Hi Everyone

ANOTHER ‘PROUD PRINCIPAL’ MOMENT!
On Monday, at the RSL’s Remembrance Day ceremony, our school choir again performed impressively. The audience included many local ex-servicemen, emergency service members and community representatives. The children sang ‘Abide with Me’, the National Anthem and ‘I am Australian’. Their performance has been recognised by the RSL in a thank-you email, and a number of other people have called to say how much they enjoyed their performance. Celine Muir had set this opportunity up and her work was also recognised by the RSL in their correspondence.

CONGRATULATIONS APPA: At the Annual General Meeting on Monday evening, the APPA committee celebrated their achievements over the past twelve months. They have raised a large amount of money and supported our school in so many ways. As Principal, I really appreciate the work and contribution made by our parent volunteers, but more importantly, I know how special and connected children feel when they know the time and effort being put in by their mum or dad to assist the school.

The election for our 2014 committee executive was also held at this meeting. Tracey Clough will hold the position of President in 2014, ably supported by Susan Christie as Vice President, Trecia Donald as Secretary and Ruth Crawford as Treasurer. Susan Christie presented her report as outgoing President. I have attached a copy to today’s newsletter.

END OF YEAR DATES: Please ensure you keep up to date with upcoming events at school. The newsletter should be compulsory reading!! Family Night will be on Tues. 17th December (5.30-7.30pm) and all children will be part of their class’ performance. This is a really enjoyable, whole school event. The Grade 6 Graduation Dinner is also always a very memorable event. This year it will be on Mon. 9th December. Our Grade 6 students, heading for WHS in 2014, will have three days of ‘Step Up’ (an enhanced transition program - 10, 11, 12 December- introduced this year). On Tues. 10th December at 9.00am, we will welcome our new Preps to school for the state-wide Transition Day and, at 5.30pm, they (along with parents and siblings) are invited to a BBQ tea at school with members of our School Council and staff.

AND FINALLY... Family Statements are being sent to families with outstanding accounts. Please finalise these payments as soon as possible. Camp deposits are included in the charges. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Makin.
From The Chaplain…
This week I would like to let you know about three more speakers at the Good Grief Conference I attended recently.

Doris Zagdanski is a former secondary school teacher who now works in the funeral industry. She has a website with many fantastic resources to support yourself or someone you care for in their time of grief. There are fact sheets with lots of information about dealing with grief. There are postcards, poems, videos and much more. It’s a great website - the address is www.mygriefassist.com.

Hugh MacKay has been an astute social commentator for many years. His topic was “Are we becoming a less child friendly society?” and he stated a number of facts to support that assertion.

Our last speaker was a man named Saroo Brierly who some may have seen on ‘60 Minutes’. Saroo was born in India and at the age of 5 got lost on a train station near his home town. He ended up in Calcutta where he was eventually taken to an orphanage and adopted by an Australian couple. However, he never forgot his family in India and from the age of 17 he began using Google Earth to search for his hometown using the landmarks that he could remember to guide him. After years of searching he found the town and eventually he was reunited with his Indian family. Saroo has written a book retelling his amazing story.

This Conference was one of the best I have attended and I learned much that will assist me in my role at Appin Park.

Chaplain Beth

Nihongo News
Prep~Gr2 practiced their directions words this week and then tested their knowledge with a game of Sensei Says. Gr3/4 did a weather themed speed reading activity. They competed in pairs to be the first to read hiragana words projected onto the whiteboard. I think some of the kids surprised themselves with how well they did at that task. Grade 5/6 watched part of a documentary on the science of sumō. The kids are discovering some interesting facts about the JP national sport and its king sized athletes.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
How can there be 4 kids who were the first to get their entry in for last week’s nazonazo? (Because Sensei is an old softie!) Between the four of them, Xavier P (1/2M), Steph L (2F), Aaron G (3/4F) & Sam B (5/6C) came up with inu, neko, uma, kame, sakana & usagi as possible JP pets. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us what’s so special about the rikishi named Kotoōshū. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

Fruit Roster 18th November:
Jaimie Leerson, Margie Moore, Bec Feldtmann & Vanessa Luscombe

Final Bookclub for 2013 Orders are due back Friday 22nd November

Icy Pole Roster
Zooper Doopers - 50c
Frozen Yoghurt - $2

Musical Spectacular DVD - $10

To reserve your copy please return this order form, with payment, to the school office.

Child’s Name: __________________________ Grade: __________
Number of DVDs ($10 each) _________ I enclose $___________
Signed: ____________________________________________
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

_The Appin Park Community congratulates you._
_Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly_

PB  **Bailey Walch** for the great effort she is making with her story writing. Great work, Bailey.

PV  **Skye Leatham Pirret** for the great effort she is putting into her reading activities. Keep it up!

1S  **Hope Hay Walsh** for working so well on her reading strategies and sounds. A great effort!

1/2M  **Kai Hochfeld** for the continued improvement in his spelling and handwriting.

2E  **Harvey Moore** for his enthusiastic contributions to discussions on locating key words in non-fiction texts during reading sessions. Well done, Harvey.

2F  **Paige Cox** for the great progress she is making in our swimming program. It is wonderful to see you so happy and confident in the water, Paige.

3/4A  **Reece Weimer** for the fantastic progress he has made in numeracy this year. Congratulations, Reece!

3/4B  **Bronte Huggins** for the positive attitude she is displaying in the classroom and the exceptional way she has taken on her elearning academy role. Great work!

3/4C  **Isabelle Nish** for the enthusiastic way she approaches all her learning tasks, and the positive ways she interacts with her peers. Our classroom is a better place because she’s in it!

