Hi Everyone

Rain at last - it was great to wake up to the sound of steady rain on the roof at last. It will also be very good for our grounds and gardens to have had a good soaking.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: At our Annual General Meeting on Monday evening, Andrew Lovett was elected as our new President, with Leon Newton taking on the Vice President role, and Lisbeth Long being elected as Treasurer. The outgoing president, Ashley Clough, presented his report and we acknowledged his leadership and contribution in the role for the past two years. Tanya Camplin and Kel Vincent were welcomed as our new members of Council, and we thanked Kendall Beattie and Peter Thrum for their service.

WORKING BEE: There will be a working bee on SATURDAY, 20th APRIL 2.00-5.00pm to clean up our gardens, prune some trees and give the place a bit of spit’n’polish. I will contact some families early in the first week to invite them to attend. All parents are very welcome to come along and lend a hand (it’s a great way to meet other parents and to contribute to your child’s learning environment). We do specifically encourage those families who have chosen not to pay the voluntary Grounds levy to attend.

PUPIL FREE DAY: Council approved Monday, 3rd June as a pupil-free day for the purpose of Report Writing. There will be a further pupil free day in August with the date to be confirmed early next term.

GRADE 5/6 CAMP: We wish our campers a safe and happy learning experience in Melbourne - the weather forecast looks very good, and Wendy Martin has put lots of time into ensuring the organisation of a varied and engaging itinerary.

REMINDER: iPods, mobile phones and other digital devices (except cameras) must not be taken on camp.

Students teaching students: There is a wealth of research that shows that learning becomes even deeper when students transfer their own knowledge to others. Our teachers are ensuring that opportunities for students to do this in a meaningful way are taken advantage of - eLearning Academy students are teaching their peers and younger students, Grade 5/6A have buddied up to model good reading habits to the Preps through ‘buddy reading’ times. The Grade 2 students have helped the Grade 1s get logged onto Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

AND FINALLY... This week I been having the half-yearly individual meetings with teachers where we talk about their professional goals for the year and the work they are doing in their classrooms or across the school. Yet again, I have been really moved and impressed by the dedication, energy and passion our staff team has towards their work with your children.
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
- Green Windcheaters $2
- Dresses $5
- Hats $2
- Long sleeve polo shirts $3
- Polar fleece jackets $7
- Track pants $2
- Bomber jackets $3
- Shorts $2
- Skirts $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.

This Friday, we will be having a casual clothes day, which will cost a gold coin donation. The theme for the day will be bright colours – so come dressed in your brightest outfits! There will be some prizes to those who put in the most effort. We also will be holding a Grade 6 vs Teachers Basketball game at lunchtime. Last year we saw the teachers draw in a game of cricket against the 6’s so let’s hope for another close game. The money we raise will be going towards our sponsor child, Jacqueline Nimfasha, who lives in Burundi.

Thank you to the sponsors and students who supported 5/6K’s fundraising efforts on Friday. There were plenty of keen boys who were busy throughout the day cleaning cars, while the grade 5 girls helped within the prep rooms and handed out colouring competitions. At recess, almost the whole school lined up in anticipation of a delicious cup cake. Luckily they all managed to get one before we sold out! Well done to all involved. We managed to raise over $900 for the CareVan of Wangaratta, which will be handed over at an assembly next term.

Congratulations!
To the following students who participated in the Wangaratta Fun Run on 24th February:

Karla Balfour
Max Bihun
Millie Carson
Ben Feldtmann
Matilda Forster Paxford
Luke Grady
Jacinta Magee
Harvey Moore
Madison Saunders
Dominic Bedendo
Ella Bihun
Layla Elliott
Annika Flanagan
Clara Forster Paxford
Beau Gray
Braeden Marjanovic
Alexander Pitt
Jasmine Scholz
Addison Bedendo
Mitch Carson
Paige Elliott
Liam Flanagan
Samantha Grady
Aaron Gregory
Jack MacGowan
Xavier Pitt
Elena Stone

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

PB Flynn Carson for the excellent attitude he displays with all his learning. Keep up the great work, Flynn.
PV Eliza Best for her wonderful manners and for being a great friend to her classmates. Well done!
1S Karla Balfour for working very well in all her learning activities and for her great reading practice. Well done!
1/2M Lizzy Moffat for trying her best with all her learning.
2E Mason Espejo for taking pride in his writing and focusing on the presentation of his work. Well done!
2F Paige Cox for the great work she has been completing in our number fluency. Your hard work on skip counting is evident. Well done, Paige.
3/4A Emma Crawford for the fantastic work she has done when learning to add two digit numbers with trading. Congratulations, Emma!
3/4B Charlie Townsend for the enthusiasm and creativity he is displaying during our quest on bridges. He is thinking carefully about the structure of his bridge and working cooperatively with his partner. Great work, Charlie!
3/4C Luke Grady for the enthusiasm and great work he has displayed during our addition unit in maths. Well done, Luke!
3/4D Connor Mayer Young for the wonderful improvement he is showing in his reading and writing. Keep up the good work, Connor!
3/4F Zack Watson for being a friendly and caring student who works hard and is always willing to help others.
5/6A Angelina Butler for her positive attitude when approaching learning tasks and her willingness to help others in the classroom.
5/6C Mitchell Holt for his organisation and planning of the lunchtime basketball competition. A great initiative.
5/6K Cameron Chamberlain for the excellent support and encouragement he has shown to other class members, particularly during the Homeless Sleepover.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Sheridan McDonald
For her excellent behaviour, her willingness to help others and for always completing her work to a high standard. Well done, Sheridan.

