Hi Everyone

A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER: It was lovely to have some rain earlier this week. However, it did mean the postponement of the school’s Cross Country. This will now be held from 11.30am-1pm next Monday (20th May). Our very enthusiastic volunteers from APPA have offered to again produce a sausage sizzle lunch for children on this day. Your child should have brought home an order form on Tuesday. Orders and money need to be received at the office by tomorrow morning.

FLYING THE FLAG: We welcomed Tim McCurdy (Member for Murray Valley) to our assembly on Monday. Tim presented our flag monitor, Annabel Glasser, with a new Australian flag. He also helped to present the weekly awards.

CONGRATULATIONS: At assembly, Susan Christie (President, APPA) presented the Geue family with the Mothers’ Day Raffle Ticket Sellers’ Prize. The raffle raised $3000 which is a fantastic effort.

Trecia Donald, along with Alison Sessions, Kay Andrewartha, Kim Saunders and Susan Christie have spent time at the weekends selling tickets at the local market. Our school families really got on board too, and this means that a new piece of equipment, to be installed in the Grade 5/6 playground in coming weeks, is fully paid for from these raffle proceeds.

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS: 1st Prize: Annette Dwyer 2nd Prize: Taylah Woods 3rd Prize: Craig Sessions 4th Prize: Coral West

THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES WHO SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISING EFFORT, AND TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED ITEMS FOR THE PRIZE PACKS.

eSmart SCHOOL: Leonie Bourke is pulling together our application for accreditation as an ‘eSmart School’. This program has been rolled out by the Alannah & Madeline Foundation and is aimed at raising awareness of issues around cyber-safety and bullying. In every category in this application, we were able to list a number of innovative and very current programs or initiatives we operate here at APPS. Senior students responded to a short survey about this last year and the results indicated that our children are very aware of the importance of online safety, and did not believe that cyber-bullying was a problem in our school. However, as a general reminder - please talk to your children, particularly from Grades 4-6, about these points:

- Young people should not be on FACEBOOK under the age of 13 years (and you are not a ‘mean Mum’ for saying NO)
- Passwords and user names should not be shared with anyone else except mum and dad
- Children should never disclose their personal details to anyone online
- Mums and dads are allowed to monitor children’s computer and mobile phone use
- Taking/sharing photos or forwarding messages without someone’s permission is not okay
- Using bad language or inappropriate content in emails or messages is not okay
MORE eSMART NEWS: On Wednesday, 5th June (5.30-6.30pm), we will hold an information expo for parents to showcase the many uses of technology in the curriculum at APPS, and to provide information about new approaches to eLearning. This is a great opportunity for families to get ‘hands on’ with the current computers and digital learning tools we use every day.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY: Next Wednesday (22nd) is our photo day. The photographers will be here from 9am and we usually have all the class groups and individual portraits done by 12.30; with family portraits to follow. All children will be photographed.

PLEASE ensure:
- Children are at school on time next Wednesday
- Children are dressed in clean, correct uniform
- Any hair accessories should be appropriate to our uniform. Excessive jewellery and make up are not appropriate at school.

BIKE HIKE: Our Grade 5/6 students will head off on their ride tomorrow morning. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have offered their help on the day:

Having such a large group of parent helpers means that children can be in smaller groups, and will also provide a good number of support vehicles.

ALL STITCHED UP - The Art Room is a hive of activity at the moment with students learning lots of crafty skills using textiles and threads. Wondrous stuffed sea creatures are being created along with miles of finger knitting. The Wangaratta ‘Stitched Up’ Festival must be imminent!

Nihongo News

Last week, (May the 5th) was Children’s Day in JP. Families decorate their homes with displays of samurai armour and fly koinobori. All classes learnt about this very important cultural event and the Gr5-6 kids made a Kabuto to take home.

Last week’s focus on JP culture (Children’s Day) flowed nicely into a trip I made on Sunday to the Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) to see an exhibition of Ukiyo E. The pictures are on loan from a major US museum and are of exceptional quality and historical significance. If you happen to be heading to Shepp., or simply looking for a dose of culture, I recommend a visit to SAM.

Monoshiri Şensei’s Culture Tips

The next big festival on the JP cultural calendar mentioned in the last nazonazo was obviously Children’s Day. No winner, again? It was so simple, too. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us a JP body part word that has two very different meanings. The first correct answer to me or the main office is the winner.

Sayônara!
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

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

PB  **Bailey Ballard** for the great effort he is making with his numeracy tasks. Great job, Bailey!

PV  **Hayden Corrigan** for the effort he shows when completing his learning tasks. Well done, Hayden!

1S  **Oliver Bedendo** for concentrating on his learning tasks and for showing more success in every area. Well done!

1/2M  **James Thewlis** for improved independence with his learning and progressing well with reading.

2E  **Emma Vickery** for being able to successfully use, record and explain the “turn around” strategy in maths sessions. Well done, Emma.

2F  **Sarah Henderson** for consistently completing all her learning tasks to a high standard and being willing to take on challenges. Great work, Sarah.

3/4A  **Tahlia Peake** for being resilient and holding her head high when things don’t go her way. Well done, Tahlia.

3/4B  **Kayla Gill** for her positive attitude when approaching learning tasks and her willingness to help others in the classroom.

3/4C  **Ben Sgario** for the fantastic progress he has made with his counting in maths. He has displayed great confidence and capability when counting by decimal tenths and hundredths and working with large numbers.

