Hi Everyone

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: At our meeting on Monday evening we celebrated the upcoming launch of the new Appin Park Play Group. This will be a facilitated play group operating in our Multipurpose Room on Tuesday mornings from 3rd December (9.30-11am). Our chaplain, Beth Davies, who is also an experienced teacher, will support this group. There will be no cost involved to parents wishing to join in activities and play with other mums, dads or grandparents and their pre-school children. Please pass the flier and contact information to anyone you know who has a child aged from 0-4 years. The School Council thanked Tanya Camplin and Beth Davies for their work in getting this new project started.

WORKING BEE: We are holding a working bee on Sunday, 1st December (8.30am start). This will be to clean up our garden beds, whipper-snip, tidy around the sandpit area, and to clean up the garden cage and remove green waste. If you have not paid your grounds levy this year, we ask that you attend the working bee and help out. Many hands make light work, and these events are a good way to meet other school families. Usually the children have a great time too! Not only do they see you contributing to their school environment, but they also feel connected by being able to help out and meet up with their school mates for a while.

BYO: spade, secateurs, blower, whipper-snipper, wheelbarrow, gloves, trailer....

FAMILY NIGHT - Tuesday, 17 December: This year's Family Night event will be held in the same area as last year (on the oval near the goal posts, with seating for families on the 'rise' near Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7 and the old portables). This year, we will not have the BBQ or any other catering. Please bring along your own picnic tea and drinks, chairs and rugs. It was a lovely relaxed evening last year and we hope for more of the same this year. The program of performances will start at 6.15pm. You are welcome to come along, set up and enjoy your picnic from 5.30pm. The evening usually concludes before 8.00pm.

Once the performance starts, we ask that you keep your children with you until they are called up for their performance, and that preschool children are also kept close by. It makes things difficult if unsupervised children are playing on the equipment or on the oval during the performances.

PARENT SURVEY: Thank you to the 31 families who returned the Parent Opinion Survey this year. School Council looked at the data sets from this survey and the comments database provided. The areas that showed the highest levels of satisfaction were: Learning Focus, General Satisfaction, Extra-curricula programs, Parent Input, School Improvement, Stimulating Learning and Classroom Behaviour. We discussed the Student Safety and Social Skills areas, as these had dropped from the previous year.

Comments included: The school runs great programs and my child never wants to miss a day... Yet again the family of staff at APPS have made it a lot easier to have my son at school... Thank you to the family of APPS staff, Very understanding and dedicated school.

We also looked at the comments that made constructive suggestions for improvement and appreciated the input from parents.

Wendy Larcombe
News from the Library...

Well done and thank you to everyone who has been regularly borrowing and returning library books all year. We have been lucky enough to purchase a large number of new books this year by using our credits earned through Book Club and Book Fair purchases (where every item you buy earns us credits to buy books for the school library), and also through a substantial donation from the Wangaratta Lions Club. It is great to see eager students coming in each week asking to see the latest new books and even putting in some requests for specific purchases!

Please make sure that all library books are returned to the library during Week 9 (by Friday 6th December) at the very latest.

As well as the regular borrowings, there are still a number of very overdue books that do need to be returned. Please have a big search at home for any misplaced school library books (maybe even from previous years or older siblings). If you are unable to find missing books, we will send a letter home asking for payment for the lost item/s. However, it is never too late to return books – we are always grateful to see them come safely back to school. If you have paid for a lost book and then it turns up, send it in and we will happily refund your money!

