Hi Everyone

It truly has been a very calm and happy start to 2013 around here. We are now into our usual timetable, with classroom routines established and all our specialist areas operating to provide students with a very rich curriculum program. We are so fortunate in the skills and abilities of all our teachers, and especially fortunate to have specialists who are very passionate about, and talented in their subject areas.

The Academies for this term are: Visual Art - Grade 5/6 students, LOTE - Grade 4 & 6 students, PE/Sport - Grade 3/4 students, eLearning - Grade 3-6 students, Choir - Grade 3-6 students. We have limited the specialist area Academies to one session per week. Students who were offered a place in more than one program have had to select the one that they are most passionate about. The eLearning Academy will operate slightly differently to those offered by our specialist teachers.

Junior school children will have the chance to be involved in Art Academy next term. The Grade 1/2 students had their first singing assembly with Celine Forster on Monday afternoon. They all participated very enthusiastically in the songs, actions and rhythm activities. We hope to have a performance of one of the songs they are learning at a school assembly soon. Students interested in being part of the choir met with Celine on Monday also.

CAMPS 2013 - As advertised, our Grade 5/6 staff and students will be heading to Melbourne in the last week of this term (25 - 28 March). This camp is a very valuable learning experience, and the children also have LOTS of fun. Please ensure you make full payment of your child's camp fees before the departure date, or that you have spoken to Sandra, at the office, about a payment plan.

NAME CHANGE: Please note that Heather Cross (Assistant Principal) has reverted to her maiden name and is now known as Ms Heather Foster.

WOW!!! It was like Christmas all over again on Tuesday morning as we took delivery of all the new resources ordered through the Woolworths Earn & Learn points last year. Each teaching team was able to order a range of teaching tools, classroom furniture items and whiz-bang construction kits to add to our existing resources.

Students will have fun trying out all these new classroom tools during coming weeks. It certainly made collecting all those stickers worthwhile!

WELCOME: During this term, we are very fortunate to have the support of Carmel O’Beirne who will be working with our teachers and students in the area of best practice Numeracy teaching. We have done a significant amount of work in this area of professional development, over the past 3 years, to refine and improve consistency in our classroom programs. Carmel’s role will be to coach and mentor our Numeracy leaders, to help us develop a new whole school plan in Numeracy and to provide some specific feedback on how we can continue to improve student outcomes during the next few years. Carmel will work in each of the Wangaratta Learning Community schools this year as part of our cluster’s shared improvement goals.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: Elections for school captains took place today following excellent campaign speeches by the students who nominated for these roles. Our house captains and school captains will be presented at Monday morning assembly.
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Each year a number of our parent reps are due to complete their two-year position on School Council. This enables interested parents to nominate for these vacancies. The incumbent councillors are also eligible to renominate if they still have a child enrolled at school. In 2013, four parent representative vacancies will be declared. If you are interested in being part of the School Council, please contact me for information, or Council President, Ashley Clough (0404985666). You can find more information about the role of School Council on the Department’s website link: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/governance/Pages/schoolcouncil.aspx
A nomination form will be on next week’s newsletter. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot will take place. More information on this timeline will be in the newsletter next week.

**Wangaratta Fun Run**
On Sunday 24th February the Wangaratta Fun Run will be held. This event is being conducted for the second year and is being held alongside a number of other running events, over a variety of distances. It would be great to see many of our students register to participate in the 2km Primary School Challenge event. There are minor prizes that can be won by students running and the school with the highest percentage of students participating will win the Challenge Trophy along with $1000. You can register online before Friday 15th February at a cost of $7 per entry, or you can register on the morning of the event. Please check out www.wangarattafunrun.com.au for further information.

**Wangaratta Primary Schools District (Zone) Swimming Carnival**
On Thursday 28th February the Wangaratta Sports District will be conducting its swimming carnival at the Olympic Pool in Swan St. If there are any Grade 4/5/6 students who are interested in participating in this event could you please see Mrs Martin before the end of next week. You must be able to complete swimming your preferred stroke over 50 metres under a qualifying time.