3/4D  **Ethan Randall** for using good getting along skills and playing well in the playground with a positive group of friends.

3/4F  **Lily Donald** for the positive attitude she shows towards her school work and the great work she is doing in the classroom.

5/6A  **Edith Neary** for the great board game she made for the preps and the great artistic detail she always includes in her work.

5/6C  **Emma Christie** for sharing her e-learning knowledge with the students in 1/2E to help them develop their own skills in Word and PowerPoint. Congratulations, Emma!

5/6K  **Cammie Forster** for the excellent research she has put into our Quest topic and for working well in a team to develop a great light bulb and battery circuit.

**APPIN STAR AWARD**

**Remy Addae**

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

**April Twyford**

For having a very positive attitude towards her school work and for consistently working well in the classroom.

**Annika Flanagan**

For consistently working hard in class, taking on new challenges with enthusiasm and for achieving outstanding results. Keep up the great work!

**SPORTS AWARD**

**Carla Petersen**

For showing great focus and concentration when trying to develop her peripheral vision.

A very quiet and mature approach.

**Artist of the Week**

**Deegan Kennedy**

For his great job of painting his tiger shark, his application to task and his impeccable manners.
Regional Netball and Football Trials

Last Tuesday Chloe Storer participated in the Regional Netball Carnival, representing the Wangaratta team and playing against teams from Wodonga, Shepparton and Seymour. This competition was the second step in a long process for State selection. Chloe played well during each of her games and was selected in the final 14 from our region, however, was not selected to go and trial any further.

On Monday, Mitchell Holt played for the Wangaratta Football team against the same opposition. He predominantly played as a rover in each of his games and impressed the selectors enough to be invited to travel to Melbourne towards the end of this month to participate in another carnival. This time teams are based around regional selections. Playing in a team where you do not know the other players is a challenge and will require great communication between the boys.

Well done to both Chloe and Mitchell for being selected in the Wangaratta teams of their respective sports, and all the best to Mitchell for the next round of selection trials.

School Cross Country

Unfortunately the weather presented too much of a risk for us to run the school cross country last Monday. We postponed it until next Monday. All the event times that were sent home in the newsletter on 2nd May are still the same. Let’s hope for slightly better conditions next week so that the students can all participate and enjoy the experience.
Enrolments for 3 & 4 year old Kindergarten in 2014 are being taken from May 13th at the following Kindergartens - Appin Park, Christopher Robin, Glenrowan, Moyhu, Violet Town, Wangaratta West and The Hub (Yarrunga Primary School). Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the NERPSA web site, collected from the open day sessions or NERPSA. Forms need to be returned to NERPSA by 26th July, 2013. Late applications will be placed on a waiting list.

You and your children are welcome to attend open day sessions at the following Kindergartens:

**Appin Park**
- Thursday 23rd May, 2.30-3.30pm (4 year old Program)

**Christopher Robin**
- Tuesday 14th May, 2.30-3.30pm (4 year old Program)

**Glenrowan**
- Monday 27th May, 11.00-12.00pm (4 year old Program)

**Moyhu**
- Thursday 23rd May, 2.30-3.30pm (4 year old Program)

**Violet Town**
- Tuesday 21st May, 9.30-10.30am (4 year old Program)

**Wangaratta West**
- Wednesday 22nd May, 2.30-3.30pm (4 year old Program)

**The Hub – Yarrunga**
- Thursday 30th May, 11.00-12.00pm (3 year old Program)

**NERPSA 3 Year Old Kindergarten for 2014**

In 2014, the 3 year old kindergarten programs which are currently run at Christopher Robin, Wangaratta West and Appin Park Kindergartens will be amalgamating. The decision to amalgamate the 3 year old programs is due to the introduction of Universal Access (15 hour programs) in the 4 year old Kindergarten programs. The kindergartens, due to time restraints are unable to schedule two 4 year old programs and the 3 year old program.

NERPSA is an advocate for the 3 year old Kindergarten program as we strongly believe it is an essential and memorable experience in a child’s education. We are committed to running a quality program which develops children learning, enabling each individual to not only grow but flourish in their learning journey. In addition to this we endeavour to make our program accessible to all children in Wangaratta.

Each session will be three hours in duration and available on two days at The Hub (located next to Yarrunga Primary School on Bourke St). This program will be staffed by our current NERPSA 3 year old kindergarten teachers and assistants. Dependant upon availability there may be an opportunity for children to attend two sessions per week.

We will be running an Open Day for our 3 year old Kindergarten program on Thursday, May 30th, from 11 to 12 noon. Please come along to meet our teachers and see the fantastic new facility. For further information please contact NERPSA on 5721 2755 or visit the NERPSA website.

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**Did you know that 1 in 100 children are born with a heart defect. Do you have a child with heart disease, whether congenital or acquired? It can be helpful to talk to other families in similar situations and find out about support and help available to you. Heartkids are holding their next catch up at Cafe KidzRUs, Wangaratta, on Saturday 25th May at 2pm. Contact the branch coordinator for further information. Lisa 0421 655 636 or Shane 0488 221 184**

**HeartKids**

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**Sausage Sizzle orders are due back tomorrow, Friday 17th May.**

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**Monday, 3rd June is a Pupil Free day at Appin Park. Just Kids will be open from 8am-6pm. If you would like to book your children into Just Kids for the day, please contact Gina on 5721 4799.**

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**Piano Lessons in local & district schools. Contact Andrea Wearne 0448 196 419 or 5722 3613**