Hi Everyone

LEST WE FORGET...
It was lovely to see such a large contingent of green shirts at the ANZAC march yesterday. Given the absence at camp of our Grade 3/4 students, we were very well-represented. I was VERY proud of the way our children behaved and that so many of them were from our junior grades. They sat and listened very respectfully, and enthusiastically joined in the singing of the National Anthem.

Our school captains laid a wreath on behalf of our school community, and led the march; proudly holding the banner aloft.

Thank you to our parents and staff members who either walked with us or cheered us along the way.

A BIG THANK YOU… to those families who joined us last Saturday for the working bee. To Cath West, Kim O’Brien, Tracey Clough, Brian Geue, Matt Flanagan, Clayton Henderson, Andrew Brereton, Andrew Lovett, Trecia Donald, Tammy Vincent, Tomoko Moriya, Lisa Pitt, David Morris, Craig & Emily Stone, Garth & Suzanne Marshall, Estelle Corrigan; along with many of their children - Thank You for the work you put into making our grounds look cared for. Also, thank you to Kel Vincent, Andrew Lovett and Heather Foster for their help in coordinating the afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE - APPA’s MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE TICKETS WERE SENT HOME TO EACH FAMILY TODAY.
Over the past few weeks there have been a number of our students achieving success in their sporting fields.

**Victorian Country All Junior Swimming Championships**
The weekend before the holidays Nicole and Eliza Shiels travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Victorian Country Swimming Championships. Nicole had qualified to compete in the breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly events. She excelled in her breaststroke event; swimming a personal best time in the heats on Saturday to qualify the second fastest for the finals the following day. She was able to complete another personal best time to win the event. This means that Nicole is the fastest 11 year old girl in Country Victoria for the 50m breaststroke event. Nicole also swam a personal best time in her butterfly event. Eliza also swam well to qualify for the final in her backstroke event and although not finishing in the top three she competed strongly. Congratulations to both girls for qualifying for an event of this calibre and well done to Nicole for her achievements over the weekend.

**Wangaratta Little Athletics**
Presentation day was recently held for the Wangaratta Little Athletic participants. There were a number of our students who had performed very well throughout the season and were acknowledged for their efforts. Gabriella Boulton won a gold medal in her track events and a silver medal in the field events. She was also awarded the Senior Girl Athlete of the Year. Gabriella has her name beside the 400m record after smashing it by 2.5 seconds. Jack Boulton also received a gold medal for his track events and a silver medal for the field events. Jack was also recognised for creating 3 new records; one in his 800m event and breaking the 80m Hurdles record twice. Jemma Ryan was awarded the Senior Personal Best Award, for achieving the most personal best efforts throughout the entire season. Luke Grady won the gold medal for his field events and Xavier Pitt won a gold medal for his track events. Well done to all of our students who participated regularly in the Friday evening Little Athletics events.

**State Basketball Championships**
The last weekend of the school holidays saw Mitchell Holt and Chloe Storer compete with the Wangaratta Warriors basketball teams in the State Under 14 Championships. This was a 4 day event where they played three games on the first day and three games on the second day. Depending on the results of each of these games the teams were then placed in seeded pools. Mitchell’s team had only lost one game which made them eligible for the Division One playoffs. In the knockout phase of the tournament they came up against the team from the Southern Peninsula, the team that had previously beaten them. Again they found this team too hard to overcome, eventually losing to them.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you. Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly.

PB Sophie Morris for the great effort she is making with all her literacy tasks. Keep up the great work, Sophie.

PV Kira Geue for always being a happy class member who tries her best. Keep it up, Kira.

2E Harvey Moore for your excellent skills in maths. You have mastered doubling and counting on. Well done, Harvey.

2F Judd Ryan for his excellent skills in maths. You have mastered counting on and doubling. Great work, Judd.

3/4A Luke O’Connell for the initiative and independence he has shown during numeracy sessions to further extend his subtraction skills. Well done, Luke!

3/4B Locky Jacobs for excellent listening, staying on task and completing all his work. Well done, Locky.

3/4C Ashlee O’Neil for settling in so beautifully to Appin Park! She has displayed fantastic work habits and is a happy and friendly class member.

3/4D Madison Saunders for the enthusiasm she shows towards her writing tasks.

3/4F Amelia Weimer for the fantastic effort she is putting into her cross country training. Keep up the great work.

5/6A Rhys Delahunty for the great way you worked with the Prep students when teaching and playing the card games last Wednesday.

5/6C Glen Lovett for the keen interest he has displayed throughout our studies on ANZAC history and the ideas he has brought to class discussion. Well done, Glen!