3/4D  **Taylor Marshall** for improving her ability to get to work quickly and to stay on task more often.

3/4F  **Liam Suter** for his improved confidence and the enthusiastic attitude he displays toward his free choice writing.

5/6A  **Chelsie Dowling** for the confident, informative and interesting oral presentation she presented to the grade on a human body system. Well done.

 **Nicole Shiels** for the confident manner in which she presented her Human Body System Quest to the class. It was very informative and interesting. Well done.

5/6C  **Alana Cruikshank** for the enthusiasm she is showing in beginning her Grade 6 scrapbook. The finished product is sure to be a piece of work to be very proud of. Well done, Alana!

 **Mitchell Holt** for the great short story he wrote about what was behind a “Mystery Door”. His story showed strong voice and some excellent vocabulary that helped draw the reader in. Well done, Mitch!

5/6F  **Liam Suter** for his improved confidence and the enthusiastic attitude he displays toward his free choice writing.

Musician of the Week

**Tessa Watson Long** for being such a supportive class mate and enthusiastic student. Your commitment to your music is outstanding!

**Ashlee O’Neill** for being so enthusiastic in her participation of her grade song for the Aboriginal quest project. Well done, Ashlee!

Artist of the Week

**Sheridan McDonald** Congratulations on her Highly Commended artwork at the Wangaratta Art Gallery Jazz Art Competition. Sheridan called her work “Stage Fright!” Well done, Sheridan.

Appin Star Award

**Naomi McGowan**
For the great commitment and effort she puts into all her learning tasks, at school and at home.
Well done, Naomi.

**Bella Barham**
For the fantastic attitude she is displaying towards all areas of her learning this term. You should be very proud of your efforts, Bella. Great work.
**SPORTS AWARD**

*Ethan Perry* for the great pleasure he displays when participating in PE and sporting activities. His effort to concentrate and help others is becoming more evident. Well done, Ethan.

*Nathan Bell* for his ability to stay focused and challenge himself to produce his best results in the strength test. Well done, Nathan.

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**Basketball**

Last weekend a number of our students competed in the local Wangaratta Basketball tournament, representing Wangaratta against teams from a wide area, such as Tumut, Mansfield, Shepparton, Tatura, Wodonga and Echuca.

Chloe Storer was playing in the Division 1 Under 14 girls’ team and they had a very successful weekend, winning their section. They played Seymour in an earlier round and lost a close game against them, however when they faced them in the final, the result was reversed. Chloe played an integral part in her team’s effort over the whole weekend and in winning the final game. Andrew Storer was the coach of this team and his great coaching, strategic plays and ability to rotate all the players onto the court and get the best out of all the girls, enabled them to have the success that they deserved.

Jack Findlay and Logan Wright played in their first tournament with the Under 12 Boys’ Division 2 side. They were beaten in three of their games but were able to win one of them. The experience for the boys was great and now the challenge is for them to continue producing their best basketball to begin to match it with other teams.

Angelina Butler played in the Under 14 Girls’ Division 2 team and although they lost each of their games, their efforts have continued to improve and their games are producing closer results.

Isaac Folino and Flynn Wright played in the Under 12 Boys’ Division 1 team and Mitchell Holt played in the Under 14 Boys’ Division 1 team. Both teams played some good basketball, winning three of their games, however the competition was very close in these sections and the boys missed out on playing in the finals.

Congratulations to all of these students. Hopefully you continue to play the game because you enjoy it, the friends you make and the people you meet. Sport is not only great for your health and fitness but also for creating lifelong friends.

**Junior Triathlon**

Angus McLean travelled to Brighton on the weekend to participate in a Junior Triathlon event. Angus had to swim 200m, ride for 10km and then run 2km. This is a relatively new event for Angus and he finished up placing 8th overall. Combining three different sporting disciplines into one event is not easy, the transitions between each individual leg is a technical aspect to the triathlon as well, so there is a lot to consider when participating in a multi-sport such as the triathlon. Congratulations to Angus for his efforts and his willingness to continue to challenge himself in fields where he is competing against some more experienced participants. He will only get better with more experiences and participating in more events.
With thanks to Building & Construction, GOTAFE Wangaratta, 1st prize in the APPA Christmas Raffle is this wonderful cubby house!

**APPA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Donations of non-perishable items are needed for the annual Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the Family Night on 17th December. Donations left at the school office would be greatly appreciated.

*Thank you.*

**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

**POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM**

An informative and fun course for parents of children aged 2 – 10 years that promotes positive, caring relationships between parents and their children. Looks at causes of childhood behaviour, encouraging desirable behaviour, building positive relationships and managing misbehaviour.

**Dates:** 4 x Tuesdays 26th Nov – 17th Dec

**Time:** 7.00-9.00pm  
**Cost:** $30/$25 con

*This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service*

**Pangerang House Children’s Courses**

- **Children’s Sewing** (happy for parents to join who would like a go) 2nd Dec - 16th Dec, 4pm-5pm, $40.00
- **Children’s Robots** 18th Nov, 4pm-5.30pm $15.00
- **Children’s Cooking** 20th Nov - 11th Dec, 4pm-5pm $40.00

Contact Pangerang to book or for more information.

(03) 5721 1818  
Email: coordinator@pangerang.org.au  
Website: www.pangerang.org.au

**Wangaratta Players Junior Group presents “Once upon 2 Fractured Fairy Tails”**

**Friday 22nd November at 7pm + Sat 23rd Nov at 3pm**

At the Stage Door Theatre - Evans St, Wangaratta  
Single $5  Family $10

The show lasts for about one and a half hours. 
*Warning* - the classic Fairy stories have been slightly modified + audience participation is compulsory - singing, laughing, clapping, booing, etc.