

Appin Park News

27th August 2020

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

Learning Packs can be collected in the Multipurpose Room
on Monday between 9.15am & 10.30am

Hi Everyone,

I hope you and your family have had an opportunity to enjoy the better weather this week. It does feel like spring is in the air with all the blossoms coming out here at school and the magpies nesting in the big gum trees near the bike racks.

As we near the end of a solid three weeks of remote and flexible learning we know some students and families may be struggling to keep motivation levels high. Staff are continually aiming to provide learning tasks that will engage our students as well as continue to help them grow in their literacy and numeracy skills. With three children at home myself, I know that some days are better than others in the learning from home world. We have found continuing with routines around the school day, regular bedtime routines, taking many movement breaks (kicking a ball outside, shooting hoops or a quick walk), jigsaw puzzles and many games of Uno have helped us break up what sometimes feels like an endless cycle. This week we also watched, alongside another 700,000 people as the penguins came ashore on Phillip Island. It gave us a good laugh and we learnt a few things along the way about penguins. I can highly recommend getting online at 6pm to watch this virtual parade. Many tourist centres are now offering virtual tours including; Melbourne Zoo, the National Gallery of Victoria and the Melbourne Museum. We shall put some links on Class Dojo for you to try.

It has been great to hear of the interesting things our students have been doing at home to keep themselves engaged. From making their own podcasts, to designing and creating amazing Lego structures, to crafting out of recycled materials or learning new skills on the farm. Keep sending in your stories and pictures.

Parent Teacher Interviews

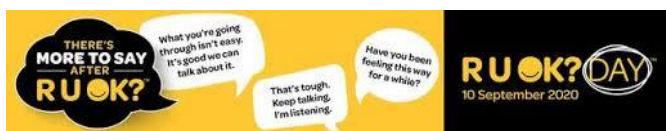
Bookings can be made on Compass and will close next Tuesday. The interviews will be held on Thursday for 1/2S and 3/4L and Friday for the remaining grades. Due to COVID restrictions interviews will be held off site via WebEx or a phone call. Class teachers will let you know which mode they will be using later next week. I encourage you to take up the opportunity to discuss your child's learning growth with their classroom teacher or any other issues or wonderings you may be having.

Curriculum Day

A reminder that this will be held on Wednesday 9th September. This is a student free day. Just Kids is available if you need care for your children.

2021 Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for foundation students next year. If you have a child due to start foundation in 2021 and have not already enrolled, please get in touch with us at the office and we can provide you with the appropriate information. Transition activities for our new foundation students will be a little different this year due to COVID restrictions, so we are currently planning how we can best support our new students.



As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss about your child during these fairly trying and unusual circumstances we are experiencing, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Fiona Carson - Principal

Chocolate money can be returned when collecting learning packs on Monday.



Enrolments for 2021 Foundation students now being taken

*Please contact the office on 5722 1326
or visit our website for more information
Watch our virtual tour!*

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This Week at Appin Park!

Purple

Purple looks like my warm and cosy bed stuffed with cushions

Purple sounds like a field of blooming lavender bushes swaying in the breeze

Purple smells like freshly washed clothes from the dryer

Purple feels like bubbles in a bubble bath

Purple tastes like chewing on grape Hubba Bubba gum

Purple is my home it is safe

Skye Macdonald -Jones

Green

Green looks like a pine forest on a mountain side

Green sounds like biting into a crispy green apple

Green smells like freshly mown grass

Green feels like velvety moss that grows on a tree

Green tastes like a glass of icy cold lime cordial

Green is refreshing



Vidushi Meththa



Chaz Nash

Mmmm yum purple cauliflower on a fancy plate 😊