5/6K Liam White for his excellent ANZAC Day memorial poster. It was a very meaningful piece of art work. Well done, Liam.

SPORTS AWARD
Jack Boulton
For his great attitude and effort helping others to improve their skills. His patience and instructions enabled his partner to achieve success and feel more confident.

Artist of the Week
Rhys Delahunty
For staying focused, following instructions and making a great little teapot from clay.

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May. Students can bring along $3 and choose a surprise for their mum from the Mother’s Day Stall.

Bookclub Orders are due back Tuesday 30th April

Fruit Roster Monday 29th April:
Tanya Camplin, Maryann Jarred,
Rebecca Feldtmann, Mandy Mullens & Vanessa Luscombe
APPA is once again running its Mother’s Day raffle and we are asking school families to get behind this venture. Along with the Newsletter today, the eldest child of each APPS family will bring home a book of 10 raffle tickets to sell. Tickets will also be sold at the Market in Newman Street over the next two Sundays.

There are many prizes to be won, including an added ‘Ticket Seller Prize’ for the family that sells the most tickets winning a beautiful prize for mum which includes a ‘Nina Ricci perfume set and bundle of gorgeous cookbooks’. Extra raffle books are available from the school office.

**FIRST PRIZE:** ‘Spoil Mum’ - 22inch LED LCD TV, Guess necklace, $50 dinner voucher, $50 meat voucher, DVD rental vouchers, and two bottles of wine

**SECOND PRIZE:** ‘Relax and Enjoy’ - Silky short PJ set, theatre tickets, jewellery box, beauty voucher, clothing voucher, dinner voucher, lunch/coffee voucher and a bottle of wine

**THIRD PRIZE:** ‘Family’ - $50 dinner voucher, $50 meat voucher, sports voucher, music voucher, netball, drink bottle and sports accessories

**FOURTH PRIZE:** ‘Home Décor’ - White antique style iron magazine rack and two tall black décor vases

Tickets: $2 each

Please support this fundraising venture as every dollar raised goes towards purchasing new resources and equipment to support the teachers in providing our children with a quality education.

A very big THANK YOU to the following businesses who have kindly donated goods and services to the APPA 2013 Mother’s Day Raffle! Please show your support by considering these businesses first before you buy that extra special gift for MUM this Mother’s Day.
A new Seasons for Growth Program is beginning on Tuesday 7th May for children in Grades 3 or 4. Seasons for Growth is a support program for children who have had to deal with grief and loss in their lives, including the death of a close relative or the separation of parents. If you would like your child to participate in this valuable program please fill in the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

Regards,
Chaplain Beth

I would like my child ________________________________ to participate in the Seasons For Growth Program beginning in May. I understand that the group is confidential.

Signed: ________________________________

Contact Phone Number: ________________________________

I would like more information about the Seasons For Growth Course.

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**Nihongo News**

Did anyone notice the long lines of kids wending their way around the yard this week? That was our students playing **Rimokon Hebi** (Remote control snake). The first child in the line had to respond to commands to turn left or right, all in JP, of course. Our littlies followed teacher's commands, but the Gr3~6s were controlled by selected classmates. They did a great job, as usual. All students have been learning basic directions, such as left, right, up and down. Gr3~6 are also learning front and back. Ask your child how many of those directions they can remember.

Monoshiri Sensei's Culture Tips

Last week’s **nazonazo** related to the JP art exhibition in Shepparton. **Ukiyo E** is the name given to traditional JP prints and the words literally mean floating world pictures. Staying with the art theme, for this week's **nazonazo**, tell us the main purpose for which **Ukiyo e** were used. The first correct answer to me or the main office is the winner.

**Sayōnara!**

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**Community Notice Board**

**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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**WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

**2013 WINTER COMPETITION**

Muster Nights: 15th & 22nd of May, Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.

Free Come ‘n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.

Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.

Comp Starts: 29th of May, Juniors at 5:30 p.m. Seniors at 7 p.m.

Where: The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.

(First building on the left side as you enter the main gates).

For further information call

Robert (Seniors): 0407228280, Andrew (Juniors): 57273871.

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After school art classes for kids, ages 8-13. Materials provided, qualified teaching staff. Wednesdays 4-5:30pm. $175, 6 week term, May 15 to June 19. Shades of Art Workshop Space, 57222296

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**CHASE THE CACHE**

The Hi-tech Treasure Hunt!

Teams of 4 (all ages)

90mins on the clock...

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units...

...find as much treasure & prizes as possible...

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