

Appin Park News

15th October 2020

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

Save the Date

October

16 Bookclub orders close
23 Grand Final Day Holiday
26-28 Grade 5/6 Camp

November

3 Melbourne Cup Day
30 Curriculum Day

December

17 Last day of School for students
18 Student Free Day

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our week 2 newsletter. By now households will be starting to settle back into the routines of the school day. Don't hesitate to let your classroom teachers know if you are having some concerns for your children regarding the return.

The sun has shone on us this week so there has been plenty of opportunity for our grades to get outside and play with their friends, we can't underestimate the importance of re-establishing friendships. At this stage we are still unable to hold large gatherings, including school assembly. With this in mind our school captains joined me in recording a few short messages and uploaded them to Class Dojo for grades to watch on Monday morning. We hope that you were also able to take a look.

Next week students in grade 4 to 6 will be undertaking the **Student Attitudes to School Survey** as provided by the Department. This year's survey will

include questions relating to onsite and offsite learning. Tomorrow we will provide the details as to how to access the annual **Parent Opinion Survey**. The survey will be open to all Appin Park families. We encourage as many of you as possible to respond to this anonymous survey as it can provide valuable information to our staff regarding how you feel Appin Park is going and provides opportunity to plan for future directions. Next year in term 1 we will be undertaking our School Review process, held every 4 years. Both sets of survey data are used as part of the review process.

There is some conversation out in the community and in the media at present, regarding the possibility of repeating a year of schooling. This has been a disruptive year for all students and we understand that many families are concerned about their child's progress. Research indicates that repeating a year level is usually not beneficial, and can have negative wellbeing, engagement and achievement outcomes for young children and students. I continue to reassure all our Appin Park families that staff are working very closely with all students to address any learning gaps that may be presenting. The good news is that many of our students have continued their learning throughout the two periods of remote and flexible learning. I have had the opportunity to spend time in all classrooms since returning last Monday and the way your children are engaged and willing to have a go at their learning tasks has been incredibly positive. Staff have focussed on re-establishing classroom routines and expectations while at the same time allowing students time to adjust to the changes and the increased stamina they require to get through a school day.

A reminder that all students need to wear their broad brimmed hat when outside.

Next Thursday we will be having **footy colours day**. Students are invited to wear the colours of their favourite team (does not have to be AFL). Mr Kerlin's grade will be holding the traditional coin line collection, so bring any coins you have lying around to see which team has the longest line of coins or makes the largest donation. All money raised will be donated to Foodbank.

Congratulations to Miss Selwood and her husband Tom on the arrival of Jack Anthony on 12th October.

Fiona Carson - Principal



Enrolments for 2021 Foundation students now being taken

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Sports Day

Next Wednesday 21st October, the whole school will be involved in some old time sporting activities. This will be a teams day so please come dressed in your house team colours. Students will be participating in a range of activities including some of the following (+ more):

Ball Machine Catching
Ball Launcher Catching
Pass the Hoop

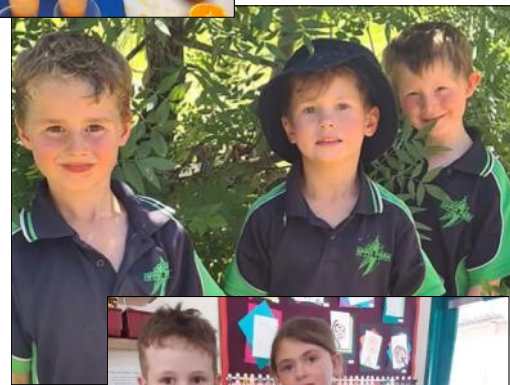
Tunnel Ball
Cross Ball
Crazy Gauntlet

Caterpillar Relays
3-legged Relays
Human Obstacle Relay

Sack Races
Egg and Spoon Races
Potato Races

The session will be held between 11.30 - 1.30. Drink bottle is essential, team colours optional (but will add to the fun atmosphere). As parents aren't allowed on school property Mr Kerlin is going to record some of the activities using the drone and will hopefully be able to upload it onto our school page on Facebook. Students will earn points for their team, trying to capture the House Shield for 2020.

This Week at Appin Park!



FOOTY COLOURS DAY Thursday 22nd October

Wear your footy colours & bring some coins
for the coin lines. Proceeds to FoodBank.



Book Club orders due tomorrow.

Please note we do not accept cash orders. All orders need to use "Loop" - Book Club's online ordering system.