

Appin Park News

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4th September 2024

Save the Date

September

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- 10 School Athletics
- 17 Footy Colours Day
- 19 Junior Sleepover
- 20 End of Term 3

October

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Hello Families

The culmination of weeks of singing, dancing and acting practice came to fruition last Friday with the school production being held at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre. It was a fabulous presentation by all students from Foundation to Grade 6. Thank you for supporting this school event. We hope you enjoyed the show and are as proud of your children as we are. A massive thank you must go to all staff who worked behind the scenes, and to our Director, Wendy Martin, who put in many extra hours in order to make the production run so smoothly.

With only a couple of weeks until the end of term 3 we still have some special events to look forward to. On Tuesday the annual Athletic Sports will be held at the Appin Street Oval, details later in this newsletter. There will be a wear your favourite team colours day on Tuesday 17th September and the Junior School Sleepover on Thursday 19th September. The final assembly for term 3 will be held on Monday 16th September.

Photographing, Filming and Recording Students at Appin Park Primary School Consent Form

Recently we asked all families to return a newly signed consent form, thank you to those who have returned this form. If you have misplaced this form, please let us know. Appin Park Primary School permits parents/carers, students and invited guests to photograph, film or record school performances, sporting events and other school-approved activities. *Appin Park Primary School requests that parents/carers, students and invited guests who photograph, film or record school activities only do so for their own personal use and do not publish the images in any form, including on social media, without the prior consent of persons whose children also appear in the images.* Neither the school nor the Department own or control any images of students taken by parents/carers, students or their invited guests at school activities. For a copy of our policy please contact the office.

School Saving Bonus – Information for Parents and Carers

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025.

Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number are up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:
in October, to verify your email address
in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

Fiona Carson – Principal

From our School Council President

It is feeling like Spring! We are now well into term 3 and for those of you with kids that will be attending in 2025, you may want to consider joining school council ahead of next year.

School council provides a fantastic opportunity to contribute and have some say in the strategic direction of the school. It provides a sense of community, allows you to get to know the Principal and teachers and is a great way to lend a hand and support your kids and their school.

Being a school councillor does not take up much time, we meet for about 45 minutes just 8 times each year! If you aren't sure what being on the School Council involves, don't worry – none of us knew before joining! School Council is friendly and welcoming and is made up of regular people - mostly parents and staff, however we can also have Community Representatives on Council, so if you are a grandparent or other interested person, you are also welcome to join. It allows you to see school with a different perspective - not just through the kids' eyes as there is a lot going on behind the scenes!

If you have any questions or would like to put your hand up to join School Council, please give Nicole a call on 0357 221 326. You can join any time through the year. And any of our current Councillors are happy to answer any questions you may have.

At Appin Park Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the Land where we play and learn. We are grateful for the trees, native animals, ever-changing creek and green open spaces. We appreciate and respect the Big Tree that provides shade and shelter to us and the wildlife of Appin Park. We appreciate the many different types of flora and fauna that visit and grow on the land. We thank the original and current Elders and future leaders present today.





SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY



Hopefully some warm and dry weather will shine down upon us for our Athletics Sports Day next Tuesday 10th September. The whole school will be involved in our annual athletics sports day, at the Athletics Complex on Appin St. All children will need to take their own lunch and drinks, as well as appropriate clothing. No child will be allowed to go across to the shop to buy anything. Please make sure that your child has a good drink container as these will be placed in large containers and taken around with them to each of the events. There is limited shade so it may be handy to have your child/ren bring their snacks and lunch in a cool pack.

The children do not have to wear school uniform - it's great to see all the children wearing the different colours of the house teams, it really adds to the atmosphere of the day. (It is not compulsory to wear house colours.) No singlet tops please. The children must wear shoes for all activities and have a hat with them in case the sun is shining. Please make sure that all your child's belongings are well labelled.

The children will walk to the track from school, leaving at 9.05 am. (There may be some older children who will be required to be at the track prior to 9.00 am to participate in a 1500 m event, however these children have been given a special note already.) The first event of the rotational timetable is to begin at 9.45 am. There will not be a morning break as such, and the lunch break will be taken at 11.45 through till 12.45 pm. During this time there will be some relay events taking place for the older children. The afternoon session will begin at 12.45 and go through till 2.45 where a presentation of the Athletics Shield will be presented to the winning team. (Everybody who participates will gain at least 1 point for their team, per event.) Please see the timetable for scheduled events.

**Please note that all times are an estimate. Depending on helpers and the size of the group, will depend on how long individual activities will take to complete. Keep an eye on the timetable to gauge where groups are at.

At the end of the day the children will then walk back to school with their class teacher. If you are taking your child/children home from the track then please inform their class teacher. If you would like your child to walk home immediately from the track then please send a note to their teacher in the morning.

Every child will be given a participants card which will need to be secured to their shirt - pins are best. Most of the children will be given their card on Monday and must remember to bring it with them on Tuesday. (Some of the grades keep the cards at school and ask the children to bring along the pins.)

Thanks to those parents who have offered their assistance throughout the day. If any other parents are available to help please don't hesitate to ask somebody. Hopefully parents/friends will be able to come along and support all the children competing. Your encouragement helps make the day more successful for all those involved.

Wendy Martin

	9.00 to 9.20	9.45 to 10.15	10.15 to 10.45	10.45 to 11.15	11.15 to 11.45		12.30 to 1.00	1.00 to 1.30	1.30 to 2.00	2.00 to 2.30	2.30 to 2.45
12/13 Year Olds (Gr 6)	1500m (optional)	Vortex Throw	Hurdle	High Jump	Sprints 100m	LUNCH / RELAYS	Long Jump	Shot Put 2.724kg	Triple Jump	400m/ 800m	PRESENTATION
11 Year Olds (Gr 5)	1500m (optional)	Hurdle	High Jump	Sprints 100m	Long Jump		Shot Put 2kg	Triple Jump	400m/ 800m	Vortex Throw	
10 Year Olds (Gr 4)	1500m (optional)	High Jump	Sprints 100m	Long Jump	Shot Put 2kg		Triple Jump	400m / 800m	Vortex Throw	Hurdle	
9 Year Olds (Gr 3)		Sprints 80m	Long Jump	Shot Put 2kg	Triple jump		400m	Vortex Throw	Hurdle	High Jump	
8 Year Olds (Gr 2)		Long Jump	Shot Put 1kg	Triple Jump	200m		Vortex Throw	Hurdle	High Jump	Sprints 80m	
7 Year Olds (Gr 1)		Shot Put 1kg	Stand Triple Jump	200m	Vortex Throw		Hurdle	High Jump	Sprints 60m	Long Jump	
5/6 Year Olds (Foundation)		200m	Vortex Throw	Hurdle	High Jump		Sprints 60m	Long Jump	Shot Put 1kg	Stand Triple Jump	