Hi Everyone

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: At our meeting on Monday evening we set a date for the next Working Bee at school. This will be on Saturday, 24th August at 2pm. Giving our gardens a good weeding and tidying up, some pruning along with some weed spraying and whipper-snipping will be the main focuses of the working bee.

STUDENT WELLBEING: BUILDING RESILIENT CHILDREN

'Smooth seas don't make for skilful sailors'.
As parents, our natural urge is to rush in to rescue our children if they seem upset, have hurt feelings or are having problems with their friends. If we protect our children from every hurt, loss, failure, disappointment or fear, they will struggle as adults to cope with life’s ups and downs. There have been a number of articles relating to this in recent issues of the weekend newspapers.
The commentators point out that we can do our children a real disservice when we take on board their friendship difficulties, responsibility for their homework and any consequences of breaking rules. Children do not learn life lessons or how to take responsibility for their behaviour if they are never given the chance to solve problems or to accept and manage the consequences of their actions. Understanding that feeling unhappy at times is a natural emotion, is important, as is developing the ability to pick yourself up, brush yourself off and head back to face the next day with a positive attitude.

Next time your child shows anxiety, difficulty with learning a new task, or is facing a new challenge, take a step back and consider how you can support their thinking and encourage them to work out some solutions to the problem. Together you could rehearse some things they can say when they have their feelings hurt, or when they need to apologise for their actions. It is also really important that as adults we remember that children watch and learn from us. How we deal with our emotions provides them with a model to follow.

STUDENT VOICE: The Student Voice Team have been discussing how we can promote our school’s values: RESPECT, COOPERATION, COMMITMENT, RESPONSIBILITY & FAIRNESS. They have decided that an explanation of each value in the newsletter and at assembly would be a good way to start.

Nicole Shiels and Gabe Watson wrote the following about one of the values:

RESPONSIBILITY: This is shown at our school by students being able to look after themselves along with their own and other people’s belongings. We can show we are responsible by being hard-working and respectful at school. We also show responsibility by being a great and caring prep buddy, by working on jobs like the garden cage and recycling, being friendly and respectful office monitors and by looking after the school’s property like our laptops and iPads.

SCHOOL CONCERT & SENIOR PRODUCTION: Rehearsals have now started for the Grade 5/6 musical: Cinderella & Rockafella. The concert will not be on the date we planned, due to changes to the audience capacity of the WHS Performing Arts Centre. We are now planning to hold the concert at the main Wangaratta PAC. The date will be confirmed soon but will be in the first two weeks of Term 4. Details on how to get tickets etc. will also be provided in coming weeks.
CAR BOOT SALE - 31st AUGUST, 10am-1pm: If you have items that you would like to donate for us to sell on the School Council stall, we are happy to accept them. We would appreciate items being delivered to school in the week of 24th-30th August. Please contact the office for details.

Sites for the Car Boot Sale are filling - if you would like to book a site for your car or trailer please contact Sandra Makin. We hope all our school community will support us in this effort - please tell your friends and neighbours about it.

STUDENT WELLBEING: Kids Early Action Program in Schools (KEAPS)
Grade Prep-3 children will have brought home information about this program today. Over coming weeks, teachers of Grades P-3 will complete the Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaire (the same as that attached to your information) on each child. This gives us another tool to identify children who would benefit from specific intervention and support in the areas of emotional wellbeing and resilience.

The KEAPS team will only look at the results of students whose parents have provided a permission form. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to your child’s teacher BY Thursday 8th August. During the latter part of this term we will contact some families and offer them the chance to participate in this very beneficial program during Term 4.

HEADLICE: I understand how frustrating this problem can be - particularly when it recurs! I have attached information about prevention and treatment of head-lice to today’s newsletter. We had quite a number of cases detected during the most recent whole school check. Our hardy volunteers returned on Monday to do follow up checks, and were disappointed to find that some parents had not followed through with treatment over the weekend. I will ask parents to collect children from school if live head-lice are detected so that treatment can be started.

AND FINALLY...Thank you again to all those who sold chocolate carriers on our behalf. The money from this fundraiser will allow us to order some more new classroom furniture for the senior school.

Wendy Larcombe

The First week of Earn and Learn in 5/6K

The first week of Earn and Learn was hard but also good fun. We found out where our tax goes. Although it is usually for good things, no one likes to pay it! I also found out what superannuation was. I decided I would deposit $10 into my superannuation account each week. I spent $85 for food this week and I can’t believe some of the costs of things!

Naomi McGowan

My first week doing Earn and Learn has been great fun. I’ve learnt so much about what’s taken away from your money before you actually get the money. I’ve also learnt that food costs much more than I thought it did. I’m looking forward to what’s ahead in the next few weeks!

Eliza Shiels

My first week in Earn and Learn has been fun but I don’t have that much money left because it has gone towards food, tax, insurance, rent and transport. We started off getting paid $700 and I am down to $131!!! I pay a lot for my rent, but I get a letterbox included am allowed to sit at my table rather than the floor.

Isaac Folino

I think I have done well for the week. We all started off by getting paid $700 and have paid off a lot of things like insurance and rent. I have a good house because I’m just down from the "Zoo" and "Tip". The Zoo is very noisy, but I love listening to the guinea pig squeak. I love the view of the Kerlsville Park. I see all the kids sitting on the grass at the park. I can’t wait til we get jobs!!