**Wangaratta Aquathon**
The YMCA is conducting its annual Aquathon event on Thursday 21st February. This will be held at the Barr Reserve swimming complex and the oval behind their facility. There is a primary school event where the participants run 1km, swim 100m and then run another 500m. The event can be completed as an individual or as a team. Our school has had many students support and participate in this event since it was first held and we would like to continue this tradition. Please contact customer service at the Barr Reserve for further details.

**Notes from the Office**
**Statements** Thank you for the payment of school fees to date. Statements are being sent home tonight with details of any outstanding charges. If you have any queries or would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact the school office.

**Health Care Card holders** EMA forms need to be returned to the office by 28th February to qualify. Please ring the office if you have any queries.

**VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!**
To keep Sick Bay tidy and wash sheets each week. Please fill in the form below and drop it into the office or email the school with preferred months. We really appreciate your help.

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NAME: PHONE:
ARTIST OF THE WEEK
Ryan Corrigan
For his great pictures about Line in Maths Art.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly.

PB  Riley Cotteee for having beautiful manners and always wearing a happy smile.
PV  David Blackmore for the wonderful start he has made to the school year. Well done!
1S  Felicity O’Connell for always being ready to learn and give her very best effort. Well done!
1/2M Holly Vincent for the confident start she has made to the school year and being ready to learn.
2E  Flynn Twyford for his fantastic start to the new year. You are a great helper in the classroom. Well done, Flynn.
2F  Jordan Gosbell for his fabulous start to grade 2 and the great initiative he has shown towards his classroom job. Well done, Jordan.
3/4A Kayla Phillips for the enthusiasm she has shown when completing learning tasks and being a helpful member of 3/4A.
3/4B Damien Witting for the fantastic start he has made to grade 4. He has been helpful, focused and ready to learn. Way to go, Damien!
3/4C Daniel Boschetti for starting grade 4 with a positive attitude and making good choices in class and out in the yard. Keep up the good work, Dan!
3/4D Ethan Randall for making a great start to the year. Well done for being on task and working well.
3/4F Amber Nield for her fantastic start to grade 4. She has been a wonderful helper when working with the grade 3 children. Keep up the great work!
5/6A Brock Meloury for settling well into his new school and being a happy and friendly class member.
5/6C Josh Bell for the enthusiastic, confident and happy way in which he has started grade 5. Keep up the positive attitude.
5/6K Beau Gray for making a great, positive start to his final year at Appin Park and showing that he has been ready to learn right from day 1.

SPORTS AWARD
Abbagail Best
For her determined effort during an intensive fitness session. She really made an effort to keep going when the going got tough.

Nihongo News
Welcome back to school, kids. I hope you’re ready for lots of new JP fun and some good old fashioned hard work, too. Unfortunately, we won’t have Saki-sensei here to help us on our JP journey. Saki’s grandfather is unwell and she decided to go home to support him and her family. Saki worked hard for our children and she will be missed, especially by those kids with whom she spent her recesses and lunch breaks, practising origami. Saki asked me to pass on her apologies for leaving at short notice, but I have assured her that we all understand the need to be with her family at this stressful time. We will soldier on without her and do our best, as always.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
For our first nazonazo, of the year, tell us the name of the JP festival held in the first week of February that celebrates the end of winter and the coming of spring. The first correct answer to me, or the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!
Wanted!

Anyone who has an hour or so to spare during the next week to help put the undercoat on the poles at the front of the school. The students will paint these in the very near future, but an undercoat must go on first. Paint, brushes and encouragement will be supplied. You don’t have to do all of them; even one hour of your time would be appreciated! Just see me in the art room or pop into the office.

Thanks,  
Ros Janas

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE

APPA run a second hand uniform shop which operates from the canteen (enter via the multi purpose room) each Monday morning before school. It opens at 8:45 am.

Price List:
- Short sleeve polo shirts: $2
- Long sleeve polo shirts: $3
- Bomber jackets: $3
- Green Windcheaters: $2
- Polar fleece jackets: $7
- Shorts: $2
- Track pants: $2
- Skirts: $2
- Hats: $2

If you would like to buy some second hand gear but can’t make it to school on Monday mornings please see the office staff to make alternative arrangements.

Donations of second hand uniforms in good condition are always welcome. Please deposit them in the pink box under the bench in the canteen for sorting.

