Hi Everyone

WHAT’S HAPPENING??

Jump Rope has started with children all brushing up on their skipping skills during PE lessons this week. Grade 5/6 students have launched into the Earn & Learn Quest. In 56A, when I visited, they were working on what a payslip looks like, and calculating how things like tax and superannuation affect the take-home amount. In coming days they will be applying for jobs and negotiating salaries and benefits as their classroom economy takes shape. 56C students were working on their ‘number fluency’ in relating percentages and fractions when photographed - using dice and grids to race each other to 100%.

Meanwhile, in the Art Room, Grade 3/4 students were preparing clay pots for firing. In their classrooms, Grade 1 students were practising their spelling words and Grade 2 children were making, reading and writing large numbers.

Volunteers are needed for head lice checks on Friday 19th July. Please meet at the school office at 12.00pm if you can help.

July/August

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CAR BOOT SALE - 31 August
Sites are filling - book your spot. Phone Sandra Makin to register.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder - Friday, 9th August is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be working on the Whole School Curriculum Plan—aligning our current program with the new Australian Curriculum standards in English, Maths, Science and History. Other learning areas of the national curriculum will be gradually introduced into AusVELS over the next 12-18 months.

CAR BOOT SALE - 31 August, 9-1.00pm: A small group is coordinating this event. The idea is to offer ‘sites’ for either a single vehicle or a vehicle & trailer from which you can sell pre-loved toys/clothing/furniture/books etc, home-made or home-grown goods, craft items... We will have train rides and a jumping castle for the children, along with BBQ food, coffee and drinks. Market stall holders (home-made or locally-sourced goods only) can also book a site. Please contact Sandra Makin (5722 1326) if you wish to register, and take this opportunity to sell some of your treasures.

ENROLMENT 2014: If you have a pre-school child due to start school in 2014, please complete an enrolment form and drop it into the office as soon as possible. A copy of the birth certificate and immunisation records can be provided later in the year. If you know of any families who are making the big decision of where to send their child to school next year, please encourage them to come and see what we offer at APPS and to get started on the enrolment process.

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL—YEAR 6/7: Beth Gaut (Transition Coordinator, WHS) will be here, at our school, on Thursday, 1st August between 3.00-4.00pm to assist any parents of Year 6 students who would like to call in and see her. Beth can explain the intricacies of the enrolment forms and other matters relevant to the transition process at WHS.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY: A random selection of parents will soon receive the Parent Opinion Survey forms in the mail. PLEASE take the time to complete and return this survey to our office. We really do value your feedback. The state-wide survey asks your opinion about your child's learning, connectedness to school and your general satisfaction with the school's management/operations. A School Council rep. may contact you once surveys have been sent out. If you have any questions about the survey, please talk to him/her about it or give me a call.

Last year’s data is shown here. The graph indicates that in all variables we were in the top 30% of schools in the state, and in seven areas (Student Safety, Learning Focus, Homework, Student Motivation, Extracurricula, Transitions, Reporting) we were in the top 10%.

AND FINALLY... Welcome to Danielle (56K) and Cameron (34B) Ackley and their family who have joined us this week. Danielle & Cameron have quickly settled into life at APPS.

Wendy Larcombe

CHOCOLATES We still have a few boxes of chocolates to sell. If you are able to sell another carrier for us, please come to the office. A ‘carrier-seller’s’ prize will be presented at assembly on Monday morning.

Nihongo News

Yahoo! Schools in. Term 3 = July and that means Tanabata (A.K.A The Star Festival). This week, all classes learnt about this very important event on the JP cultural calendar. Term 3 also means the Japanese speech contest. The contest will be held here at Yarrunga on Sunday the 15th of September. Places are limited and a lot of kids have already signed up. There are still some spots available, so anyone interested in entering should see me as soon as possible. If you do enter, you’ll need to be prepared to work hard and do a lot of practice.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

For our first nazonazo of the term, tell us the JP words for the following things related to Tanabata. Sky, Star, Milk, & Cow. The first correct written answer to me or the main office will be the winner.

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

PB Max Bihun for being a great classroom helper and an enthusiastic learner.
PV Ryley York for trying his best to learn his letters and sounds. Keep it up, Ryley.
1S Hope Hay Walsh for her excellent home reading practice, for always doing her best work and for being a good helper in the classroom. Well done!
1/2M Tyler Lack for the great enthusiasm he shows with all his learning!
2E Tristian Fletcher-Blake for his insightful contributions to our discussions on inferential questioning during Reading Groups. Well done, Tristian.
2F Flynn Waring for his excellent start to Term 3 and for the wonderful team work skills he displayed on our transport day. Keep up the great work.
3/4A Ryan Battin for the learning he has completed over the school holidays, to improve his writing and multiplication skills. Way to go, Ryan!
3/4B Aiden Tracey for his positive start to Term 3 and the enthusiasm he is displaying towards our new Quest on Ned Kelly. Way to go, Aiden!
3/4C Rebecca Semple for the great work she is doing in maths when solving multiplication equations using arrays.
3/4D Tahlia Corrigan for her positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning.
3/4F Liam Suter for becoming a confident member of the class. Liam shows initiative by asking others when he is unsure of what to do. Well done, Liam.
5/6A Flynn Wright for his concerted effort to make good choices about his learning in the classroom and to stay focused. Keep it up, Flynn.
5/6C Thomas Moore for the mature start he has made to the term and the attentive way he is listening during floor time.
5/6K Caleb Whitehead for the awesome effort and work he put into his pen-pal letter. Hopefully it reaches London soon, for a reply!

