Hi Everyone

PREP ORIENTATION: We welcomed our very excited, and generally very confident, 2014 Preps to school yesterday. They met their teacher for next year, Sarah Foster, and had fun trying out activities and tasks just like real ‘school kids’. They will be back with us again on Tuesday, 10th December for the state-wide Transition Day session, and then again for a BBQ tea that evening with their families, some of our staff and members of School Council.

GRADE 6 TRANSITION: Our current Grade 6 students are also getting ready for their big jump to secondary school - those heading to Wangaratta High School in 2014 will have a three day orientation (or ‘Step Up’ program) on 10th, 11th & 12th December; attending school at WHS. Students will wear their APPS school uniform. They will require their normal lunchbox, drinks and some basic stationery items. During the three days they will become familiar with some of their 2014 teachers and room locations, meet key support staff, find out all about their lockers and book lists and have a trial run in Year 7 subject areas. Other secondary schools will have let students know the program of orientation events available to them.

THANKS - Thank you to Ross Nolan who delivered a load of mulch to us this week. This will be one of the jobs to be done at the WORKING BEE this Sunday morning from 8.30am. If you have chosen not to pay the Grounds Levy this year, please come along and lend a hand - general gardening tools will be useful.

STAFFING 2014: We have now finalised our staffing arrangements for 2014. Teachers are starting work on grade placements for students. The following structure and teaching allocations will be in place unless we have a significant change in our enrolment figures:

**Prep** Sarah Foster (+ teacher assistant)
**Grade 1/2** Julie Sands, Robyn Elliott, Leonie Bourke
**Grade 3/4** Renee Sayers, Carol Mata, Chris Vescio, Nancy Cole
**Grade 5** Andrew Storer, Jo Beattie
**Grade 6** Fiona Carson, Craig Kerlin

**Visual Art** Ros Janas
**Perf. Arts** Celine Muir (0.4)
**PE/Sport** Wendy Martin
**LOTE (JP)** Peter Sunderland (0.4)

**Chaplain:** Beth Davies (0.4)
**Office:** Sandra Makin (Business Mgr)
Nicole Godde (Admin/office)

**SPECIALIST PROGRAMS:** We will continue to offer high quality and comprehensive specialist programs with students being offered 40 minutes of Japanese, one hour each of Art and PE, and 40 minutes of Music/Performing Arts (Preps start Music in Term 2).

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Volunteers are needed for head lice checks on Friday 28th November. Please meet at the school office at 12.00pm if you can help.

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**December**

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PRINCIPAL: Wendy Larcombe
WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Our School Council president, Andrew Lovett was delighted to accept this generous donation from GOTAFE. The pictured cubby house was built by the Building & Construction course students (coordinated by parent & fellow Council member, Kel Vincent) and is valued at $1400. This cubby house will be first prize in our major Christmas raffle. Hampers of Christmas goodies make up the other prizes. You should have received a book of tickets last week. It will be drawn at the Family Night on Tuesday, 17th December. The cubby house, and volunteer ticket sellers will also be around town over coming weeks. If you can help with this, please contact Andrew Lovett on 0458175951.
Imagine the excitement of lucky children who wake up to this wonderful gift on Christmas morning!

SUPER DOOPER ART WORKS
These gorgeous collage pictures are on display in the school’s office, and are just a small sample of the colourful and well-crafted works produced during the year. Next time you are at school, go for a wander along the corridor of the main building and have a look at the other beautiful displays of art work.

Pictured Prep students: Lily Knox, Sophie Morris and Kira Geue proudly holding their collage creations.

CALLING PARENT/GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS - YOU’RE INVITED!!!!
Our annual Helpers’ Luncheon is on next Friday from 1.15pm-2.30pm. We have compiled a list of those who have given their time to support our programs, fundraising, excursions, sleep-overs, camps and other activities. You should receive an invitation tomorrow (Friday) - PLEASE check your child’s bag. This is our chance to say THANKS for your help during the year. Please RSVP to the school office by Wednesday 4th December.

We do our very best to ensure all those who have gone the extra mile for the students are invited. If somehow we miss your invitation, please accept my apology and come along to share lunch with us on the day.