Nicole Shiel
For her positive approach to all her learning tasks, her willingness to participate and her helpful manner in the classroom. Well done.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Claudia Trim
For her persistence in making the longest snake with her clay during our fun clay sessions.

SPORTS AWARD

Tom Metcalfe
For showing a positive attitude when completing all tasks. He is always willing to perform to the best of his ability and is encouraging and supportive of his classmates.
From The Chaplain... Helping Your Child to Handle Bullying

1. Listen carefully to your child. You may need to read between the lines to establish a clearer understanding of the bullying incident and your child’s role in this. (your child may not be 100% innocent)

2. Calmly ask your child how they have been handling the problem and together explore other possibilities.

3. Share with your child the message that nobody deserves to be bullied. Some children might believe that they deserve to be bullied because there is something wrong with them.

4. Offer to speak to your child’s teacher privately without any fuss, even when your child retaliates and does not want you to intervene for fear of being labelled a dobber.

5. Discreetly be a social engineer on behalf of your child by encouraging new friendships at school and outside of school.

6. Role model and coach your child in developing confident body language. Stand tall, look in their eyes, speak firmly in a slightly louder voice and tell them to stop.

Chaplain Beth

from: Bullying: A Whole School Approach, ACER Press

Nihongo News

After the Grade 5/6’s great work last week, the Grade 3/4 kids had their turn at the Hiragana speed reading activity this week. Competitive activities like this one help the kids develop automatic recognition skills and also provide lots of fun. The winners were: Gr3/4A = Kayla P; Gr3/4B = Pearl N; Gr3/4C = Annika F; Gr3/4D = Brodie W & 3/4F = Liam S & Aaron G. The Preps have been doing a great job with their hiragana recognition activities. This week’s star performer was Ben F (Prep B).

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

Xavier P (1/2M) & Charlotte M (5/6A) used their research skills to discover the answer to last week’s nazonazo. They now know that JP people float Hinaningyo (dolls) down the river in the hope that their troubles will be carried away with them. It’s now autumn in Australia; for this week’s nazonazo, tell us in Nihongo what season it is in Nihon. The first correct answer handed directly to me, or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

Wanted

Ice cream, yoghurt containers with sealable lids. These will be used by senior students to do some clay work and store it from week to week, keeping it moist until their article is completed.

Stitched Up Festival

If anyone has an interesting, quirky shaped CHAIR that they no longer need we are looking at decorating one for the Stitched Up festival competition. A chair that we could decorate with threads and Textiles is what we would like.

Thanks,
Ros Janas, Arts Coordinator

Grade 1/2 News

FREE FRUIT- Many thanks to the parents of P/1/2 who have volunteered to cut up and distribute fruit each Monday in Term 2. Forms are due back by Monday, 25th March. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT A.P.P.A. IS SPONSORING OUR HEALTHY FRUIT BREAK AND THANK THEM SINCERELY FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

SLEEPOVERS- As mentioned in our 1/2 Newsletter in Feb we will NOT be having our sleepovers this term. They will be happening later in the year at a time to be decided by Mrs Martin and the team.

“WHATEVER THE WEATHER”- Next Wednesday, 27th March the Grade 1/2s will celebrate the end of our Quest study of the weather by having a Weather Session from 11.30 am to 1.25pm. Children will rotate around the activities in mixed groups. Come and see what is happening if you wish.

CHAPLAIN BETH has been working with our children on the theme of bullying and using strategies to cope. We are grateful for this excellent program and for her expertise.
Icy Poles
Zooper Doopers - 50c  Frozen Yoghurt - $2
Volunteers:
Friday 22 March:  Merrin Henderson & Kim O’Rien
Monday 25 March: Wendy Moore & Alison Sessions
Wed 27 March:  Trudi Reynolds & Cheree Konkoly

Hot Cross Buns
As you are aware the Hot Cross Buns were delivered and distributed today at school. APPA would like to to thank everyone for the contributions towards this Fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your efforts, Over $550 was raised. A special thank you to Sarah Dellicastelli and Janie Patton, they sold over $100 worth of hot cross buns; fantastic, well done!

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Moments of Discovery
It has been discovered that a student came home from last year’s 15 Mile Creek Camp, Grades 3/4A & 3/4E with the wrong sleeping bag in their sleeping bag cover. Please come to the office if you discover you too have the wrong one!

Bridge Building
Parents and friends of grade ¾ students are invited to visit our classrooms on Thursday 28th March at 9:00am. The bridges that the children have built will be on display and they will be pleased to tell you all about them.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Interchange

Volunteers Caring for Kids with Disabilities
Interchange carefully matches children with volunteer Carers to spend time together out and about in their community or possibly having a child come to stay on a regular basis, usually one weekend a month.

Skills required include the ability to have fun, to be caring and to be attentive to kid’s feelings and needs.
Carers can be single or married, with or without children.

Share some special moments with some pretty amazing kids!

For further information
Contact an Interchange Worker 03 5720 0000
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