Hi Everyone

SCHOOL COUNCIL MAJOR FUNDRAISER: Each year we ask families to support a number of fundraising efforts. Currently APPA are running the Mothers’ Day raffle, and your children will also have the option of getting sponsorship for the school cross-country run. The annual Chocolate Drive is held later this term. Each family is offered a carrier with an assortment of mini chocolate bars to sell. This usually raises about $5000 to support our expenditure on providing a safe and inviting school environment. The carriers will be sent home with the oldest child in the family on 6th June. **If you do not want to participate in this effort, please let Sandra or Nicole (at the office) know prior to this date. You may also prefer to collect the chocolates from the office, rather than have your child carry them home. Please let us know about this in advance.**

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH: The SRC selected Ari Fletcher-Blake as April’s recipient of this award. Ari was nominated for the TLC and work she has put into some of our garden beds over recent dry weather periods. Thanks, Ari.

CARE VAN DONATION: At assembly this week, 5/6K officially handed over the proceeds of their fundraising efforts, completed last term. A cheque for more than $900 was presented to Peter and Lorraine who work with the Care Van; providing nutritious meals to those in need.

NAPLAN: Next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, Grade 3 and Grade 5 students will participate in this national testing program. The tests cover Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Spelling & Punctuation, and Grammar. Each test takes about 45-60 minutes. We receive students’ results in late August. These tests provide a snapshot of how our students are performing against benchmarks and when compared to others across the country on a specific day. If you have any questions or concerns about this assessment program, please contact your child’s teacher, or me.

CROSS-COUNTRY: We usually have a large group of parents and grandparents who join us to support the children in this event. We head over to the reserve adjacent to our oval at about 11.30am. Children compete in their age groups. They are encouraged to wear their House colours on this day. APPA volunteers ‘man’ the BBQ to provide children with their pre-ordered sausage sizzle lunch.

CONGRATULATIONS!: Danielle Ashmead is expecting a baby. Her due date is in late Term 3. Danielle expects to take her family leave from Week 3 of next term. I have offered Michael Jenkins the position of replacing her. Michael has worked regularly in our school this year, including in 34C. He will be well-supported by our team planning and organisation, and he is attending our weekly staff professional learning meetings to ensure continuity of the literacy and numeracy approaches we use across the school.

CROSS-AGE TUTORS: Learning a skill and then teaching that skill to others leads to deeper understanding. Our school offers children a number of opportunities to pass on their knowledge to others. Pictured are 5/6C students up-skilling children from 2E in some computer applications. 5/6A students have been teaching the Preps how to play card games.

May/June

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Zone Sports Trials
Over the past couple of weeks, five Grade 6 students were invited to attend Zone trials in football, netball and basketball. These trials are for students from many schools across our sporting district who display high skill levels in their chosen sport, eventually hoping to make State teams. It is the first of many trials, where the competition for spots in teams becomes increasingly more difficult.

Mitchell Holt attended both basketball and football trials and was selected to go to the next trial day for both. He is a part of the Wangaratta football team that will travel to Benalla next Monday to play in a carnival against teams from Wodonga, Seymour and Shepparton. He has also been invited to travel to Melbourne on 3rd June to participate in a skills and game day for basketball. At both these sessions there will be state selectors in attendance who will choose a small number of players to attend a further trial session.

Chloe Storer attended basketball and netball trials and was also selected to attend the next stage of the selection process. She is a team member of the Wangaratta netball squad and will attend a netball carnival to be held in Benalla next Tuesday against teams from the three surrounding regions. Chloe will also attend the basketball skills day in Melbourne.

Samantha Grady also attended the netball trials but found that there was plenty of competition for smaller centre court players. Although performing quite well during the games, she was not selected to participate in further trials.

Congratulations to each of these students and all the best to both Chloe and Mitchell for their next selection trials.

