Hi Everyone

YOU’RE INVITED: On Monday morning students from Wangaratta High School will be here to present their ‘Road Show’ to our Grade 5/6 students. They will have a selection of ‘expo’ activities including their HPV (Human Powered Vehicle) and members of the school band. There will be at least two members of the group who recently undertook the World Challenge in Borneo. Bec Kreltzheim enlisted our support in her fundraising efforts for this last year and apparently had a very powerful learning experience during her time there. I am looking forward to this presentation, and to seeing some of the other exciting projects that students have access to at the high school.

All parents are welcome to join us - the students will set up their presentations in the Grade 5/6 rooms and will start their ‘EXPO’ directly after assembly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM: next Monday, at 6.30pm, we will hold the 2012 Annual General Meeting of Council and present the school’s Annual Report to the School Community. All school community members are welcome to attend this meeting. It will be in the school library. The first General Meeting of our newly-constituted Council will follow this.

A hard copy of the Annual Report will be available to parents after the meeting and will be posted on our school’s website next week.

GRADE 5/6 CAMP: The itinerary is set, the medical forms have gone out and I know students are starting to get very excited about their upcoming trip. This camp is aimed at giving children a real taste of the public transport system and the attractions and infrastructure available in Melbourne. They travel down by train and bus and then use trams to get around from venue to venue.

During their four days they will visit the MCG, Scienceworks, Parliament House, St Kilda Beach, the Sports & Aquatic Centre; try ice-skating and go shopping at Queen Victoria Market. The social learning and independence-building experiences, that school camps offer, are memories we hold onto for life.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our teachers for their decision that camps would not be affected by the AEU work bans that are still in place.

Wendy Larcombe

Hot Cross Buns

With the newsletter last week, each family will have received an order form for APPA’s annual Bakers’ Delight Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. Please note that if you did not receive a form they are available from the office. All order forms and money are due back at school on Friday, 15th March 2013. Delivery will be Thursday, 21st March 2013. Please contact Tracey Clough 0407224667 if you have any queries. Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteers are needed for head lice checks on Friday 15th March. Please meet at the school office at 12.30pm if you can help.

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**From The Chaplain...**

**Building Resilient Families Part 2**

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Families that work well know how to argue. It seems strange to say this because we all have the sense that those families that work well don’t have conflicts. The family is really where we learn to resolve disputes fairly. The way that parents teach children to resolve differences of opinion with their brothers and sisters provides the basis for sharing, negotiating and problem solving in the world beyond the family. While differences of opinion should be allowed to be expressed, children also need to learn that they will not be able to win at all costs.

*Chaplain Beth*

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**Nihongo News**

This week, we combined our recent work on Hina Matsuri with some reading activities using words related to that festival. The littlies did Hiragana recognition activities and Johnie W, Mitchel V & Ayran Z showed that they are stars of the future. Gr5/6 did a Hiragana speed reading activity. They raced to be the first to read words projected on the whiteboard screen. The winners were: Gr5/6A = Tristan R; Gr5/6C = Alice T; Gr5/6K = Samantha G & Tom P. It was very impressive to see all the children working so enthusiastically and enjoying their lessons.

**Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips**

No one answered last week’s very easy nazonazo. The musicians in a Hinamatsuri display are called Goninbayashi. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us something about a Hinamatsuri custom involving rivers. The first correct answer handed directly to me, or to the main office will be the winner.

*Sayōnara!*

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**Sports News**

On 6th March, Eliza Shiels, Nicole Shiels, Emma Christie and Sami Grady travelled to Shepparton to compete in the Regional School Swimming Sports. In the heats, Eliza swam well to make the finals of the Backstroke and Freestyle. Nicole also qualified for the finals in Breaststroke and Butterfly. After lunch, the girls swam again in the finals. Eliza stormed home in the Backstroke to win the gold medal and earn herself a spot at the state finals to be held in the last week of Term 1 in Melbourne. In the Freestyle she put in another strong swim coming 4th, within a second of the silver and bronze placegetters. Nicole swam a massive 2 second personal best time to take out the silver medal in the Breaststroke (only 0.6 sec behind the winner) and backed it up with a 4th place in the Butterfly. After waiting patiently all day, Emma and Sami joined the other girls in the Medley Relay. Emma swam the Backstroke, Nicole the Breaststroke, Eliza the Butterfly and Sami the Freestyle leg. The girls all put in a mighty effort swimming the event in an impressive 3:06.52 slashing 13 seconds from the time they swam at the Zone Qualifying Meet. They narrowly missed a medal but should be incredibly proud of their effort having even organised their own practice session the weekend before. Well done to all the girls. Thanks to Brendon Shiels for transporting, supporting them and enduring the karaoke in the car.

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**Icy Poles**

**Zooper Doopers - 50c**  
**Frozen Yoghurt - $2**

**Volunteers:**

**Friday 15 March:**  
Merrin Henderson & Kerryn Mitchell

**Monday 18 March:**  
Lorraine Prior & Susan Christie

**Wed 20 March:**  
Vanessa Luscombe & Kaye Andrewartha
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PB  Samia Meloury for becoming a more confident class member who is now willing to contribute to class discussions and help others.

PV  Mitchell Vincent for the excellent attitude he displays to all his learning. Well done, Mitchell!

1S  Dylan White for his excellent reading practice and for listening more carefully to help his learning. Well done!

1/2M  Grace Gregory for working independently and always being a great help in the classroom.

2E  Jack McGowan for making good choices about where he sits to learn. Well done.