Thanking you,
Jaimie Leerson

Nihongo News

Gr5/6 did a word search activity to expand their vocabularies this week. I should have made it more difficult though, as Alice T (5/6C) took only 9 minutes to complete hers, closely followed by Nicole S (5/6A) in 10 minutes. Yokudekimashita, girls. Gr3/4 are learning how to state the weather conditions and temperature in specific locations; therefore, they should find this week's nazonazo a snap. Prep-Gr2 learnt a bit about sumō’ and actually tried a few bouts for themselves. The Gr6 LOTE Academy’s video has been uploaded on The Japan Foundation’s website. Just google Video Matsuri Hall of Fame and you’ll find it and a collection of other schools’ entries, too.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

Xavier P (1/2M) is a keen boy; he discovered that the rikishi named Kotoōshū is special because he was born in Bulgaria and he is the tallest active rikishi. However, Kotoōshū’s biggest claim to fame is the fact that he is the first European to win Sumō’s ultimate prize, The Emperor’s Cup. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us what a temperature of 9 degrees or 10 degrees has to do with martial arts. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

APPA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Major Prize this year is this fantastic Cubby House (valued at $1,400)

Generously donated by Building & Construction, GO TAFE.

Plus a selection of hampers to be won!

Drawn at Family Night: Tuesday, 17th December.

A book of 10 raffle tickets will be sent home to each family tonight. Extra raffle books are available from the school office. Tickets are $2 each. Please return ticket stubs and money to school in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name and grade on the front, no later than Friday, 13th December.

An added incentive this year will be a ‘Surprise Treat’ for the class that sells the most tickets. So kids, get your classmates involved and have some fun selling those tickets!

Thanks to the following sponsors:
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PB Chelsea Hoffard for the great work she is doing with e-learning. Keep up the great work!
PV Mitchell Vincent for his excellent effort and the great progress he is making in his reading. Keep up it!
1S Skye McKinnon Burman for her happy smile, for trying hard with her writing and for continuing her excellent reading practice! What an effort!
1/2M Lizzy Moffat for the excellent progress she has made with her numeracy skills.
2E Fern Cox for the wonderful progress she had made in swimming sessions. Your skills have improved in all areas. Well done, Fern.
2F Judd Ryan for the fantastic progress he has made in all areas of his learning this year. You should be very proud of your efforts. Great work, Judd.
3/4A Zak Andrewartha for the improvement he has made when organising his belongings and using his diary to keep track of events happening inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations, Zak.
3/4B Angel Mendoza for the positive attitude and enthusiasm she displays towards all her learning and the support and encouragement she willingly gives to other class members.
3/4C Kane Grimshaw for his great work in maths and for consistently showing respect and consideration to all of his classmates.
3/4D Kelly Hirschmann for working very well and achieving very good test results.
3/4F Jackson Stringer for staying focused on his number fluency activities during maths sessions. Well done on using this time wisely.
5/6A Gabe Watson for the positive and enthusiastic way he has taken on our Stomp Dance program. Keep it up, Gabe!
5/6C Peyton Nash for the quiet and considerate way she works in the classroom. Peyton is always organised and ready to learn. Well done, Peyton.
Alice Townsend for the way she lead her group to produce an outstanding Quest on the circulatory system by producing an information cube. Well done, Alice.
5/6K Eliza Shiels for her exceptional quick maths skills and the enthusiasm she shows towards all her maths tasks.

Artist of the Week

Miles Lovett for the great train track he cut out in art this week. The preps are making a picture from lots of lines and shapes of papers. His round wheels were really well cut out. Keep it up, Miles!

Musician of the Week

Josh Sgarioto for always being enthusiastic during lessons and doing such a great job in band. Great work!
Astrid Rehlaender for being such a great student in music and working hard to perfect your guitar accompa-

Fruit Roster 25th November:
Vanessa Petersen, Tania Vickery, Nicole Snowdon & Lynn Best

Final Bookclub for 2013 Orders are due back Tomorrow

Icy Pole Roster

Zooper Doopers - 50c Fri 22 Nov: Lisa Ballard & Kim O’Brien
Frozen Yoghurt - $2 Mon 25 Nov: Kay Andrewartha & Vanessa Luscombe
Wed 27 Nov: Nicole Snowdon & Jill Britton

Steer Clothing Company, 13-15 Baker Street, Wangaratta
20% of school wear (excluding knitwear) from Friday 22nd Nov to Saturday 7 Dec
10% off new stock school dresses. No lay-by. Cash or card only.