Icy Poles ... back by popular demand!

Zooper Doopers - 50c  
Frozen Yoghurt - $2

Icy poles will be sold from the canteen each Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing next Monday, 11th February.

APPA is offering all students a FREE Zooper Dooper this Friday in appreciation of the continued support of our fundraising.

Volunteers Needed for Canteen Duty

APPA will once again be coordinating the sale of icy poles from the canteen as a fundraiser this term. Sales will commence on Monday 11th February and volunteers are needed to staff the canteen each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from this date. Helpers are needed from 1:15-2:30pm. If you are able to assist, please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible, or contact Tracey Clough on 0407224667. Volunteers will be notified of their shifts as soon as the roster is finalised.

With thanks,
APPA

ICY POLE SALES VOLUNTEER RETURN SLIP

Name: ................................................................. Contact No: .................................................

Student’s name: ................................................ Class: ................................................

Dates you are available: ........................................................................................................
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**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

**CRYSFALAL VVALLEY MUSIC SERVICES**
Private and Group instrumental lessons are available for your child in Voice, Guitar, Keyboard, Saxophone, Flute and Clarinet. Also available is the “Tone Magic for Kids” – an Early Childhood Music Program for preschoolers. This Kodaly based program is a fantastic way for your infant, toddler or preschooler to begin nurturing their love of music and education while developing their ability to concentrate for long periods in a fun and positive environment. Call Céline on 0414902191 or email celineforster@hotmail.com to secure a place today.

**WANGARATTA BADMINTON CLUB**
Juniors (9 to 16 years) muster day 5th February.
Wangaratta High School Sports Stadium 4pm-5pm
VBA Membership $27, Player fee $3.
For more information contact Brett or Judy 5722 4955

**ART CLASSES**
A fun & creative learning program run by a registered, professional art teacher in a safe classroom environment

**TUESDAY**
3.45pm-5.15pm Grades 4-6

**WEDNESDAY**
3:45pm - 5pm Grades P-3

Cost $20 includes GST and all materials.
Skills will be developed this term in ceramics, painting & drawing and more.
For further enquiries and information please ring Janet Leith on 0431 890158

**PANGERANG COMMUNITY HOUSE**
**TERM 1 COURSES FOR CHILDREN**

**Children’s Kick Boxing / Exercise classes**
An exercise courses for primary school children. They will learn the basics of kickboxing and have some fun while getting fit.
5 x Tues 19th Feb – 19th March, 3.45-4.45 $50

**Children’s Cooking**
A course for primary school children who have an interest in learning about cooking. They will learn basic techniques and recipes that they can go home and share.
4 x Wednesdays 20th Feb–13th March, 4–5 pm $40

**Children’s Craft Classes**
An opportunity to try card making, beading, drawing & general craft.
4 x Tues 26th Feb–19th March, 3.45-4.45pm $40

**Children’s African Drumming**
For primary school children to come along and learn African Drumming.
Mon 25th Feb–25th March, 4:15-5pm $40

**Children’s Drawing**
For children who already enjoy drawing, it will teach them new techniques and the use of different mediums such as pencil, pastel.
Thurs 28th Feb – 28th March, 4pm-5pm $50

For more information or to make a booking, phone (03) 5721 3813

**WANGARATTA CITY FC SOCCER CLUB**
**TRAINING & REGISTRATION FOR 2013**

**On-line registrations now open 4 yrs to adult**
Payments with receipt from registering will be taken at the club
Fri nights from 5pm 22 Feb or post cheque or direct debit

**Juniors (Sunday Comp)**
Fridays, 5pm from 22 Feb – Boys & Girls U11 to U17

**OSSF (Saturday Comp)**
Muster Days 13 & 20 April from 9am - 11am for season start on 4 May - Boys & Girls 4 to 13 yrs

**South Wangaratta Reserve, Shanley St Wangaratta**
Secretary: 0478 011 822
Email: secretary@wangarattacityfc.com.au

**ORDERS DUE BACK TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY TO THE BLUE BOX IN THE LIBRARY.**

**WANTED**
Matchbox cars for the Prep Rooms
Please send to Mrs Bourke or Mrs Vescio if you have any cars you no longer need.