Cycling & Golf
Recently Grade 6 student Angus McLean travelled to Wagga to compete in the Junior Cycling Under 13 Tour event. This event is racing against the best riders in NSW, Canberra and Victoria. He competed in two road races, a criterium and a time trial race. Angus rode well to place 7th in both the road races, after breaking away early in the event only to be caught by the bunch towards the end of the race. He came 4th in the criterium and just missed out on a podium finish, by 0.2 seconds, in the time trial event. Combining all of his results he placed 5th overall in the general classification and was the best placed Victorian rider.

And to show Angus’s sporting versatility, he attended a Victorian Golf skills competition during last term and won the Under 12 chipping competition. Congratulations, Angus, for your efforts and commitment to your sporting interests.

It’s always great to hear about our students who travel to a variety of places to compete in different events and to pit their skills against other highly skilled young athletes. This gives them a more accurate gauge of what level they are really at and also allows them to see what work is needed to improve their skills.

From The Chaplain…
YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
On Tuesday night I attended the first night of a Youth Mental Health First Aid Course being run by NECAMHS at the Wangaratta High School. This course is being attended by teachers, Welfare workers and Chaplains from primary and secondary schools across Wangaratta and has been booked out for weeks. Those who work with children recognise that signs of potential mental illness can be observed in children even in primary school and this has also been my experience. The good news is that there are things that parents can do to try to ensure that their children develop good mental health. It is important to recognise that a child will absorb their thinking styles from their parents, so that if a parent demonstrates a positive, optimistic attitude to life then children will pick this up too. Modelling this attitude is not only better for an adult’s wellbeing, but for the children who absorb the atmosphere of the home. Model hope, not helplessness.

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

PV Skye Leatham Pirret for being a cheerful class member, who is always willing to help others. Well done!

1S Coby Gedling for doing wonderful reading practice and for trying hard to make his writing bigger. Well done!

1/2M Caleb Gilbert for his improved confidence and enthusiastic approach to his writing.

2E Emma Whitehouse for the fabulous detailed drawings she completed to support her writing in our Writers’ Workshop. Great effort, Emma.

2F Stephanie Leerson for the wonderful passion and enthusiasm she is displaying for writing. Keep up the great work, Steph.

3/4A Elena Stone for the enthusiasm and learning she has shown during her Quest research presentation on dolphins. Congratulations, Elena.

3/4B Pearl Neary for being focused and ready to learn in all learning areas and for showing a keen interest in our Quest topic on marine animals.

3/4D Andre Roleff for his excellent work with adding and subtracting decimals.

3/4F Lachlan Newton for being a friendly and helpful class member who always works hard and displays a positive attitude towards his learning.

5/6A Charlotte Mullens for the great way you have taken on your role as an ICT mentor in the classroom and for providing the class with great ICT lessons and skills.

5/6C Nathan Bell for demonstrating some great leadership in his small group work during Quest Investigations.

5/6K Dominic Bedendo for the excellent effort he has been making when completing his Writer’s Notebook. You have come up with some great persuasive texts, Dominic. Well done.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Liam Flanagan
For the positive attitude he always displays when working on learning tasks in the classroom as well as activities in other areas of the school. Well done, Liam.

Amy Henderson
For always presenting a great attitude to all areas of her learning. Amy aims to achieve the best she possible can and is an absolute pleasure to have in our classroom. Well done, Amy!

Charlie Townsend
For the positive attitude and enthusiasm he displays towards all his learning and the support and encouragement he willingly gives to other class members.

SPORTS AWARD

Ella Bihun
For maintaining her focus during cross country preparations. She has continually challenged herself to improve during each session.

Artist of the Week

Lily Knox
For the lovely patchwork she did on her “Elmer the Patchwork Elephant” and also on her turtle. Well done, Lily!

Fruit Roster

Monday 13th May:
Michelle Webb, Lynn Best, Tanya Dinning Vanessa Luscombe & Alison Sessions.

Mothers’ Day Raffle

All Mothers’ Day raffle ticket stubs and money were due back at school today. There is one more chance to drop them off to the school office first thing tomorrow morning - Friday 10th May. The raffle will be drawn Friday afternoon. You need to be “in it to win it”! Good luck to everyone!

Winners will be notified by phone and announced at Monday’s Assembly along with the family who has sold the most tickets to win the bonus Ticket Sellers Prize.