Hi Everyone

The term is rushing to a close, with only 11 school days to go now. There are a number of events that we hope all families with Grade 6 students will be able to attend, including the Graduation dinner next Monday evening, and the special graduation assembly on Thursday, 19th December (9.10am). We also look forward to seeing some of our regular helpers here for lunch tomorrow from 1.15pm.

PREPS on PARADE: The Prep students visited the residents of St Catherine’s Aged Care facility recently. They entertained them with songs and actions and then introduced themselves and their favourite soft toys. Their confidence and friendliness won many hearts during the visit.

TRANSITION: Next Tuesday morning, we will welcome our new Preps for their final transition session. The children will spend two hours with Miss Foster, doing school activities, meeting their Grade 5 Buddy for 2014 and becoming even more familiar with the classroom routines and expectations. Parents will have a brief information session in the Library, and will be provided with a voucher from APPA for a new school hat. We will have morning tea available for those who would like to stay and chat after the information session. We hope that all the new Preps’ families will come back to school on Tuesday evening for a BBQ tea with staff and school councillors at 5.30pm.

Our current Prep-Grade 5 students will be doing some Christmas activities; working in their new area of the school, with the 2014 teachers during this time. This is a good chance for our Grade 2s to try out their 2014 learning area, and for the prep children moving up the junior school to practise being Grade 1s!

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH: Many children and their parents put in a special effort to support this way of increasing children’s physical activity - THANK YOU! It is also very beneficial for children’s problem-solving skills and social skills if they can show some independence and initiative by getting themselves safely to school.

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**Nihongo News**

Gr5/6 completed their *Natsu Basho* (Summer *Sumō* Tournament) this week. Most of the kids got right into the spirit of the event and there were some very unlikely fighting names chosen. Ask your children what they chose for themselves. The Grand Final results were: 5/6A Annabel defeated Heidi P; 5/6C Jemma R defeated Glen L; 5/6K Isaac F defeated Sami G. I think the kids had a lot of fun and they now know a lot more about both *Sumō* and JP culture. Gr3/4 are making progress with their weather forecast worksheets. This week they were writing their sentences about the weather in various parts of Japan. It was good to see Brayden S - H up at the head of the pack with the established JP stars like Morgan B, Millie C & Annika F.

**Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips**

No one cracked the last *nazonazo*. A temperature of 9 degrees is *Kyūdo*, which can also mean archery, and 10 degrees is *Jūdo*, which can also mean...um...Judo. For this week’s *nazonazo*, tell us two special items carried by a *sumō* referee. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

**Sayōnara!**

**ONE FOR THE MOTOR SPORTS FANS!**

Last Tuesday, members of Janie Patton’s family: Peter & Kyle Patton and James Woods, vroomed into our school to the delight of many students. They belong to the Wangaratta Motor Sports Club which is having a special race meeting at the Wangaratta Speedway (Shanley St) this Saturday from 6pm. Santa Claus and Trixi the Clown will be there, along with a range of race events.

**REPORTS:** Teachers are putting the finishing touches to your children’s reports, and I have the pleasure over coming days of reading and signing each of them. I really enjoy this task as it helps me keep track of how each student is progressing in their learning and development. You will receive your child’s report on Thursday, 19th December. If you require the report earlier than this, please contact your child’s teacher by next Tuesday to give us time to organise this.

**CASUAL DAY**

On Tuesday 17th December, we will be having a summer casual clothes day. It will be a gold coin donation to come dressed in your best summer gear (no thongs though).

At Lunch, we will be selling cans of soft drink for $2 from the canteen.

All the money raised will be going towards our gardens in the school.

- SRC Team
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PB  Darcy Kennedy for her willingness to “have a go” at all tasks presented to her and her happy, friendly attitude towards all her classmates.

1S  Taydan Corker-Walker for focusing so well on his work, particularly in writing and reading sessions. A great effort!

1/2M  Jonty Grace for always trying his best and his friendly and happy attitude towards his classmates and teachers.

2E  Tristian Fletcher Blake for his enthusiasm in Writers’ Workshop in completing his non-fiction text, “Mantids”. Well done, Tristian.

2F  Stephanie Leerson for the excellent non-fiction book she has created about frogs. She has included lots of non-fiction features as well as an instruction page for how to draw frogs. Great work, Steph.

