Hi Everyone

APPIN PARK MELBOURNE CUP PARADE - MONDAY
Next Tuesday there is no school due to the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. To get into the spirit of things, we encourage students to come dressed in their best Melbourne Cup Race-day costumes on MONDAY. In the past, staff and students have been very creative and have come dressed for this event. We've seen everything including jockeys, trainers, suits & ties and some lovely frocks & fascinators. **There is no cost to dress up.** The aim is for students to have some fun with it and come ready to parade their costume in the APPS Fashions on the Field - 9.10am under Big M, following assembly. **Parents are also encouraged to come along dressed for the races.**

LET’S CELEBRATE: A few weeks ago, some of our teachers applied for grants from the Department of Education’s Teacher Led Research program. These grants (approximately $9000 each) provide release time and professional learning for teachers to pursue a project aimed at improving student outcomes. Our school was successful in gaining two of these grants (out 156 state-wide). This is due to the quality of the applications and the proposals put forward. Wendy Martin will use her grant to develop quality tools and approaches to more accurately assess students against the AusVELS standards in Physical Movement, while Renee Sayers will use her grant to develop and trial assessment tasks and activities in the areas of Maths other than the Number areas (eg Geometry, Measurement, Statistics). These projects will be valuable at our local level but also to the system across Victoria.

APPIS CHOIR IN DEMAND!! I am so proud of the commitment and talent shown by members of our choir. Not only did they open the show for us at the APPS spectacular, but they are also about to showcase our school at the Jazz Festival on Saturday (WAW Stage at 11am) and at the RSL’s Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph on 11th November. The instrumental band will also perform on the WAW Stage this Saturday.

Celine Muir has also developed the Australian Country Children’s Choir, and many of our school choir members are part of this. They held a musical afternoon at Milawa on Sunday in conjunction with the Wangaratta Choristers, and students learned lots while performing with these very experienced musicians. We have come such a long way, musically, in a very short time, thanks to Celine’s dedication,

RECOGNISING GREAT MATES: We have so many resilient, hard-working and friendly children at APPS. They come along to school every day and do the right thing, in the right place, at the right time. We have instigated a way of recognising and promoting this positive behaviour. Yard duty teachers are on the look out for children playing together cooperatively and respectfully. Children are given a raffle ticket, and this is placed in the treasure chest in the office. We draw 4 names out each Monday and these children will receive an icy pole voucher to redeem at the canteen.

**Wendy Larcombe**

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**November/December**

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**Walk to School Month**
The school has registered to participate in the November Walk to School event. We will be recording the number of students who walk to and from school every day for the month.

Many students get driven to school so it’s a great time to start to think about your children walking to school from home, or if it is too far away, then drive them to a safe dropping point and let them walk to school from there. It could be a great time for you to leave the car behind and walk to school with your children. The weather is beginning to warm up and it will give you just a bit more time to talk to them about their day, about your day and about the things that are around them. Share the load and walk with other families. This can be the start of a fun way to instil some healthy activity.

The YMCA are providing a healthy morning snack on Monday morning as part of the program. They will come to school at 10.30 this Monday with some cereal, fruit, muesli bars and yoghurt for all students. At the end of the program they are also offering our students the opportunity to participate in a fun activities day at the Barr Reserve, towards the end of the year.

Hopefully everybody can get on board and start challenging themselves to choose a more active way to get to school. Getting the bikes out and riding those scooters will be included in students actively getting themselves to school. For the bus travellers, walking to your bus stop will be also counted as your effort to walk to school.

**State Championships**
Grade 6 student Angus McLean attended a couple of big sporting events last week. He had qualified for the State Cycling Championships which were held in Ballarat on Friday and, on Monday, competed in the State Athletics competition in the 1500m event. He ran 13th overall, against some extremely fast, well trained runners, who were predominantly metropolitan students. Congratulations to Angus for his efforts and commitment to his sport – he has certainly gained a variety of sporting achievements during the year.

