

# Appin Park News

LEARNING  
FOR LIVING  
I SHOW RESPECT  
I AM RESPONSIBLE  
I CARE

19th March 2020

## Save the Date

### March

20 Casual Day  
27 Term 1 ends

### April

14 Term 2 starts  
14-22 Somers Camp  
22 F-2 Gymnastics starts  
28 School Photos

### May

15 5/6 Bike Hike  
20 3/4 Gymnastics starts  
21 Cross Country Run (tbc)

Hello Everyone,

It's difficult not to start our newsletter letter with the impact COVID-19 is having at our school level. Please be assured we are receiving regular daily updates via the Department regarding the latest news and how schools can support the community in dealing with the situation. As I write, school continues to be open, with no foreseeable closure. Staff continue to remind students that everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene.

Tips that everyone at school (and home) can follow:

- ◆ cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow
- ◆ dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards
- ◆ wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating

Happenings that have been cancelled or postponed until further notice include:

School Assembly  
APPA Easter Raffle  
Open Morning – scheduled for next Friday

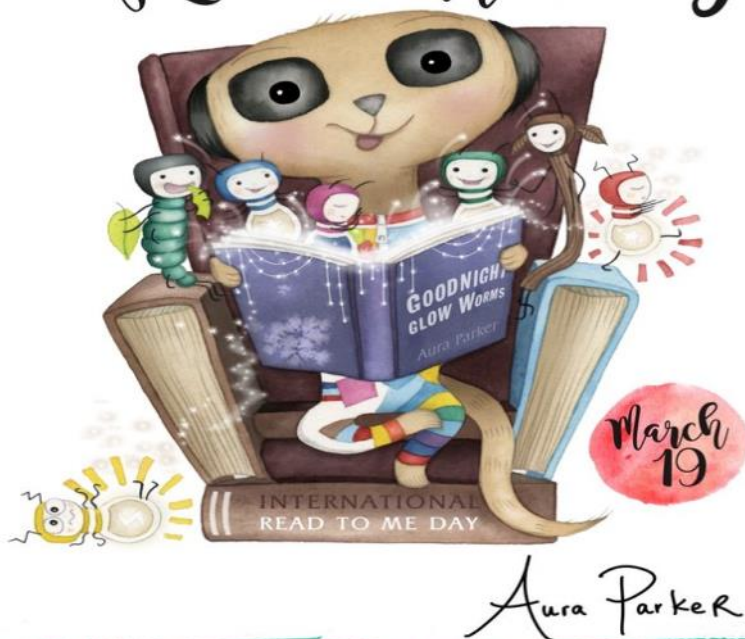
If your child is exhibiting signs of coughs or colds we do suggest they remain at home and contact the office. In the event that schools are closed or students are unable to attend due to circumstances around COVID-19 staff are working together to make preparations for school work that students could complete from home. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or comments around this issue or require any form of assistance.

Fiona Carson - Principal

## APPA HAPPENINGS

Icy poles are for sale  
this Friday lunchtime at  
the canteen. 50<sup>c</sup> each.

# International Read to Me! Day



This Friday, 20th March, in support of the National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence, please wear casual clothes with a touch of orange.

Let's help put a stop to bullying & violence by taking a stand together.



## MARCH/APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

All excursions & incursions for the March/April Holiday Program have been cancelled. We will be providing alternative activities at Just Kids. A revised program is available on the school website and has been sent out to families on Compass.



# This Week at Appin Park!





# Reduce your risk of coronavirus

- ✎ **WASH** your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.
- ✎ **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ✎ **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- ✎ **STAY** at home if you feel sick. If you take medication make sure you have enough.
- ✎ **PHONE** your doctor or the hotline – **1800 675 398** – if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- ✎ **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep.
- ✎ **WEARING** a face mask is not necessary if you are well.
- ✎ **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60% alcohol.



Find out more

[www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

If you are concerned, call the

**Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)**

**Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only**

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