

Appin Park News

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

9th 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,

Welcome to our week 6 newsletter. This week our School Captains proudly ran their first whole school assembly. They showed a great deal of confidence and presented a well organised PowerPoint to the students who listened attentively. They reminded students to wear helmets when riding to school on bikes and scooters and celebrated the beautiful work that is happening in the art room, sharing some grade 5/6 leaf drawings.

Thank you to those parents and carers of grade 3/4 students who have used Compass to provide consent for the upcoming camp. There are many information/permission forms not returned this year. These provide us with up-to-date contact and medical details as well as permission for your children to use the internet at school and have photographs taken. Please try and return these as soon as possible.

A reminder that the AGM for our school council is coming up at the end of March. We are seeking new members from our parent community to get involved. Please contact the office if you are able to provide support – it is only a few hours of your time each term.

Digital Technology

Students have been enjoying attending weekly digital technology classes with Mr Arnold this term. Students have the opportunity to use iPads to complete a series of activities such as coding and problem solving as well as learning to be safe online and the importance of knowing what is appropriate and not appropriate when using the internet or gaming. There are many resources available for parents to access at home to help in the conversation and support schools in keeping all children safe. Appin Park Primary School is supporting the Victorian Government's Bully Stoppers campaign which has just launched a new series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying and how to practice *Netiquette*. These resources, called *Bully Stoppers: Being Cool Online*, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more.



Learning about Gratitude

Over the last couple of weeks students and staff have been zeroing in on **gratitude** as part of work with The Resilience Project. There are many variations on the definition of gratitude but essentially it means to be *grateful or to demonstrate thankfulness for the people, places or things that we have*.

You might like to try practising gratitude with your children at home by using these prompts:



RESILIENCE
PROJECT

What was the best thing that happened to me today?
Who am I most grateful for today and why?
What am I looking forward to most about tomorrow?



GRATITUDE
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Fiona Carson - Principal

Certificate of Recognition

Lachie Gigliotti* *Ella Fraser* *Charlie Allen* *Ava Norris* *Jarrod Doig



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.



ICY POLES!
50 cents every Friday
lunchtime.



**Book Club Orders
due Friday
17th March**

Junior Unit Happenings



Foundation students have been settling into routines in the Junior Unit and are now attending school 5 days a week. Across the Junior Unit we have been focusing on letters & sounds, recount writing and lots of reading practice. Junior students have enjoyed our EQ sessions (Emotional Intelligence). Gratitude has been a major focus as well as identifying emotions. For our Quest we have been talking about 'Me and My Family' and discussing similarities and differences between our families.



2024 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

5:30pm (for a 6pm start) on the 22nd of March 2023

As part of our transition for 2024, we would like to invite future families to join us for our first Year 7 2024 Information Evening, which will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd of March 2023. We will be having a BBQ to welcome families from 5:30pm onwards, prior to our 6pm presentation.

For any queries, please contact our Enrolments Officer, Jodie Bell on 03 5723 0500 or at Jodie.Bell2@education.vic.gov.au

We look forward to meeting you.

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for next year's
education costs

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Saver Plus – helping take the stress out of back to school time

The Saver Plus community program has helped over 55,000 Australians take the stress out of back to school time. It's free for eligible people to join.

At Saver Plus, we pair you with a savings coach while you budget and save over the next 10 months. You attend online workshops to learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and savings skills. Once you reach your agreed savings goal, ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use that money towards education costs such as uniforms, text books, laptops or extra-curricular activities such as sport or music.

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- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal (we also accept child support and carer's payment as income)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

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