that we all get off to a smooth start to the year.

### Communication and Student Absences

Please record all student absences via Compass or calling the office. Classroom teachers are in the process of setting up new Class Dojo accounts for all student and families. Please do not send absences this way as they sometimes get missed. The newsletter is published each Thursday afternoon. It is available via Compass and on our website. Paper copies are sent home with each family. Please contact the office if you need a new Compass password.

### Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to those families who have contributed via voluntary contributions. We appreciate any financial support you can provide as this all contributes to the resources we can provide for your children in the classroom, including stationery and iPads.

### Student details/permissions

Please complete both sides of the form that was sent home today and return to school as soon as possible. It is important that we have the most up to date addresses, contact details and medical information. If things alter during the year, please contact the office.

### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

This support can be applied for if you have a pensioner or healthcare card. Those who already receive the fund need not apply again unless new to the school. See Nicole at the office for more information.

### Uniform

All students are expected to wear the Appin Park PS uniform including a blue broad brimmed or bucket hat. These are available at Steers uniform shop. Students without hats are asked to sit in the specified shady area at recess and lunchtime. Please label all uniform items clearly. Uniform that is unnamed and found around the yard is collected, washed and added to our second-hand collection.

We do have several second-hand items available in a variety of sizes. If you have uniform at home that your children have outgrown, we welcome it to add to our collection to share with others.

### Lunchboxes

Please label all plastic containers, lunchboxes, and drink bottles so they can be returned if found. It's most helpful if students can open their own containers and lids. Try to limit packaging and overfilling lunchboxes. We encourage students to bring a piece of fruit for 10:00 fruit break, a snack for recess at 11:00 and then a sandwich and another small snack or fruit for lunch at 1:30. Students are asked not to share food. Drink bottles are best filled with water, not juice or cordial if possible.

### Drive through area

A reminder that when walking into the school grounds, please do not walk through the drive through area but use the front and back gates. If using the drive through to drop off and pick up your children please drive up to the yellow line so more cars can move through, particularly at the end of the day. This will help keep traffic moving smoothly through Appin Street. Please do not block access to the school crossing.

### Grounds and Maintenance update

In good news our sports court is finally complete and open for students to use during the day. Work continues for the relocatable refurbishment at the back of the main building with completion by the end of this term, therefore there is no access around the back of the art room.

*Fiona Carson - Principal*

# Welcome to 2023!