Booklists 2014 were sent home with your child today. Attached is information to help you plan your payments for these items.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education related costs. If you have a child under 16 and hold a Health Care of Pension card or are a foster parent you may be eligible to receive EMA. EMA forms are being sent home today with booklists. For more information visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx. EMA forms must be returned to school by 28th February, 2014.

From The Chaplain…
The big news for me as a Chaplain this week is the commencement of our Playgroup next week at the school. I’m looking forward to meeting Mums and Dads familiar with Appin Park as well as new parents to the school. We have lots of wonderful things for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers so come along , enjoy a cuppa and a chat with other parents while your children are learning to socialise with others.

Another positive for the playgroup is that we will have some school children assisting with some of the activities. This benefits the little ones whilst at the same time allowing the older children to develop initiative and a sense of responsibility. Playgroup runs from 9:30 - 11:00 for the next three Tuesdays .

Chaplain Beth

End of Year R.E Christmas Celebration at APPS 2013
As part of the Christian Religious Education program at APPS we are presenting a Christmas Celebration. On behalf of the R.E.Teachers, David Palmer, David Lloyd, Rick Zylstra, Su Ingleton & Jacinta Montgomery, we would like to invite parents, grandparents and special friends to share this time with the children.

The Celebration will be on Wednesday 4th December in the Multi-purpose room. Grade 3/4 is 11:30–12:05pm; Prep, 1/2 from 12:10pm-12:45pm; and Grade 5/6 from 12:50pm-1:25pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Anne Turnbull (Team Leader C.R.E. at APPS)
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PB  Max Bihun for his enthusiastic assistance at our concert at St Catherine’s Hostel. Great job, Max.
PV  Johnnie Wohlers for the effort he is making to take more care with his finished work. Well done, Johnnie.
1S  Denver Teiffel for the improvement shown in all areas of his learning, especially reading, writing and spelling. A wonderful effort and outcome!
1/2M Talea Sadik Hardwidge for the great progress she has made with her learning.
2E  Ryan Brereton for your confidence and resilience to “get on with it” in all class activities following your operation. Well done, keep up your positive attitude, Ryan.
2F  April Shimura for the excellent non-fiction book she is creating about star fish. She even completed research for her book at home. Great work, April.
3/4A David Vescio for the outstanding attitude he has towards his learning and for the persistence he has shown to improve in areas that have been a challenge. Congratulations on such a successful year, David!
3/4B Karissa Long for the positive attitude she is displaying towards improving her maths skills and for the encouragement she gives to her fellow classmates.
3/4C Trent Moore for his great improvement in his reading and writing.
3/4D Thomas Ballard for putting care and effort into the presentation of his work which has been very neat lately.
3/4F Amber Nield for gaining your pen licence and using your class time wisely. Well done!
5/6A Liam Flanagan for the great work he always does in our maths sessions and the fantastic results from his on-line testing.
5/6C Baxter Lane Gee for his willingness to work quietly on his scrapbook at lunchtimes. A great choice to make, well done!
5/6K Declan Meloury for showing some great logic thinking skills and winning his first game in Chess Club.

APPIN STAR AWARD
Chloe Cooper
For the happy and friendly nature she shares with our class. She is a pleasure to work with and is a great role model. Well done, Chloe!

Artist of the Week
Annika Flanagan for her creative paper collage of a Christmas Chorister.
Annika also spent lots of her time helping others who had difficulty getting finished on time.
Congratulations, Annika.

Musician of the Week
Bronte Huggins for being so dedicated during choir and music and always working hard to do your best.
Great work, Bronte!
Lily Donald for being such a lovely and dedicated student during music and choir classes.
You are a pleasure to have in the team!

Fruit Roster
2nd December:
Vanessa Luscombe,
Estelle Corrigan,
Kim O’Brien
& Kylie Gavin

Icy Pole Roster
Fri 29 Nov: Robyn Delahunty & Lis Long
Mon 2 Dec: Rebecca Feldtmann & Hollie Roberts
Wed 4 Dec: Jill Britton & Nicole Snowdon