**More to Celebrate!!**
We can also celebrate the achievements of our students in NAPLAN. This graph shows the ‘growth’ of matched students, in Reading, over the two years between NAPLAN in Grade 3, and then in Grade 5. The graph shows that the number of students at APPS who have made a high level of progress in their learning across two years is well in advance of the state mean. Our Writing and Numeracy graphs indicate a similarly pleasing result and show the value-add of the teaching program at our school.

**Mini Maestros**
On Friday 14th June, our Preps will be travelling to Yarrunga Primary School to participate in a Prep “Mini Maestros Concert”

11.45 – 1.00 p.m.

At the performance the children will be performing “What’s your Favourite Sport?” They will be required to bring along their favourite sporting clothes to wear to the concert.

All parents and friends are invited to attend.

**Icy Poles**
Zooper Doopers - 50c
Frozen Yoghurt - $2

Volunteers:
Fri 1 Nov: Ray Andrewartha & Shannen Cook
Mon 4 Nov: Kellie Roberts & Vanessa Luscombe
Wed 6 Nov: Marlene Pitts & Jill Britton

**Fruit Roster**
4th November:
Estelle Corrigan, Margie Moore, Vanessa Luscombe, & Vanessa Petersen
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PB  Ruby Snowdon for being a wonderful classmate and friend to all the preps. She was a great help at our sleepover. Great work, Ruby.
1S  Oliver Bedendo for learning to write a sentence by himself and for sharing information. Well done!
1/2M Wade Ryan for being a responsible member of the class and helping out while Ms Mata was away.
2F  Alex Kay for the fantastic skills he is displaying in our unit on multiplication as well as the way he consistently uses his manners in class. Great work, Alex.
3/4A Clara Forster-Paxford for the consistent effort she has shown when applying her reading strategies while reading the Harry Potter series. Congratulations, Clara!
3/4B Kayla Gill for being a friendly and happy class member who always works hard and displays a great attitude to her learning. Keep it up, Kayla.
3/4C Ashlee O’Neill for her terrific diary writing, great effort in her multiplication and for her outstanding tutelage of her peers as one of our ICT leaders.
3/4D Ella Bihun for working really hard on learning her tables.
3/4F Lachlan Newton for consistently completing all his learning tasks to a high standard and being willing to take on new challenges. Well done, Lachlan.
5/6A Sarah Dellicastelli for the positive approach to all her classroom work and the quiet and efficient manner in which she approaches all her learning.
5/6C William Gulbin for the excellent way he has approached the Non-Fiction Book Club in our classroom. He has set a very good example for his reading group. Well done, Will!
5/6K Dominic Bedendo for the exceptional piece of writing he completed about our production. It was very creative and enjoyable to read.

APPIN STAR AWARD
Isaac Folino
For always being ready to learn and the positive attitude he has towards his learning.
Aiden Tracey
For always approaching his work with a positive attitude and contributing 100% to all class learning activities.
Angelina Butler
For always approaching her learning in a positive manner and with a smile on her face. Well done!

SPORTS AWARD
Samia Meloury for her efforts when attending the swimming program. Although hesitant, Samia completed all tasks and started to develop more confidence. Way to go, Samia.
Harvey Wright for his great effort when completing the Sports Fitness Test. Harvey stayed focused throughout the whole session and was able to produce some of his best results.

Musician of the Week
Alice Townsend for participating so well in the classroom. You show great team skills and are a pleasure to work with. Good on you!
Thomas Clough for working so well in your class during ensemble work. You are always respectful to your classmates and eager to participate.
From The Chaplain...

Last week I travelled to Sydney to attend the **Good Grief Conference** whose theme this year was **Growing through Change and Loss**. Good Grief is the organisation which developed and oversees the Seasons For Growth Program that has been running at Appin Park for years. There were a number of excellent speakers including Andrew Fuller, Hugh McKay, and Professor Anne Graham who developed the Seasons For Growth program.