2F  Alex Kay for the fabulous sportsmanship he displayed during 1/2 sport on Wednesday. Great work, Alex.

3/4A  Clara Forster-Paxford for her positive manner and drive for learning. Congratulations, Clara! Evie Butler for contributing to class discussions during literacy and numeracy reflections. Keep it up, Evie!

3/4B  Justine Corker Walker for the outstanding confidence and improvement she is displaying when doing addition in Maths. Way to go, Justine!

3/4C  Millie Carson for being a kind and friendly student who always works hard and displays a positive attitude towards her learning.

3/4D  Mitchell Nolan for staying on task in the classroom and improving the presentation of his work.

3/4F  Simon Moffat for arriving at school on time and ready to learn. Keep up the great effort, Simon.

5/6A  Tristan Roleff for the terrific way he has taken on his role as ICT instructor in our classroom. You have wonderful ICT skills, Tristan.

5/6C  Brandon Slifkas for the way he is managing himself in the yard at playtime and making good choices about what he does outside. Well done. Peyton Nash for the excellent “connections” she is making during the Reading Workshop both to class shared books and to her independent reading.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Eliza Shiels

For the excellent effort she puts into all classroom activities and the great attitude she has towards her learning.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Cooper Ramsay

For his excellent effort in Maths Art. His attempt at One Point Perspective drawing showed accurate drawing skills and good listening to instructions. Well done, Cooper!

SPORTS AWARD

Annika Flanagan

For her very determined effort to produce her best results when completing the Beep test and Strength test. She has the ability to push her body through pain in order to achieve great results.

Ari Fletcher-Blake

For displaying determination to achieve a personal best result in the Beep test. Ari had set goals and was able to achieve them through focus and willpower.

Reminder: 5/6K will be selling cupcakes tomorrow at recess for $1. There is also a colouring competition for Prep and Grade 1 students - 50c
**Wangaratta Players**

**Junior Group 2013**

The group starts back for 2013 on Wednesday 17th April, 4.30pm at the Stage Door Theatre, Wangaratta Players Club rooms in Evans St (next to the showgrounds). We will meet between 4.30 pm and 6 pm on Wednesdays during terms 2, 3 and 4. We work towards a show performed in late Term 2 and then another in late Term 4.

For primary aged children – grade 1 to 6

Cost is the annual membership fee for Wangaratta Players

25 maximum in group – last years’ members have priority over new members if the group fills. Any questions phone Andy on 57217922

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**School Holiday Classes at Pangerang** – **Sponsored by Wangaratta Office Choice**

**Friendship Bracelet**  Come along and create a braided friendship bracelet.

Tuesday 9th April  9.00-10.30am  Primary School Aged  $15.00

**Beading**  This is a class to come and create beaded animals, patterns or something else creative.

Tuesday 9th April  11.30-1.00pm  Primary School Aged  $15.00

**Exploring Drawing with different mediums**  Come along and explore colour with soft pastels, bring your Favourite pencils and textas to use. Bring along some of your own work to share and for our tutor to give you some ideas. BYO pencils & sketch pad

Thursday 4th April  12.30-2.30  Primary School Aged  $20.00

**AFRICAN DRUMMING**  This African Drumming class will give children a wonderful chance to have fun with Music.

Monday 8th April  4.00-4.45pm  Primary School Aged  $10.00

**TAI CHI**  The children will get the opportunity to try Tai Chi & all its benefits, great chance to see what it’s all about.

Tuesday 9th April  2.00 – 3.00pm  Primary School Aged  $10.00

**YOGA & Relaxation**  This class combines the stretching & vitality of yoga with the calming & tranquility of meditation

Wednesday 10th April  10.00-11.00  Primary School Children  $10.00

**KNITTING & CROCHETING with ladies from the CWA**  Bring along your needles and wool and let the ladies give you some tips and help with either learning to or increasing your skills in knitting & Crocheting.

Friday 5th April  10am – 12.00 noon  Primary School Children  $Gold Coin

**FRENCH STORY TELLING**  Bring along your baby, toddlers or young children to experience FRANCE. Storytelling and French experiences to expose your children to other languages and lifestyles

Date: Thursday 11th April  9.30-10.15  Pre School Age  FREE

Book now as numbers are limited. Courses must be paid for & enrolment forms completed before end of term 1

ph: 03 5721 3813
The University of NSW International Competitions for Students in Grade 3 - 6

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3-6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. Once again this year we are offering to hold these tests for students at Appin Park Primary School if parents choose to enter them. All students receive a certificate and an individual Student report. Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

In the first week of term two I will be asking for interest and entry payments for these competitions.

The entry fee and sitting dates are:

- **Computer Skills** 21st May $8.80
- **Spelling** 18th June $12.10
- **English** 31st July $8.80
- **Science** 5th June $8.80
- **Writing** Week of 17th June $18.70
- **Mathematics** 13th August $8.80

All of the above $66.00

Online practice is available at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) or I have some old test papers if you are interested.

**Ros Janas – Gifted and Talented Coordinator**

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**2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP**

Please return THIS section to your child’s school.

I give permission for my child ____________________________ of ____________________________

Child’s name of Class


to participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

- [ ] Computer Skills – 21 May 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
- [ ] Science – 5 June 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
- [ ] Writing – 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 ($18.70 GST inclusive)
- [ ] Spelling – 18 June 2013 ($12.10 GST inclusive)
- [ ] English – 31 July 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
- [ ] Mathematics – 13 August 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
- [ ] All of the above ($66.00 GST inclusive)

Please find enclosed ____________________________ entry fee.

Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian ____________________________ Date ________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ____________________________