

Appin Park News

26th November 2020

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

Save the Date

November

30 Student Free Day

December

4 Casual Day

17 Last day of School
for students

18 Student Free Day

Hi Everyone,

The weather is certainly hotting up as we head into December next week and the count down to the end of the school year. With that comes some good news. **As of today we welcome parents and visitors back on school grounds.** We ask that adults do not congregate in large groups, social distancing rules are adhered to and that masks be worn when inside buildings. Parents, carers and visitors are now welcome to drop off and pick up inside the school grounds and come into classrooms, the office and buildings when appropriate. The lifted restrictions will also enable us to have all our 2021 foundation students' visit together on our school wide transition day, Tuesday, 8th December. Drink taps are now able to be turned back on, just in time for the hotter weather.

A reminder that this Monday is a student free day, providing staff time to complete end of year reports. This year we will be printing paper copies of your children's reports in an effort to provide families with easily accessible information about your child's learning through the year. Reports will be sent home with students on Wednesday 16th December.

This week we have begun the process of setting up grade groupings for 2021. Staff spend many hours working through the process considering every student's social, emotional and learning needs, as well as friendships where possible. If you have any particular requests based on the educational needs of your child please contact the office via email or phone to discuss further. 2021 will see 8 classrooms, Foundation, 2 grade 1/2, 2 grade 3/4 and 3 grade 5/6. Staffing is not quite finalised but should be in the next 2 weeks.

We have many polar fleece school jumpers in the office that are all unnamed and many sizes. We are selling them for \$2 each. If your children are in the market for a new one please send them up to the office with \$2 and we shall try and find the appropriate size.

We have been noticing many students coming to school extra tired in the last couple of weeks. Please encourage a regular bedtime routine, turning off screens and keeping phones and electronic devices out of bedrooms in the hour before trying to sleep, whenever possible. Our recent student attitude to school survey indicated that 66% of grade 4-6 students had difficulty in getting to sleep more than once a week. 73% responded that they use electronic media for more than 2 hours every day. It might be an opportunity to talk with your children about the importance of sleep and the connection it has with being able to engage well at school, in the classroom and with their friends.

Over the next week, you may get a letter from your children asking three questions related to our school. We are trying to gather some more information about our school, in terms of why your family chose Appin Park PS, some highlights and areas for growth moving forward. We would appreciate you taking just a few minutes to respond.

As we start to finish up the year we ask that you begin to return library books, check under beds and on bookshelves for any that may have been misplaced.

Enjoy your weekend

Fiona Carson - Principal

Appin Star

Emily Martens

For the great effort she puts into all classroom activities and the excellent attitude she has towards her learning.

APPA Christmas Raffle!

Our annual Christmas Raffle is on again.
Lots of hampers to be won.
To be drawn at school on 16th December

Donations for the hampers can be sent with your children
& left at the school office. Thank you!



ICY POLES ARE BACK!
50 cents each from the canteen
every Friday lunchtime.

**Just Kids will be open from 8am to 6pm
on Monday 30th November and Friday
18th December if there are enough
bookings. Contact Gina on 5721 4799.**



This Week at Appin Park!



Wangaratta Messy Nativity Trail

We know that Jesus was born at Christmas time and that sheep were part of this story. One of the local Shepherds wants to go and see baby Jesus, but he can't find all his sheep.....can you be a Shepherd and help him find his lost sheep? There are 10 sheep lost in 10 different shops in Wangaratta and they need to be found before Christmas. Each shop will have a sign out the front and when you find the sheep, you write their name on a sheet of paper...there are instructions next to the sheep. Parents are encouraged to do some Christmas shopping while searching for sheep and supporting the local businesses, in Wangaratta. The Christmas Story is for everyone and you are invited to share this journey with the Children and Families in your local community and beyond. This is an activity of the Wangaratta Uniting Church.



1/2S has been completing a kindness challenge every day. Today's kindness challenge was to write a piece for the school newsletter explaining why we value our school. Here are a few of the fabulous writing pieces.

Zara rate J X 23/11/2020
 Why is school important?
 School is important because
 we learn to read, write,
 count, cook, be kind, be grateful,
 learn about the symbols
 in math challenge ourself
 to get a job and to be
 better. To learn a life lesson
 and remember the life
 lesson. To become a good
 person. To make friends.

Imogen R 23/11/20
 Why do we value school?
 Today our kindness challenge is to
 write why we value school.
 I value school because there is a lot
 of wildlife.
 There are lots of good and very well taught
 teachers. We have the best principal.
 Also there are very nice values - respect,
 responsibility and caring.
 As for the wildlife, the birds like the
 area - we have a family of plovers at the
 moment - also sometimes have a crow,
 lots of magpies and lots of ibis.
 Also lots of kind people - students
 and teachers at Appin Park primary
 School. We show initiative, resilience and are
 honest and we celebrate our differences.

Xavier 29/11/2020
 Why is school important? because I
 like school. because in school
 there is lots of trees and
 nature. we learn from the
 trees. I like school.



Ashlyn 23/11/2020
 Why do we value school? we value school because we
 make friends. because so we learn so
 we can get a job. the teachers help
 you become a good person. we learn
 to be grateful, resilient and show
 initiative in the classroom.

Emma 23/11/20
 Why do we value school?
 Because we learn a heap of stuff like
 maths writing and reading. I like
 enjoy doing those things. and we get to
 make friends. I like like like that my
 friends are Zara Ashlyn and all
 the people in my class. we need to be
 grateful that we can go to school. and
 we get to have lunch food in a canteen
 we should look after the trees in school
 so that we can breath in school.



CHOOSE
 Kindness



Lucas
 Why do we value
 THE School?
 today our school Kindness
 Challenge is write a piece for
 the school newsletter
 why we value the school
 or respect the school and
 this is my suggestion
 you need to read and write
 to get a job.

CRAZY HAIR

—AND—

CASUAL



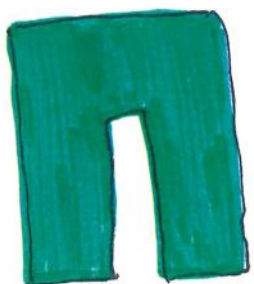
Gold coin

Gold coin

DRESS

GOLD COIN DONATION~

FRIDAY THE 4th OF...
DECEMBER!



FOR THE NEW

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PIT!

