Hi Everyone

ANZAC DAY - Thursday, 25th April. All students are invited to join us in Reid St next Thursday morning to be part of the march to the Cenotaph. Children should wear their school uniform.

We start to assemble from 10.10am, with the march heading off at 10.30am. On arrival at the Cenotaph, children will sit in school groups for the service which usually takes about 30 minutes. Being part of events like the ANZAC Day commemoration encourages children to feel connected to their community. I would like all student leaders to participate, and I hope that many other children will be able to come along too.

PREPS 2014 - OPEN MORNINGS: Our Prep classrooms are ‘open’ on this Friday morning (9-11am) for any parents who have a pre-school child due to start school in 2014. We will also have the rooms open on Saturday from 10-12noon. Please encourage any friends or family, who have the important decision of where to enrol for 2014, to make time to call in and have a look at our school in action on Friday or to come and have a chat and tour on Saturday morning.

WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 2.00-5.00 pm
ALL WELCOME!!

We will be cleaning up around the school - weeding, mulching, spraying, pruning and just getting things back in order after the long, hot summer. A sign-in sheet will be near the front entry, along with a list of jobs for you to choose from. Please BYO secateurs, trowels/spades, whipper-snipper, forks, gloves, wheelbarrow, spray unit etc if you have them. Many hands make light work!

WELCOME - Julie Saunders has joined our staff team. Julie is working in the Prep rooms, as a classroom aide. She will also be providing some additional assistance programs to selected students in the Grade 5/6 area from next week.

THANK YOU: APPA recently purchased another set of iPads to supplement those bought in 2012. The 10 new devices will be used in the Grade 3-6 area. Students are making good use of iPads in activities during the literacy and numeracy program, and for research during their Quest sessions.

EARN AND LEARN: Woolworths have this ‘rewards’ promotion on again. We were able to add a large range of great learning resources to our classrooms through this in 2012. Please support this program again by collecting stickers and sending your sheets along to school. There will be an Appin Park box at the supermarket by next week. We have one in the school office. Please encourage your family friends and relatives to ask for the stickers each time they shop at Woolworths.

AND FINALLY… Our thoughts and sympathy are with a number of our staff members who have had family bereavements in the past few weeks. It certainly makes you stop and think about how precious your own family is.

Wendy Larcombe
APPA is once again running a Mother’s Day Raffle and committee members have been extremely busy sourcing donations from local businesses. There are some wonderful prizes up for grabs!

Raffle tickets will be sold via the school community with each family being given a book of 10 tickets to sell ($2 per ticket). Ticket books will be handed out next week with the Newsletter on Friday 26th April, so parents please look out for them in your child’s bag.

We will also be selling tickets at the Sunday Market in Newman Street on 28th April and 5th May. Raffle ticket butts and money will need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 9th May as the raffle will be drawn on Friday 10th May.

It would be great if every family could sell their allocated tickets as all proceeds from the raffle go back into APPA funds which are used to help support our teachers and students by purchasing resources and equipment not otherwise budgeted for. Recent purchases have included such things as 32 iPads, school banners, sports uniforms and equipment, furniture and display book boxes for the library…and much more!

Any families that prefer not to participate in selling tickets please notify the school office by Wednesday 24th April.

Thanks for your support, good luck in the raffle and let’s celebrate all Mums worldwide with lots of love and attention on their special day – SUNDAY 12TH MAY!

Last Chance... University of New South Wales Schools Competition entries must be in by tomorrow, Friday 19th April.

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 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 __________________________
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly.

PB Lucy Kiely for her beautiful manners and the way she participates enthusiastically in all activities.

PV Ailie Witing for the enthusiasm she shows when completing her learning tasks. Well done!

1S Jacinta Magee for her wonderful reading practice and for working very hard on all her learning tasks. Well done!

1/2M Tayah Martens for excellent progress in all areas and being a reliable helper.

2E Max O’Brien for his great focus and effort in improving his writing. Well done, Max.

2F Rory Cooper for the wonderful improvement she is making with her writing. Keep up the great work, Rory.

3/4A Lacey Sessions for the excellent progress and effort she has put into our numeracy sessions when learning about subtraction. Congratulations, Lacey!

3/4B Caleb White for starting Term 2 focused and ready to learn. Way to go, Caleb!

3/4C Sarah Long for the positive attitude she has towards her school work and for the fantastic start she has made to the term!

3/4D April Twyford for being in the right place, at the right time, ready for learning.

3/4F Sienna Fuller & Morgan Byrne for the fantastic job you did whilst doing office duty last term. Thank you for stepping up to the challenge while the 5/6s were on camp.

5/6A Marcus Battin for the great interest shown during our “Shrine Outreach visit and the interesting questions he asked during the session. Well done, Marcus.

5/6C Chloe Storer for the way in which she supported other less confident students when moving around the city on the Grade 5/6 camp.

5/6K Beau Gray for consistently making good decisions in the classroom this week and for applying great effort in all his work.

Sick Bay Volunteer for April: Susan Paola

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Wanted for the Art Room:
Wool, threads, cotton of any description. Thank you.

Pangerang Community House has children’s courses available for Term 2. Visit the website: www.pangerang.org.au or call 5721 3813 for details.

23 April 2013
Free half hour sessions between 9am & 4pm
Upper Murray Family Care, 36 Mackay St.
Phone (03)9269 0408 for an appointment or 1800 677 402 during business hours.