Hi Everyone

Another gorgeous Spring day...

**PLANNING FOR 2014:** The term is almost halfway over. We are now looking towards our staffing and structure for 2014. At this time of the year, I invite parents, who have a request to make for consideration of their child’s grouping next year based on educational grounds, to put that in writing and send it to me (email is also a good way to do this: larcombe.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au). We put a lot of thought into our grade lists and some requests may not be able to be facilitated. If you do have information that will help us in the process, please make sure I receive it by next Friday.

**ROAD SAFETY:** At assembly I spoke about the need for all students to take their own safety on the road very seriously. Wangaratta has a great network of bike tracks and manned school crossings, so most children should be able to find a very safe route to school. Walking, riding or scooting to school are valuable learning experiences for children as they grow increasingly independent. I would appreciate your support in helping your child to find a safe course to and from our gate and reminding them regularly about their responsibilities as a road user.

**END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES:** Each of the teaching teams plan special activities to celebrate the year with their children. These events may be covered by the excursion levy, or a small charge will be requested from all students. Please ensure that your payments are up to date to avoid your child’s disappointment. These are user-pays activities and children with outstanding levies will not be able to participate.

**2014 CAMPS:** Reminder - the camps for Grade 3/4 & 5/6 are early in 2014. A deposit is now due for these camps. Your child will have brought home information earlier this term. Please contact Sandra Makin if you have any questions about this.

**APPNA AGM** Monday, 11th November, 6.30pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.
Wendy Larcombe

Last Friday William Gulbin competed in the Wangaratta District Primary Schools Golf Championships held at Waldara Golf Course. This competition is a modified 9-hole event and has become more popular for younger golfers in the district. William hit 52 off the stick and finished 5th overall, missing out by one place to qualify for the Regional event which is to be held in Benalla in a couple of weeks. William was happy with his drives, as they were fairly straight and long and he played a couple of good putts to finish off the hole well. He birdied a par 4 hole, which he was extremely pleased with. His short game, particularly his chipping, is an area that he needs to continue to practice to help him further reduce his score.

On the weekend William then travelled to Albury to participate in the Albury Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament. He competed in the 12 & Under ‘B’ Grade Singles section where he was the eventual runner up. Congratulations to William on his efforts in these two sports and hopefully he will be able to go one better next year and qualify for the Regional Golf final.

Nihongo News

How sad; a horse race robbed all but the Gr3/4 kids of their JP lessons this week. The Gr3/4s did a hiragana word making activity. They used small hiragana cards to make up words relating to the weather. As always, our students tackled the activity enthusiastically. The winners in each class were: 3/4A Kayla & Braeden, 3/4B Pearl & Justine, 3/4C Annika & Astrid, 3/4D Andre & Jack, 3/4F Liam. Congratulations to the stars in the Gr6 LOTE Academy. Their entry in the Japan Festival video contest won the prize for the best scenario. I hope this taste of stardom doesn’t distract them from their schoolwork. The video will be uploaded onto the Japan Foundation website in a couple of weeks. I will give the details when that happens.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

The JP word for a sumō tournament, last week’s nazonazo, is Honbasho for one of the 6 major annual events, or simply Basho as a general term. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us the JP words for 3 animals you might keep as a pet. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!
**ARTIST OF THE WEEK**

Kelly Hirschmann Congratulations on her win in the Wangaratta Jazz Art 2013 Youth Awards. What a great effort. Well done, Kelly.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The Appin Park Community congratulates you. Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

**PB** Ben Feldtmann for his improved confidence and his willingness to have a go at all his learning tasks. Great work, Ben!

**PV** Ayran Zylstra for his excellent work in numeracy and for sharing his knowledge with the class.

**1S** Karla Balfour for adopting a positive attitude and trying to do her best both inside and out of the classroom.

**1/2M** Gemma Nolan for the excellent work she has displayed in maths with sharing.

**2E** Emily Mitchell for her improvement in recognising counting patterns in number fluency sessions. Keep up the great work, Emily.

**2F** Logan Zylstra for the excellent skills and knowledge he is displaying in our unit on division. Keep up the great work, Logan.

**3/4A** Kayla Phillips for the wonderful review she wrote about Cinderella & Rockerfella. Well done, Kayla. I give you 5 stars!

**3/4B** Locky Jacobs for being a happy student at school and for making great improvements with being positive when completing his work. Way to go, Locky!

**3/4C** Hannah Snowdon for her exceptional application letter and the great strategies she used when adding two digit numbers.

**3/4D** Brodie Watson for being an enthusiastic writer who puts time and effort into the editing of his work.

**3/4F** Lily Donald for the fantastic effort she puts into all areas of her learning and for being thoughtful and considerate to her classmates.

**5/6A** Riley Morris for the great research and presentation work he is doing on his human body poster. Flynn Wright for working well on obtaining information for his human body poster.

**5/6C** Ashley Stubbs for the fun and enthusiasm she displayed in playing “Marco Polo” during swimming lessons. It was great to see such a happy swimmer even though she swam far away from the rest of the group!

**5/6K** Jordan McDonald for the great progress he is making with his maths. Keep up your hard work and commitment, Jordan!

**SPORTS AWARD**

Daniel Mundie for accepting a challenge and performing at a high standard during his fitness testing. Daniel improved his results and proved to himself that he is a capable student.

Paige Elliott for her willingness to push herself through barriers to achieve better fitness results. Paige produced her best results and is now more aware of her real capabilities and hopefully shall continue to work hard to keep setting new high standards.

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**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK**

Alex Pitt for his contribution to music class and excellent skills playing the didgeridoo. Well done, Alex. You’re an asset to the class!

Ashleigh Doig for being such a fantastic student with not only your music studies but your general classroom etiquette too. Your are at treat to teach, Ashleigh!

**ICY POLE ROSTER**

Fri 8 Nov: Tania Vickery & Kim O’Brien
Mon 11 Nov: Rebecca Feldtmann & Fay Andrewartha
Wed 13 Nov: Vanessa Luscombe & Nicole Snowdon

**FRUIT ROSTER**

11th November:
Lis Long, Nicole Snowdon
Lynn Best & Kylie Gavin

Just Kids has a few vacancies left for after school care in 2014. If you are interested in enrolling your child please contact Gina on 5721 4799. Vacancies are filling fast.