

Appin Park News

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

2nd March, 2023

Save the Date

March

13 Labour Day
29 2024 Foundation
Open Morning

April

3-6 Grade 5/6 Urban Camp
6 Last day of term

May

1 School Photos—date
changed to 25/7

Hello Everyone,

This week we reach the halfway mark for term 1. Our first 5 weeks of the year have been very smooth and there is a positive energy in all classrooms and specialist programs. Yesterday I had lunch with our new school captains, Jimi, Charles and Alison. We had a conversation about how the start to the new year was going and what they are looking forward to over the rest of term. The 5/6 camp is certainly something that they are excited for! They have all enjoyed getting to know new classmates and being encouraged to learn with different peers. They have some great ideas that they will begin sharing over the coming weeks and will lead their first assembly on Monday morning.

At School Council on Monday night the 2023 Annual Implementation Plan was shared and endorsed. This plan gives all staff the direction for focussed work across the year. As previously mentioned, Numeracy and Student Wellbeing are the two key areas this year, with an added literacy focus looking at improved student outcomes in writing. The AGM for school council will be held on Monday 27th March. We have positions available for parent representatives. Self-nomination forms are available at the office.

Thank you to all our families who have contributed to voluntary contributions so far this year. It is most appreciated and supports us in providing materials and opportunities for your children at school. If you would like to make a payment please see Nicole at the office, or use the Compass Course Confirmation Portal.

In exciting news, we have been successful in receiving a Positive Start Camp for our grade 3/4 students. The Positive Start Camps Program began last year and provides eligible schools with a 'free camp', that is inclusive of travel, food and accommodation. The camp is being held at Valley Homestead, Monday 1st May-Wednesday, 3rd May. More information will be sent home next week.

Fiona Carson - Principal

How was your day?

Often when students are picked up or met after school we ask them the question, "How was your day?". Students will often go down the path of the one moment in the day that was a negative. At Appin Park we are working on developing a positive mindset and being grateful for the small things through our daily Resilience Project work. You may like to try beginning after school conversations with some of these sentence starters...

*What made you smile today?

*What went well today?

*What games did you play?

*What challenged you today?

*What was your favourite part of the day?

*What is one thing you learned today?



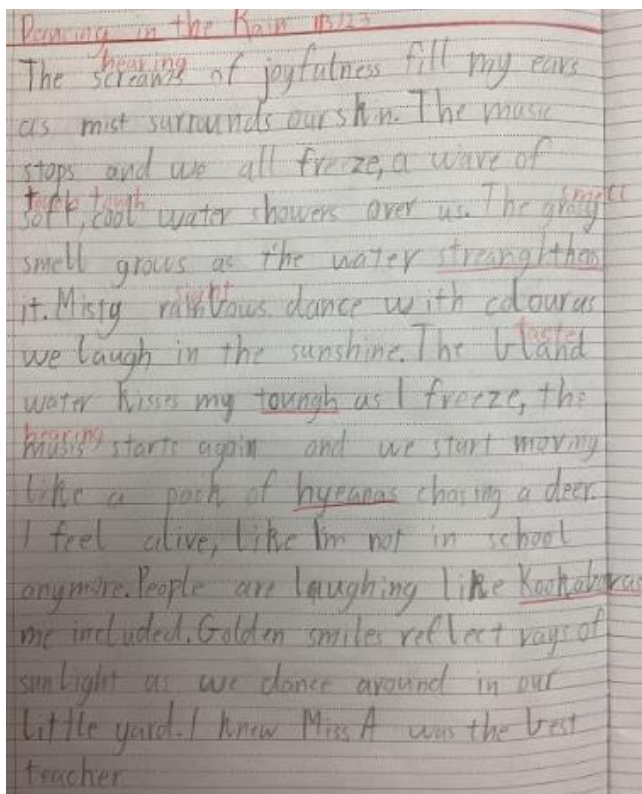
Middle School Happenings!

Writing in the 3/4 Unit

3/4A are learning to add details to their writing like the author of *Come On, Rain*. The people in the book dance in the long awaited rain. 3/4A headed outside and danced while Miss Ammer used a misting hose to create rain. Please read Josh William's descriptive writing of the experience.

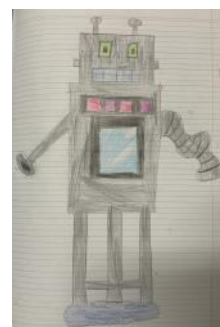
Maths

The Grade 3/4 students have been busily revising and learning about all things number and place value in mathematics. Next up, the students will be developing their skills with addition and subtraction.



Reading

The Reader's Workshop has been established in the Middle Unit! The students have worked hard to learn about their responsibilities during our Reading hour.



Geordie Bell's sustainability robot!

Quest

The Grade 3/4 Unit's Quest for Term 1 is all about sustainability and the environment. Students are learning about concepts like deforestation and sustainable practices with an eye to how they can positively impact their own immediate environment here and around APPS.



**2024 Foundation Open morning
Wednesday 29th March 9:30-10:30.
Please spread the word to families with children
beginning school next year. For tours & further
information please contact the office.**



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