Hi Everyone

SUCH IS LIFE! Grade 3/4 children and teachers celebrated their learning from the term’s history Quest about the life and crimes of Ned Kelly. Students dressed in character this morning and explained events leading up to Ned’s death 132 years ago at the gallows. Percussion and dramatic performances from each grade, under the direction of our music teacher, Celine, captured the music of the times. A large crowd of parents and grandparents enjoyed the presentation. The Quest asks each child to research the myths and facts about Ned Kelly and to write a narrative about events that contributed to him becoming such an infamous Australian.

PLANS FOR 2014: One certain staffing change for 2014 will be the absence of Beth Roseby from our team. Beth has been awarded a Teaching Fellowship Exchange and she will spend the year working in a town near Calgary in Alberta, Canada. Her ‘exchange’, Nancy Cole, will join our staff here at APPS. Nancy is an experienced teacher and is very excited about the opportunity to work in an Australian school. There are many similarities in the way teachers teach in Victoria and in Alberta. Their system has been recognised for its achievements in international studies of student outcomes. While we will miss Beth’s contribution for the twelve months, it is a great chance for her and I congratulate her on her success in this application.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE: From tomorrow to the end of this term, Andrew Storer and Robyn Elliott will be on leave. Robyn Dykes will fill in, in 34D, while Rebecca Feldtmann will take on 2E. I am also looking forward to hosting my parents from NZ in Weeks 2 & 3 of next term, and I will be on leave from 12th to 28th October. Heather Foster will be Acting Principal during that fortnight.

Wendy Larcombe

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GRADE 1/2: The junior school children had a lovely time creating colourful and very individual puppets as part of their ‘Time to Shine’ Quest this term.

WRITERS’ WORKSHOP: Keay Cobbin, literacy ‘guru’, again visited us last week. Keay worked with 34F students while a number of teachers observed her lesson. This professional learning program has been really successful and has increased our own teachers’ confidence and expertise in teaching writing.

Nihongo News
Well, the speech contest is upon us. This Sunday, the 15th of September, over 120 kids from all over the North East will gather at Yarrunga PS to show off their language skills. Appin Park PS has 16 students entered in the contest. The day starts at 0930 with Preps–Gr2, followed after a short break by Gr3–4 at 1100. There will be a traditional JP musical performance (wadaiko & shamisen) in the courtyard at around 1215. Gr5–Yr9 speeches start at 1300 and finish at around 1430. Those students entered in the contest should be doing lots of practice at home and listening to their CD frequently. There is no substitute for effort.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
For last week’s nazonazo, the JP town famous for kite battles is Shirone. For this week’s nazonazo tell us the name of a warrior often used in kite designs. The first correct written answer to me or the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

Appin Park Footy Day
Friday 20th September (last day of term), the SRC team are having a fundraiser. Students are able to wear their footy colours for the day and support their team. To come dressed in footy colours students need to bring along some coins, which will then be placed on their football team’s “coin line” on the asphalt. The aim will be to see which team gets the longest coin line over the course of the day!

P/1/2 students are going to be involved in a footy clinic at recess run by the SRC team. This will be followed by the 4/5/6 lunchtime football competition Grand Final.

APPA have also organised a Pie Day for the occasion so make sure you get your order forms in!
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

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

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<td>Flynn Carson</td>
<td>for the great effort he is making with all his literacy tasks. Great work, Flynn.</td>
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<td>David Blackmore</td>
<td>for the great effort he is putting into his reading activities. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>1S</td>
<td>Emily Prior</td>
<td>for working hard at home and at school with her reading, sequencing and location concepts. Keep up the great effort, Em!</td>
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<td>Denvey Harris</td>
<td>for the great improvement he has made with his reading and his enthusiasm for all his learning.</td>
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<td>Jack McGowan</td>
<td>for using his story map effectively to complete his narrative about “Toasting Marshmallows”. Well done, Jack.</td>
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<td>2F</td>
<td>Josh Sgarioto</td>
<td>for the wonderful detail and effort he is putting into his story and illustrations of his book “Sad Mr Drago”. You should be very proud of your efforts, Josh.</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Toby Crawford</td>
<td>for the outstanding effort he has put in when learning to skip count by 2s, 5s and 10s. Way to go, Toby!</td>
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<td>Angel Mendoza</td>
<td>for being a friendly and happy class member who always works hard and displays a great attitude to her learning. Keep it up, Angel.</td>
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<td>Luke Grady</td>
<td>for his superb work across all curriculum areas and his confident performance in the “Story of Ned Kelly”.</td>
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<td>Thomas Clough</td>
<td>for using good strategies and being persistent during our maths problem solving sessions.</td>
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<td>Aaron Gregory</td>
<td>for stepping up and being a helpful and responsible class monitor. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Edith Neary</td>
<td>for her great piece of writing about her favourite food - chocolate. It was “mouth-wateringly” good.</td>
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<td>5/6C</td>
<td>Chloe Cooper</td>
<td>for the excellent way in which she has been part of a team in setting up the Jewellery and Gift Shop in Carson City. Well done, Chloe!</td>
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<td>5/6K</td>
<td>Noah Barling</td>
<td>for the great amount of time and effort he has put into our class work on elections and politics.</td>
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**APPIN STAR AWARD**

*For the polite and caring attitude he shows to all classmates and the positive attitude he has towards his learning.*

**Mitch Carson**

**Samuel Mullens**

*For a caring and considerate student who has a wonderful attitude to his learning.*

You are a pleasure to teach.