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

PB Seth Burns for always trying his best when working on literacy and numeracy tasks. Keep up the great work, Seth.
PV Xavier Hogarth for making a great start to Term 3. Well done, Xavier!
1S Skye MacKinnon Burman for the great effort she is making with her writing. Well done, Skye.
1/2M Coby Still for her resilience and her willingness to try activities where appropriate.
2E Robbie Sessions for his great effort in reading; remembering to cross-check for information. Well done, Robbie.
2F Mark Pirrett for making a great start to Term 3. You did a wonderful job in your counting and reading activities last week. Keep up the great work, Mark.
3/4A Reece Weimer for the persistence he has shown when completing his times table challenge. Well done, Reece!
3/4B Cameron Ackley for settling into Appin Park so smoothly. He has displayed fantastic work habits and is a happy and friendly class member.
3/4C Bethany Edwards for the great effort she is making with all her literacy tasks. Keep up the good work!
3/4D Emily Doig for the big improvement in her ability to stay focused and attentive during class discussions and instruction time.
3/4F Aaron Gregory for the enthusiasm he is showing toward our Ned Kelly: Hero or Villain? Quest this term.
5/6A Joel Carson for taking his “learning goal” on board and trying to extend all his homework and class learning opportunities.
5/6C Brody Butterworth for the progress he has made in maths; when trying to understand simple fractions. Keep up the hard working attitude!
5/6K Tom Metcalfe for always showing initiative and helping out around the classroom without being asked.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Jemma Ryan
For being so conscientious in the way she approaches her school work. Jemma is a quiet worker who produces work of a very high standard particularly in Reading and Writing workshops.

Ebony Grant
For always approaching her work with a positive attitude and contributing 100% to all class learning activities.

Artist of the Week
Kayla Phillips
For her excellent efforts with her straw weaving.

Musician of the Week

Glen Lovett
For putting in a superb effort so far to learn his part in the upcoming production. Brilliant job, Glen!

Triniti Cook
For the effort and enthusiasm in all she offers during class and choir. Well done!

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.
Last Tuesday we held the Celebration Day which marked the end of the Seasons for Growth Program in the Middle School for this year. The children, together with their parents and grandparents, celebrated the important lessons they learned about coping with grief and loss situations in their lives.

In the next few weeks a new group will commence for children in Grades 1 and 2. If your child has experienced parents’ separation, divorce or the death of a close relative they would benefit from participating in the Seasons for Growth Program even if they have adjusted to the changes in their family.

The program focuses on building positive coping skills which help children deal with the difficult situations in life.

If you would like your child to participate in the program, or you would like more information on the program please return the form below to school.

Beth Davies
Chaplain and Seasons for Growth Facilitator

☐ I would like to enrol my child in the Seasons For Growth Program for Grades 1 and 2.

☐ I would like more information about the Seasons For Growth Program

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: ____________

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Well, this week certainly didn’t go to plan. The kids were probably ready for action, but, unfortunately, the teacher conked out. Next week, we’ll make up for it with some hiragana games. That'll get the brains working. There's been a good response to the Japanese speech contest, with a lot of kids coming to sign up. Please get your permission letters back ASAP, so I can start writing the scripts. There are still some places available for Gr3~4, so come and see me as soon as possible, if you are interested.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

The Tanabata related words needed for last week’s nazonazo were: Sky=sora, Star=hoshi, Milk=gyûnû and Cow=ushi. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us two meanings for the JP word Tako. The first correct written answer to me or the main office will be the winner.

Sayônara!

APPARaffle

Thanks to Scouts Australia

For every $2 ticket sold, Appin Park receives $1.50. So the more we sell, the more money we raise.

There are 123 prizes! 1st prize is a Toyota Prius C Hybrid, 2nd is a Trekmaster Camper Trailer & Sunroom, 3rd is 4 economy airfares to Brunei. There will be a prize for the family who sells the most tickets.

Raffle tickets will be sent home tonight. If you don’t wish to sell them please return them to the office as all tickets need to be accounted for. Tickets need to be returned to school by Monday 26th August.

Nihongo News

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**Community Notice Board**

**WINTER WARMERS EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**WARM MILO & ANZAC BISCUITS**

**STUDENTS NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN PLASTIC MUG.**

- Milo - $1.00
- ANZAC biscuits - 50c

**Fruit Roster Monday 29th July:**

Maryann Jarred, Rebecca Feldtmann & Kate Morris

**ART CLASSES**

Places are available for Grade 4, 5 and 6 students in the after-school program. Classes are run by a registered and professional art teacher in a safe classroom environment and explore many creative topics.

TUESDAYS 3.45pm-5.15pm
Cost $20 incl. GST & all materials.

For enquiries and information call Janet Leith - 0431 890158

**Pangerang Community House TRIVIA NIGHT**

Pangerang Community House is holding a trivia night to raise some money for our childcare as well as enjoy a fun night out.

WHEN Saturday 31st August 2013, 6.30pm
WHERE Vine Hotel
COST $25.00 per person including trivia, Pot & Parmie

Tables of 8 but you just book and we will organise the tables. Prizes to be won & Raffle. Limited numbers. Bookings & payment must be made by Friday 23rd August for catering. Phone Pangerang on 0357213813

Come along to what will be a fun night!