Hi Everyone

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: The nominations for our 2013/2014 School Council closed last Thursday and we had four nominees for the four vacancies. This means that a ballot is not required and I am pleased to declare the following parent representatives elected to Council:

Tanya Camplin: Tanya attended Appin Park herself, and her daughter Felicity is in Prep this year.
Jeff Gosbell: Jeff has filled a ‘casual vacancy’ on Council in 2012. He has two sons, Nicholas and Jordan, currently in Grade 6 and Grade 2 respectively.
Paul Carson: This will be Paul’s third term on Council. He has Millie (grade 3), Mitchell (grade 5) and Flynn (Prep) at school.
Kel Vincent: This will be Kel’s first term on Council. he has two sons at school: Mathew (Grade 3) and Mitchell (Prep).

The new Council will meet on Monday, 18th March, following the Annual General Meeting for 2012.

GROUNDWORKS... This week, repairs will start on the timber retaining wall on the side of the oval. We are also replacing the air-conditioner in Mr Kerlin’s room. The students in that area have been very patient and stoic, given the hot weather.

STUDENT VOICE: The Wangaratta Learning Community Student Voice representatives (teams from each of the schools) met in our library today. This was an introductory session to build a shared understanding of the role they will play, and about how each team can gather information from their peers to help the decision-making processes at their school. Students will also look at the common values that underpin our schools and consider how these can be promoted within the wider community.

The students were asked to consider the following questions and to come to the next forum, early next term, with a response to each:

♦ How does your school seek the opinions of students? What evidence do you have that your voice is listened to at your school?
♦ What do you believe are seen as the most important areas of learning at your school? How do you know?

During our session today, the students were generally very positive about their schools and the learning that they do. They identified some ways our schools could have greater interaction, and I will take those ideas to our next WLC principals’ meeting next week.

AND FINALLY... Our Parents’ Club, APPA, holds its first meeting for 2013 on Monday evening. It would be great to see some new faces at the meeting. The office-bearer roles are filled for the year, with Susan Christie as President, Tracey Clough as Secretary and Ruth Crawford as Treasurer. Kay Andewartha is the current School Council rep for APPA. Joining the APPA committee is an opportunity for parents, who may not be able to come in during school hours, to be actively involved in the life of the school.

Wendy Larcombe
This term, 5/6K have been working towards helping others. The other 5/6 classes will be involved in similar projects in terms 2 and 3. 5/6K decided on a group that we could help, and thought we would investigate and support Wangaratta’s homeless. Lorraine Wisener, from the Wangaratta CareVan, came in to speak to 5/6K about what they do and who they help. Students got a great insight into the struggle that some disadvantaged people face and the help that the CareVan provides. We got into 4 groups and began working out what we could do for this. On Friday, 15th March, 2013, we will be carrying out activities that will be based around raising money for the CareVan Wangaratta. We would really appreciate your support on this day as it is all going to a good cause. Here is a rundown of what our groups will be doing:

**COLOURING COMPETITION**
Our group will be spending time helping the prep and grade 1 classes with any work. We will also be running a colouring competition with a 50c entry fee. There are a variety pictures, which we will hand out on the day. There are also plenty of cool prizes to be won.

_Cammie, Bianca, Tayla, Zoe, Tessa, Naomi & Jasmine_

**CARWASH**
Teachers – do you want a sparkling, shiny looking car? Well now you can, because throughout the day we will be doing a car wash for all teachers’ cars. If you are interested, the cost will be $3. All of the money will be given to the homeless people.

_Dominic, Jack, Beau, Tom, Declan, Brady, Liam & Caleb_

**CUPCAKES**
Our group is going to sell cupcakes to raise money for the homeless people in Wangaratta. The cupcakes will cost $1 and there will be many flavours to choose from. We would greatly appreciate all your support, so bring along some money, buy a delicious cupcake and please help our cause.

_Jess, Gabby, Ebony, Eliza & Sami_

**SCHOOL SLEEPOVER**
Our group will be sleeping at school, with a few willing parents and Mr K, in homeless like conditions. We will be raising money for the homeless of Wangaratta. If you would like to sponsor us please contact Mr Kerlin or see one of us personally.

_Tomas, Lachie, Cameron, Mitch, Isaac, Noah & Jordan_

Thank you
5/6K

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**Nihongo News**

All classes are making good progress with their work on Hiragana. This week, Grades 3~6 completed an activity which involved them using small cards to make the hiragana syllabary. The fastest times were: Grade 3/4 = 4 minutes (A new Gr 3/4 record!) by Aaron G & Liam S (3/4F). Grade 5/6 = 4 minutes (Wow!) by Alice T & Jemma R (5/6C). The junior grades are also working with Hiragana and the results have been just as impressive. April S & Sheridan M (2F) worked very well as a team to set the Grade 2 standard and Mitchell V (Prep V) even managed to read a few simple two syllable words in Nihongo.

**Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips**

Ebony G (5/6A), Xavier P (1/2M) & Charlotte M (5/6A), in that order, cracked last week’s nazonazo. They knew that tentei & maru are added to hiragana characters to change their sounds. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us the name of the next major festival on the JP calendar. The first correct answer handed directly to me, or to the main office will be the winner.