**ARTIST OF THE WEEK**

*Luke O’Connell for the skills he displayed on his CD weaving.*

**SPORTS AWARD**

*Annabel Glasser for showing great patience and giving lots of instructions and continual praise to her team members during the tabloids session. Annabel displayed some very positive leadership qualities.*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK**

*Noah Barling for learning all his parts and putting in 100% to the upcoming 5/6 musical production. Great work, Noah.*


**Kamryn Law** for being so reliable and prompt with her part in the 3/4 “Story of Ned Kelly”. Great leadership skills in action here, Kamryn!
Victorian State Netball Championships
On Tuesday, 16 Grade 5/6 students and 4 parents met at school at 5.30am to travel to Melbourne to compete in the State Netball Championships. We arrived at the State Netball & Hockey Centre uncertain of how the day would unfold, but prepared for anything.

Two teams had been entered in the mixed primary section and both had a busy day ahead of them, having to play 8 games in the preliminary rounds. Each game consisted of two 6-minute halves, with no break in between. This type of game means that every player has to be ready to perform straight away and that there is no time to settle down and work into a game.

The team of Eliza Shiels, Ebony Donald, Alana Cruickshank, Samantha Grady, Mitchell Carson, Gabe Watson, Tomas Paola and Flynn Wright played strongly in patches, at times moving the ball down the court quickly, not allowing the opposition to get their hands on the ball. They won 3 of their 8 games, but were faced with some quite tall opposition players that made the task of defending and intercepting more difficult. Alana and Gabe both performed well when playing as defenders due to their ability to read the play and having the confidence to attack the ball when it was coming down their end. Even though Flynn was often one of the shorter players on the court his agility and ability to move around the opposition quickly made him hard to defend.

The second team of Jessica Vincent, Gabby Boulton, Alice Townsend, Chloe Storer, Mitchell Holt, Isaac Folino, Angus McLean and Cameron Chamberlain. This team won 6 out of their 8 games and they went into their last match knowing that they had to defeat their opposition to make the semi-finals. Unfortunately they were a very strong opposition side who moved the ball very quickly. They jumped out to a quick lead and our team were never able to peg them back. Angus and Cameron began the day on fire. Their defensive efforts were of a very high standard, repelling many opposition attacking moves. Clean intercepts and then quick passing down the court didn’t give anybody anytime to rest. Isaac played many games as one of our key goalers and he never let the team down, scoring regularly. Chloe Storer contributed to every game in a very solid manner and it didn’t matter if she was playing as a defender or as a shooter, her control and presence on the court was very obvious.

At the end of the preliminary games, although disappointed about not advancing any further, each of our players were pleased with their efforts and were looking forward to sitting back and having a well-earned break. Congratulations to all of our players. The team work, continual efforts and sportsmanship were evident all day; it was certainly a pleasure to take them to Melbourne to represent our school.

Thanks to Kellie Chamberlain, Leanne Cruickshank, Megan Wohlers and Trish Storer for making themselves available and coming down to support the teams, whether it was cheering them on or helping with the pressure of scoring. To all the parents, once again your support for your children to participate in such events is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

House Shield
Throughout the school this week, there have been a number of tabloid and trivia sessions run for students to earn points for their house team, contributing to the House Shield. Results for each session are as follows:

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This means that the current tally for the House Shield stands like this:

- Green (Bradman) - 18608 points;
- Yellow (Freeman) - 17652 points;
- Blue (Fraser) - 18173 points;
- Red (Clarke) - 17700 points

Even though Bradman House are currently leading, there are more activities that will happen next term that may change these results around.
Fruit Roster
16th September:
Lynn Best
Maryann Jarred
Lisbeth Long

School banking will finish for the term on 20th September. It will resume in Term 4 on 18th October.

Our very crafty lunchtime knitters.

Date: 15 October 2013
Time: Free half hour sessions between 9am and 4pm
Venue: Upper Murray Family Care
36 Mackay Street, Wangaratta
Phone (03)9269 0408 for an appointment or 1800 677 402 during business hours.

PRISONERS on the Run Inc
Helping local kids with special needs
Sunday 6th October 2013

Fun run from old Beechworth Prison
Registrations and start line at Town Hall Gardens, Williams Street, around the picturesque gorge and onto Malakoff Rd/Flat Rock Rd finish at the new Beechworth Correctional Centre

$10 Adults
$5 Children 5-16 yrs.
T-shirts $10ea

Registrations on day from 8.30am
Run starts at 10am sharp
No entries after 9.45 am accepted
Entry forms available at the school office or contact debbie.litchfield@justice.vic.gov.au

Children
5 - 6 years
7 - 9 years
10 - 12 years

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