**APPIN STAR AWARD**
Layla Elliott
For always being kind and considerate and willing to help other children.

**SPORTS AWARD**
Damien Witting for his consistent approach and positive attitude to PE. He always tries his best, is encouraging of other students and shows consideration; offering help at the beginning and end of each class.

**ARTIST OF THE WEEK**
Elena Stone
for her persistence in painting the glaze on her pottery pinch pot.

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK**
Mitchell Holt for being awesome in music with production preparation.
Amber Nield for showing great commitment towards music and choir.

Come and meet Wangaratta High School Transition Leader, Beth Gaut. Find out anything you want to know about Wangaratta High School or get help to fill out the enrolment form.

Date: Thursday 1st August    Time: 3-4pm    Where: Room 9, A.P.P.S.
**Book Fair 2013**

It’s that time again – we are excited to announce that we will be holding our annual Book Fair in the library during Week 3 of this term.

The Book Fair will be open from Monday, 29th July – Thursday, 1st August (inclusive), from 8:30 -9am and 3:30-4pm on each of these days.

A brochure showing some of the books available for sale at the Book Fair will be coming home today, along with a form to fill in with your very own ‘wish list’. You can use this to order and pay by credit card if you wish to.

**We need your support** – each and every book purchased will raise credits for APPS, enabling us to buy new books for our library!!

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**APPA has secured a date to run a sausage sizzle as a whole school fundraiser at the Wangaratta Bunnings store.**

**Sunday 28th July 9:00am – 4:00pm**

Volunteers are needed to man the BBQ. If you can spare an hour (or more) of your time please contact Susan Christie (0408 742 039).

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

We need people to help keep Sick Bay tidy and wash sheets each month from August to December (this usually only needs doing once or twice a month). If you can help out for a month, please see Nicole in the office.

**Sick Bay Volunteer for July: Susan Paola**

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**Fruit Roster Monday 22nd July:**

Darlene Geue, Brian Geue, Estelle Corrigan & Margie Moore

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**Bookclub Orders are due back Friday 29th July**

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**WINTER WARMERS EVERY WEDNESDAY**

WARM MILO & ANZAC BISCUITS

STUDENTS NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN PLASTIC MUG.

Milo - $1.00  ANZAC biscuits - 50c

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**Education Maintenance Allowance - Instalment Two**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the ‘direct deposit’ or ‘pay direct to school’ payment option on their application form. Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2 August 2013.


Contact the School Office for an application form and further information.
**Positive Parenting Telephone Service:**

Are you the parent or carer of a child aged 2 – 10 years?

Are you looking for ways to have more positive communication with your child?

Do you have other commitments that prevent you from attending regular group parenting courses?

Well, how about this?

We are running a fantastic parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 – 10 years that you can do from the comfort of your own home.

It is called the Positive Parenting Telephone Service and you get a weekly telephone appointment at a time that suits you (day or evening) with a trained parent educator for 6 – 10 weeks.

Our program educators aim to assist you in developing a stronger and more positive relationship with your children, as well as offering some practical suggestions on how to manage everyday behaviour problems such as disobedience, temper tantrums and disruptive behaviours.

**Interested?** For more information or to enrol phone **FREECALL 1800 880 660**

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime

This service is funded by Department of Human Services Victoria

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The Wangaratta Baseball/Softball Club (Wangaratta Rangers) is offering its ‘Aussie T-Ball’ program this coming 2012/13 winter Season.

**Saturday Fun Program for Primary School Aged Children**

8 Week Saturday Program starting on **27 July at 1 pm**

Program Cost is **$65.00** per player which includes Registration & Insurance, plus a **2012/2013 Participation Pack** which includes the following:-

- 10.5 inch Wilson Glove and Ball, Aussie T-Ball “Baseball” drawstring bag, Aussie T-Ball/Fielders Choice Water Bottle, Aussie T-Ball Luggage Tag, Aussie T-Ball Velcro Catch Set and Ball, Aussie T-Ball Pencil Case & Ruler
- 12 Pencils & Baseball Eraser, ABL Kids Club Membership Details (FREE season pass, other discounts & benefits), Fielders Choice $5 Gift Voucher & Aussie T-Ball Player Pathway Brochure, Non-competitive mini T-Ball

On one of the sessions we hope to have a visit from Baseball Victoria’s Participation Manager, former Major Leaguer and Melbourne Aces player, **Justin Huber**, who visited some local schools in August to host Aussie T-Ball Clinics. Justin has played in the American Major League, debut with the Kansas City Royals in 2005, he also spent time with the N.Y. Mets, San Diego Padres and Minn, Twins, had stints in Dominican and Venezuelan Leagues, a season with the Hiroshima Carp in Japan’s NPB and most recently with US Independent league team, Somerset Patriots.

**For further information, please contact Wang. Baseball/Softball Sports Club**

Brendon French (Club President) on 03 57223397(AH)

or e-mail wangarattarangers@hotmail.com.au