



APPIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



6 February 2020

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back! I hope everyone is rested after the holiday break and ready to get into the new school year.

Firstly I wanted to thank everyone, students, parents and staff on the support they have given me in taking on the role as Principal of Appin Park Primary School. I am proud and excited to be given this position and look forward to working with you all.

At our assembly on Monday morning we welcomed new staff and students to our school. Bronwyn Wright (3/4 and Learning Specialist), Emily O'Brien (5/6), John Higgins (Science), Janine McLaurin (Education Support) and Tian McDonald (Education Support). All come with a great many experiences and an enthusiasm to work with the students of Appin Park.

We have had a very smooth start to the year, with our new Foundation students settling in quickly with the support of Mrs Vescio and the Grade 5 student buddies. Across the classrooms students have been establishing class routines with their teachers and getting to know the new group of students they will be learning with this year. While term one is a relatively short term there is a lot happening. The Grade 3/4 unit have their school camp up at Lake Hume. The welcome back to school pool party is a great way to meet up with families of your children's' classmates. Both APPA and the School Council will be holding their AGMs. These two groups of parent volunteers provide an enormous support to our school and are a great way for you to be involved in your child's Primary School years. If you are interested in being involved please contact us.



Last year we introduced our new school values under our "Learning for Living" banner. Students received gumleaf tickets for displaying our values of respect, responsibility and caring. Each week Gumleaf tickets were drawn from the barrel and those students received an extra reward for their efforts. This year we will continue to focus on our values but have an overarching one each term. This term staff have chosen "Caring", our definition being, "To show kindness and concern to others and for others in all situations". Students will work with their teachers in the classroom to define what actions might demonstrate caring. Gumleaf tickets will be used in all classrooms and in the yard during recess and lunch. We hope families will support us by having a conversation about what caring would look like in your home.

Fiona Carson - Principal

We will shortly be sending home contact information updates and permission forms for all students. Please look out for these and return to school ASAP.

New families who hold a current Health Care Card, please fill out a CSEF form at the office (if you have not already done so).

If you would like to set up a regular payment plan please speak with Nicole.

Appin Park Parents' Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.00pm in the Staff Room

MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2020

We would love to see some new faces at the meeting, so come and join our current members and the Principal for some wine & nibbles.

Nomination forms for office bearers are available at the office.

Upcoming Events

20 Feb	Pool Party	9 Mar	Labour Day
2-4 Mar	Grade 3/4 Camp	11 Mar	Foundation Students first Wednesday

First Day at Appin Park!



Science with Mr Higgins

Science is the process of learning about the natural world through observation and experimentation. The more evidence we have about a theory, the more confident we are about it. You must be willing to change your mind based on new evidence. Science helps us to understand the effects of our actions.



Pool Party

It's on again! Thursday, 20th February Appin Park School Council have organised a pool party at the Olympic Swimming Pool, in Swan St. This is a great way to have a relaxing fun evening with your family and the school community.

Time: 5.00 – 7.30pm

Cost: \$3.30 per child, \$2.60 spectators



This entry fee will also include the use of the slide. Payment to be made at the pool entrance.

Bring along your own snacks & picnic tea or School Council will be selling sausages in bread and cans of drink. Sausages: \$2, Drinks: \$2. We hope to see you all there!

Meet the Staff at Appin Park!



*Fiona Carson
Principal*



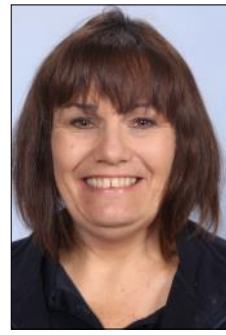
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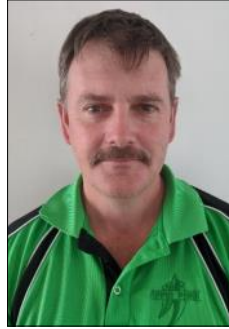
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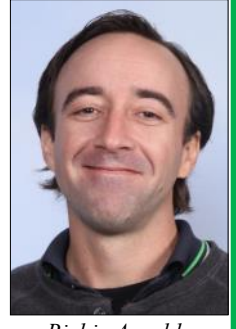
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3/4 Teacher*



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5/6 Teacher*



*Craig Kerlin
3/4 Teacher*



*Tracey Clough
Education Support*



*Andy Grant
5/6 Teacher*



*Jo Beattie
3/4 Teacher/Art*



*Paul Hughes
Education Support*



*Robyn Elliott
1/2 Teacher*



*Chris Vescio
Foundation Teacher*



*Jamie Pronk
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*Maddy Selwood
1/2 Teacher*



*Teena Wright
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*Bron Wright
3/4 Teacher*



*Shaun Ablazej
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*John Higgins
Science*



*Lisa Gardner
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