_Sayōnara!_
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PB  Ben Feldtmann for the great effort he is making with his reading and writing tasks. Well done!
PV  Johnnie Wohlers for the great enthusiasm and interest he shows for all his learning tasks. Well done!
1S  Emily Cooper for her beautiful writing and for doing all her work enthusiastically. She is a very helpful member of our class. Well done!
1/2M  Ryan Corrigan for the fantastic effort he is making with his writing.
2E  Alex Metcalfe for staying focused during “Read to Self” time. Well done.
2F  Kade Reynolds for his excellent explanation of cross checking and for always using his reading strategies to assist him with reading. Well done, Kade.
3/4A  Ryan Battin for the confidence and determination he has shown when learning about complementary numbers to 100. Congratulations, Ryan!
3/4B  Dakota McAliece for the positive attitude she is displaying in the classroom and the exceptional way she has taken on her elearning academy role. Great work!
3/4C  Annika Flanagan for displaying excellent research skills during ICT when completing her bridge scavenger hunt.
3/4D  Brodie Watson for the excellent presentation of his work. He always makes an effort to be neat and tidy.
3/4F  Sienna Fuller for being a friendly and caring student who works hard and is always willing to help others.
5/6A  Alana Hawkins Ramsay for the quietly confident manner in which she approaches all her learning tasks and the high standard of her completed work.
5/6C  Ari Fletcher-Blake Congratulations, Ari, for the responsible way you are caring for the gardens around our school. A huge effort. Well done!
5/6K  Brady O’Connell for the excellent movie review and recounts of his weekends he has written via email. Well done, Brady.

SPORTS AWARD

Emily Cooper
For her great attitude when participating in all physical activities. She has shown a great ability to listen to instructions and work on new skills, developing them to a high standard.

James Thewlis
For having a positive attitude and showing determination and persistence to complete a task.

Artists of the Week

Justine Corker Walker
For her great use of colour on her lollipop trees, in the study of the artist - Hundertwasser.
Wangaratta Aquathon
The YMCA held its annual Aquathon last Thursday. Participants in the primary school event run 1km, swim 100m and finish with a 500m run. Our school was well-represented and placed in the top three of each of the sections. Eliza Shiels won the individual female event, Gabe Watson finished second in the individual male event, closely followed by younger brother Zack and Thomas Moore, who couldn’t be split over the line and were awarded equal third. Nicole Shiels and Samantha Grady entered the team event, as did the youngest of our competitors, Brodie Watson and Lachlan Newton. Well done to each of these students for supporting a locally organised event, where the money goes back into the community to support others who may not have the same opportunities as we do.

Wangaratta Fun Run
On Sunday the Wangaratta Fun Run was held in warm conditions. This event catered for more than 1600 participants over a variety of running distances. The primary school students ran a 2km event which started at 9.30. We had a large number of students participating in this event and all completed the course, finishing strongly, before enjoying fruit and drinks, to replenish their stocks. Students who participated were: Liam and Annika Flanagan, Mitchell and Millie Carson, Alex and Xavier Pitt, Naomi, Riley and Jack McGowan, Jasmine Scholz, Andrew McDonald, Samantha and Luke Grady, Dominic and Addison Bedendo, Paige and Layla Elliott, Ella and Max Bihun, Harvey Moore, Elena Stone, Carla Petersen, Aaron Gregory, Beau Gray, Kelly Hirschmann, Jacinta Magee, Benjamin Feldtmann, Maddison Saunders, Matilda Forster-Paxford and Braeden Marjanovic. A special mention to one of our new students, Liam Suter, for completing the 5km course, running alongside his mother.

Regional Athletics
On the weekend two of our students travelled to Bendigo to compete in the Regional Little Athletics event. Competitors came from several Little Athletics Centres, aiming to qualify for the State Championships which will be held in a couple of weeks. Gabby and Jack Boulton participated in a number of events in their age group, placing in the top three positions in some events and producing personal best performances along the way. Jack won his hurdles event after having to run the race twice due to technical difficulties with the timing. Fortunately for Jack he was able to win the event both times. He also placed second in long jump, 4th in 70m and 6th in 100m event. Jack produced his best efforts in each of the events that he competed in. Gabby came second in High Jump, Long Jump and 400m, third in 200m where she also ran new personal best times in both the track events. Jack has qualified for the State Championships in hurdles but both Gabby and Jack have to wait and see if they have qualified in the events where they placed second.

Premier’s Active Family Challenge
Once again the Active Family Challenge is open to all families and encourages them to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity for 30 days over a 6 week period. It’s an initiative introduced by the Victorian Government to promote the importance of physical activity in achieving healthy and active communities. It is free to register and once registered each family will receive healthy eating and physical activity tips along with other incentives, such as free YMCA passes. The challenge this year will be held from 4th March 4th to 14th April. Information pamphlets are available at the office, or to register, go to www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge.

North Melbourne Football Visit
Next Tuesday some Grade 5/6 students will be walking to the Wangaratta Showgrounds to participate in a football clinic run by the North Melbourne players. The students will be put through their paces in kicking, marking and handballing through specific skills, drills and games. The students will leave school at 10.00 and return by 12.30.
Positive Parenting Telephone Service:

Are you the parent or carer of a child or children aged 2 – 10 years? Are you looking for ways to have more positive communication with your child/ren? Do you have other commitments that prevent you from attending regular group parenting courses? Well, how about this?

We are running a fantastic parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 – 10 years that you can do from the comfort of your own home.

You get a weekly telephone appointment at a time that suits you (day or evening) with a trained parent educator for 6–10 weeks. Our program educators aim to assist you in developing a stronger and more positive relationship with your children, as well as offering some practical suggestions on how to manage everyday behaviour problems such as disobedience, temper tantrums and disruptive behaviours. For more information or to enroll phone:

**FREECALL 1800 880 660**

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