

Appin Park News

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1st February 2024

Hello Appin Park Families

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you all had enjoyable break and made the most of time spent with friends and family.

Students have started the year very well and have spent the first few days reestablishing friendships, getting to know classroom teachers and support staff and beginning to develop classroom routines and understand expectations.

We have welcomed many new students including our foundation students this week and hope they are all feeling welcomed and valued as part of the Appin Park community. The increased enrolment led to the decision to create a ninth classroom this year up from seven last year in order to make our class sizes smaller across all year levels. The library space has been split into two areas to create an extra classroom. Please see below for the staffing structure that we have in place for term 1.

Classroom and Education Support (ES)

Foundation—Chris Vescio, Dan Meyers-Bertalli E.S.

1/2R—Rachelle Gambold, Jess Gardner (Thursday), Comfort Johns E.S.

1/2G—Andy Grant, Lisa Bell E.S.

1/2L—Jaimie Leerson, Robyn Dykes (Friday), Anne-Maree Sessions

3/4A—Richie Arnold, Maddy Selwood (Tuesday, Wednesday), Eryn Lee E.S.

3/4T—Isobel Tait, Ru Chadbury

5/6J—Jaz Jellyman, Jodi Burnett (Friday), Jamie Pronk E.S.

5/6K—Craig Kerlin, Maddy Selwood (Tuesday)

5/6A—Jasmine Ammer, Hananh Nish E.S.

Specialist Staff

Library/Tutor—Robyn Elliott

STEM—Richie Arnold

Art—Jess Gardner

PE and Disability Inclusion—Wendy Martin

Italian—Lisa Gardner

Wellbeing Support—Bec Lanham

Business Manager— Nicole Godde



I am incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and dedicated team to work with. We are all looking forward to working alongside our Appin Park families to provide the best learning and growing environment possible, in order for students to be the best they can be. There will be an opportunity for Parent teacher meetings later this term—more information will be shared closer to the time.

The following page includes several important reminders and pieces of information about our school and processes that help make everyone's day run more smoothly. Please take the time to read through them. If you have any questions or wonderings don't hesitate to be in touch.

Thank you for choosing Appin Park Primary School for your children this year we hope that you enjoy what is to come.

Fiona Carson - Principal

Appin Park Primary School

Bell Times

9:00 – Session 1

11:00 – Recess

11:30 – Session 2

1:30 – Eating time

1:45 – Lunch play

1:45 – Playtime

2:15 – Session 3

3:15 - End of day



Zooper Doopers!
50 cents every Friday
lunchtime.

Voluntary Contributions Fees and CSEF (Camps Sports Excursion Fund) Forms

Payments for Voluntary contribution Fees can now be paid at the office. We welcome any contribution families are able to make as they go towards supporting us in providing programs such as one to one iPads, art materials, library books and sport equipment. CSEF forms are available for those families who hold pension or Health Care cards to support in the payment of camps and excursions through the year.

Student Absences

Please record all student absences via Compass or through the office, not via classroom Dojo. If you are requiring support with Compass please contact the office.

Drive Through/Bus stop safety

Many will have noticed that Appin Street gets very busy at drop off and Pick up time. If using the drive through please drive all the way to the end of the shelter so that more cars can fit in and we can move everyone on more quickly.

We discourage the use of the drive through area for pedestrians. Please get into the habit of using the front gate or the back gate at the carpark.

Appin Park PS School Newsletter

This year the newsletter will be presented twice per term with greater contributions from different parts of the school. The newsletter will be sent home on Thursday afternoon, of week 4 and 8 each term with the oldest student in the family. It will also be available on Compass and our website.

Assembly

This is held fortnightly on Monday at 9:00 in the multi purpose room. Parents are welcome to attend. Assembly dates for this term will be:

5th and 19th February, 4th and 18th March.

Communication

We encourage everyone to join your child's class Dojo page as a way of keeping up to date with day to day classroom happening. Parents are able to message staff or myself via the Dojo. I can also be contacted via the office on 5722 1326 or pop in for a visit. All notes requiring parent permission and/or payment will be sent home via Compass.

Sun Smart

Appin Park PS is a Sun Smart School. All students and staff are expected to wear a broad brimmed hat when out in the yard in term 1 and 4. Hats are available for purchase from the office for \$15. Sun screen is available at recess and lunchtime outside the office. We ask everyone to bring a water bottle to school each day.

Foundation Students

Satchels are available from the office for \$18 and are highly recommended as they are used for take home books, notes and library borrowing.

Grade Six Students

Our 2024 Grade 6 students were very excited to receive their Grade 6 school shirts on Tuesday and are wearing them proudly around the school yard. Tomorrow some students will be presenting their ideas to their peers as they try out for our student leadership positions of school and house captains. These will be announced next week .

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