Hi Everyone

COMMITMENT: At our assembly on Monday, we revisited this School Value. Following assembly, 12 students demonstrated their commitment by ‘getting down & dirty’ and helping to plant some new Ash trees on the oval. Bunnings’ representative, Kelly, was here with 4 donated trees as part of the Planet Ark initiative to encourage schools to plant more trees.

Jackson Stringer, Declan Meloury, Harvey Moore, Alex Pitt, Jarrod Bell, Zac Sewell-Dolphin, Brody Butterworth, Jarrod Bell, Eddie Sessions, Josie Donald, Damien Witting, Tyson Geue, Alex Kay and Mackenzie Allpress helped out with this task - it certainly took lots of persistence and hard yakka! We had to first dig out some existing tree roots and break through some clay. Each of the students helped out and they will continue to look after the trees as they get established.

LET’S GET PHYSICAL: Lots of physical activity going on at APPS; children jumping-off in the annual Jump Rope for Heart skip-a-thon today, Grade 3/4 students off to their final swimming session and Grade 5/6 children enjoying a range of fitness circuits & games using facilities at the Barr Reserve during their Friday Sport time. Children will start practising field events for the school athletics day, on the 28th August, next week.

SCHOOL VALUES - FAIRNESS: Being fair, and being treated fairly is very important to us. At APPS, fairness is shown by the fact that the SRC, house captains and school captains are voted for by the students, not picked by the teachers. The teachers let us all have a say in class discussions. It is also fair that the school provides opportunities for everyone to be their best with Art, Sport, Japanese and the Music program, along with Academies, allowing us all to show our strengths. Our school rules are fair to everyone, and help make our school a safe and happy place. (With help from Glen Lovett & Brady O’Connell)

PARENT SURVEYS: PLEASE help us by completing your survey, and returning it to the office on Monday.

WORKING BEE: Saturday 24th August - Come along and help us get our school grounds ready for Spring. BYO shovel, whipper-snipper, blower, garden fork, broom etc.
Book Clubs in the 5/6 Unit

This term all students in Grade 5/6 are taking part in “Book Clubs”. The students have all taken part in a Book Pass in which they were able to make a choice of their preferred read. From there small groups were formed and Book Club meetings began. Meetings are held once a week during which time the students share their questions, predictions, new and interesting words and general feelings about the text that they have recorded in their notebooks. Teachers share with students how to hold discussions, communicate in sensible and respectful ways and how to be an active listener. Feedback from the students has been positive, with students reporting they like the choice they are getting in reading and being able to share their love of reading with like-minded people.

RESPECTIVITY: Along with the staff, and, I believe, our whole parent community, I have very high expectations of students’ behaviour. Over the last two weeks, a small number of our senior students have let themselves down, and have not treated others as respectfully or acted as responsibly as they should. I spoke to all the Grade 5/6 students on Monday morning and reminded them of our school rules, and consequences for anyone who is not following these rules. I also reminded our school leadership group that they have an added responsibility as role models. It is very important that all senior students remember that the younger children are watching them and learning from them. With their Earn & Learn Quest, along with preparations for the school production, and the upcoming Athletics Sports, senior students have plenty to keep them occupied and engaged at school. I reminded them that anyone not able to act responsibly in normal work and play situations, will not be able to participate in special activities or be deemed eligible to fill a student leadership position.

FATHERS’ DAY RAFFLE: There is a book of tickets attached to each newsletter. This raffle will be drawn at the Car Boot Sale on 31st August, in time for Fathers’ Day. First prize is a Stihl chainsaw and a HUGE bar of Toblerone chocolate (we decided the winner of the chocolate will need the chainsaw to cut it up!!). Other prizes include vouchers for rounds of golf (Jubilee Golf Club) car care products (Supercheap Auto) and dining vouchers from the Pinsent Hotel and the Sydney Hotel. Thank you to Heather Foster for organising this.

Please return all sold books and money to the office by THURSDAY, 29th AUGUST

SCHOOL CONCERT & PRODUCTION: Tuesday, 15th October - further details in this newsletter (page 4).

AND FINALLY…. The Spring is almost sprung - our Manchurian Pear trees have blossom on them!

Wendy Larcombe

BEECHWORTH EXCURSION

Grades 3/4 will be travelling to Beechworth on Thursday 22nd August as part of their Quest unit on Ned Kelly. They will visit the Courthouse, the Burke Museum and participate in a walking tour of Beechworth. The cost of the excursion will be covered by the excursion levy. We will leave at 9:30am and be back at school for normal dismissal time.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PB  Darcy Kennedy for the great progress she is making with her reading tasks. Great work, Darcy!