**Professor Anne Graham** described how, with a grant from the Australian Research Council, she developed a solid research base to support Recognition Theory. Recognition Theory is not new – it’s really acknowledging things we all intrinsically know - that everyone from baby to old person needs to be cared for, respected and valued.

Another speaker whose input I valued was **John Watkins** from **Alzheimers Australia**. He outlined the points of grief for both the carer and the sufferer of Dementia. There is grieving at the point of diagnosis, the transition to care, the loss of memory and at death. The loss of identity and friends for the carer was something I had not considered, but this is a reality when all but close family stop visiting. The National Dementia Helpline number is 1800 100 500.

Over the next few weeks I will pass on a few more of the highlights of the Conference. I would also like to publicly thank the school for helping me with some of the costs for the conference.

Chaplain Beth

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The play Cinderella Rockefella, is about two people who are in love with each other.

Cinders is a lovely gold who has a heart of gold, but her mean and nasty sisters make her do as she is told.

One day when the fairy brigade arrive, Cinders is in shock and oh so surprised!

They brought her Fairy Godmother to do a transformation, now Cinders and the Fairy Brigade have an inspiration.

When Cinders and Rocky meet they don't want to lose each other's sight, Cinders ran and lost her shoe because the clock was due to strike midnight.

Rocky demands to find the girls of his dreams, so him and Dan Deeny will have to work together as a team.

They searched the village to find the other shoe, when they did their love was warm and true.

So in the end Dan Deeny found the Next Big Thing, and the fairies got to celebrate with their very own wings.

Cinders and Rocky had their happily ever after, and all ends in joy and laughter.

_Ebony Donald 5/6K_

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Co-operation made the play run smoothly and swiftly

It was tricky to have to change from one scene to another.

Nothing went wrong to ruin the night which made the production work professionally.

Designing of the costumes and the production turned out fabulous.

Everyone knew the songs and their lines. We practised for months!

Rockefella and Cinderella got together. Cinderella and her fella got together.

Ears in the crowd loved loud singing from the stage and in the wings!

Lots of laughs were had that night; backstage and in the audience.

Loud kids were jumping up and down with excitement before the show.

Appin Park is full of action and talent. I love my school!

_Dominic Bedendo 5/6K_
Out this Monday, 4th November. Please use the attached order form and return to the office with payment.

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**Musical Spectacular DVD - Order Form**

Name: ___________________________ Grade: __________

Number of DVDs ($10 each) ________ I enclose $ __________

Signed: ___________________________

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**Nihongo News**

It's taking us a few weeks to settle into a routine in our JP classes. Most of Week 2's lessons were lost to the school musical and week 3 was lost due to me taking long service leave. We got down to some serious work this week, though. The Gr5/6 kids will finally completed their transport booklets and took them home. Grade 3/4 have started their new unit of work on the weather. The goal for this term is to be able to give a weather report for a Japanese city. Grades P~2 kids are learning to make sentences about animals. They can already identify about a dozen animals and give some simple descriptions of size, etc.

**Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips**

This term’s first nazanazo asked for the names of three JP martial arts. That could have included karate, judo or jūjutsu. For this week's nazanazo, tell us the JP word for a sumō tournament. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

**Sayōnara!**

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**APPA CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE**

Donations are needed for the annual Christmas Hamper Raffle to be drawn at the Family Night on 17th December. Items can be left at the office.

Thank you.

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**Junior Presentation**

**WHEN:** Saturday 23rd November 2013,

3pm to 6pm

**WHERE:** Wangaratta Magpies Club Rooms

**DETAILS:** Sausage Sizzle, games, lollies and lots of fun, followed by a trophy presentation.

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**40th Birthday Celebration**

**WHEN:** Saturday 23rd November 2013, 6pm

**WHERE:** Wangaratta Magpies Club Rooms

**DETAILS:** $20 per head includes two course meal, photo and memorabilia presentation, and induction of a life member.

Drinks at bar prices.

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