PV  William Petersen for the wonderful effort he is making in literacy activities. Keep it up!

1S  Briana Hogarth for her happy smile and for being a responsible worker in her group activities. Well done!

1/2M  Emma McAuliffe for the independence she shows with all her work and her willingness to help when asked. Thank you, Emma.

2E  Sheldon Harrison for showing initiative and persistence in maintaining a tidy classroom. Thank you, Sheldon.

2F  Matthew Bell for being such a wonderful puppeteer in our “Time to Shine” Academy. You demonstrated great leadership skills and used excellent expression.

3/4A  Zak Andrewartha for the persistence and resilience he has displayed over the last week, when things have been a challenge. Congratulations, Zak!

3/4B  Dakota McAlice for the outstanding confidence and persistence she is displaying during our maths focus on multiplication and division. Keep up the great work!

3/4C  Trent Moore for being a positive member of our classroom and for his consistent efforts across all his studies.

3/4D  Jack Boulton for showing great responsibility and commitment while helping to keep the garden cage in good working order.

3/4F  Cameron Lovett for the enthusiasm and great work he has displayed during our multiplication and division unit in maths.

5/6A  Chantal Magee for her positive approach to our “Earn & Learn” quest and her wonderful job application and reference letters.

5/6C  Alice Townsend for the outstanding way she contributes to book club discussions. Alice is always prepared for meetings and is enthusiastic about the book. Well done, Alice.

5/6K  Trinity Hutchins for showing a responsible and more mature approach to completing her homework and bringing it in. Keep it going, Trinity!

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Emily Cooper

For her attention to detail when colouring in her artwork. Emily stayed on task and completed her work to a high standard. Well done, Emily!

SPORTS AWARD

Jonty Grace

For persisting and displaying skipping skills of a high standard. He was able to skip in a long rope and an individual rope at the same time.

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

Sam Beattie

For being quick to adapt and take on a new part with a positive and supportive attitude in the upcoming Senior Production. Great team work, Sam!

Layla Elliott

For being such a fantastic team player in class and choir and always given 100% to her musical development. You’re wonderful to work with, Layla.

FRUIT ROSTER MONDAY 12TH AUGUST:

Lynn Best, Nicole Snowdon, Estelle Corrigan & Kim O’Brien
School Concert and Production - Tuesday 15th October

The date for our school concert and production is Tuesday 15th October at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre (WPAC). The first half of the program will consist of items from grades 1 – 4 as well as small group performances which showcase our ever growing music program run by Celine Foster. The second half of the program will be “Cinderella Rockefella”, a full scale musical production performed by the 5/6 students and directed, once again, by Celine.

Tickets for this event are not on sale yet. We will let you know, via the newsletter, as soon as you are able to purchase tickets. They will be sold through the WPAC via their box office or online. Prices are yet to be finalised. There will be two performances on Tuesday 15th October, an early afternoon matinee and an evening performance. There will also be a full dress rehearsal on Monday 14th October. This will be open to the public with a gold coin donation at the door.

If you are able to help in any way with our production please see Heather Foster or Celine Forster.

We need help collecting any of the following clothing that you don’t mind having altered if required:
- Old suits, ties, white button up shirts, bridesmaids dresses or fancy dresses;
- Townsfolk clothes such as skirts, blouses, pants, long shorts, shirts, vests, braces, shawls, hats and scarves;
- White leggings/pants and t shirts, aprons and tall chefs hats.

Once we build up our reserve of costumes we can sort as many children as possible and then get into action to find ways to cover the short fall. If you would like your items returned please put your name clearly marked on the inside tag.

Keep watching this space for further details.

Art Room News

Volunteers Wanted

Are you a knitter? Would you like to sit with some keen students once a week for around 45mins to help them get on their way to being a knitter?

Our school has joined the "Wool In Schools" project run by Australian Country Spinners in conjunction with selected primary schools. They have provided us with kits containing sets of needles and some wool to start their journey off.

If you would like to be part of this project please let us know. We will hold this knitting club on Wednesday Lunchtimes 1.30- 2.20pm for this term starting next week.

Wanted Socks

Do you have a bag of odd socks waiting for their partner to turn up? Our 1/2 unit is doing a quest unit on Time to Shine and I am making sock puppets with them. If you have any clean, odd socks that you could donate, it would be really great to see them transformed into puppets. Just send them along to the art room in the next week.

Thanks,
Ros Janas
Arts Coordinator

Can all Jump Rope for Heart sponsorship money please be returned by Friday 16th August.

WINTER WARMERS EACH WEDNESDAY
Warm Milo & ANZAC Biscuits - Students need to bring their own plastic mug.
Milo - $1.00
ANZAC biscuits - 50c
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