3/4A  Braeden Marjanovic for displaying a positive attitude in the classroom and always aiming to achieve his best. Congratulations, Braeden.

3/4B  Shanelle Moore for the fantastic creativity and enthusiasm she has been displaying during our Quest sessions about Aboriginal Dreamtime. Congratulations!

3/4C  Millie Carson for her continued excellence with her writing and the caring nature she has towards her peers. Keep it up, Millie!

3/4D  Layla Elliott for always being at the right place at the right time, ready to learn.

3/4F  Brayden Zylstra for the fantastic effort he is putting into his number fluency sessions in maths.

5/6A  Daniel Mundie for the great work he has put into making his memory scrapbook - it looks terrific. Well done, Daniel!

5/6B  Chloé Storer for the effort she has made in creating a scrapbook of wonderful memories of her time at Appin Park. Great work, Chloé!

5/6K  Jack Findlay for the excellent job he has done on his research project focused on Ancient Greece. Your level of interest and hard work has been impressive.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Bella Barham for her very creative interpretation of Christmas trees that are on display in the office foyer. Well done, Bella.

SPORTS AWARD

Mitchell Holt for his continued efforts to be a positive role model for the younger students in PE sessions and for his assistance during a variety of classes. He has shown great enthusiasm when helping the students and is very positive in his manner when speaking to individual children.

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

Locky Jacobs for the way you have joined in playing the maracas on the beat with your class Quest song, ‘Native Born’. You have been a great classmate and an outstanding percussion player. Well done!

Megan Shields for participating so well in music and contributing in class discussion about music history and famous composers. Keep it up!
Athletics
On the weekend Grade 6 student Jemma Ryan competed in the Little Athletics Regional Relay Championships held in Shepparton. Her mixed Under 13 team won their 4 x 200m event and placed 2nd in their 4 x 100m event. Jemma and her team members will now have to train hard before competing in the State Championships which will be held in a couple of weeks. Good luck, Jemma.

Triathlon
On the weekend Angus McLean competed in the second of a three event mini triathlon series. This event was held at Mordialloc where Angus was able to improve his final placing, finishing 5th overall. Angus has one more event to compete in, at Elwood in January, before the State selections are finalised. If Angus performs the same, or better, at the next event he may be selected for the State team.

Good luck for the final event during the holidays, Angus.

Wendy Martin

FAMILY NIGHT 2013
TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER - BYO PICNIC/TAKEAWAY TEA & DRINKS (+ CHAIRS OR RUG)
FAMILIES WELCOME FROM 5.30PM. SHOW STARTS AT 6.15PM.
VENUE: SCHOOL OVAL

LUNCHTIME CONCERT
Students of Appin Park will be putting on a lunchtime concert for all to enjoy on Friday 13th December from 1.45-2.30pm. Please join us for a relaxing afternoon of wonderful performances.

Celine Muir

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.

Keep selling those tickets! 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.

Donations for the hampers will still be gratefully accepted at the office.

Fruit Roster 9th December:
Nicole Snowdon, Lis Long & Jaimie Leerson

Icy Pole Roster
Fri 6 Dec: Kim O’Brien & Robyn Delahunty
Mon 9 Dec: Shannen Cook & Kay Andrewartha
Wed 11 Dec: Lisa Ballard & Marlene Pitts
Community Notice Board

Come and Enjoy a Twilight Performance
Monday 9th December 2013 5pm-6pm
The Wangaratta High School Orchestra & the Wangaratta Community String Group are playing some beautiful music in the Foyer of the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre on Monday 9th December from 5pm - 6pm. Free entertainment, at its best. The Intermezzo Cafe will be open, so come down for a coffee and enjoy some fine music.

Wangaratta Carols by Candlelight
The 2013 Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday 15th December at the Merriwa Park Soundshell, Tone Road, Wangaratta. Pre-carols entertainment and a BBQ will begin at 6.30pm, with the main carols event at 7.30pm and concluding by 9.30pm.

Blue Light in conjunction with the Wangaratta Cinema Centre is conducting a movie night in lieu of the end of year Blue Light Disco.

Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs 2
Friday 13th December 2013
Movie commencing at 6.40pm (duration 1hr 50mins)
Movie tickets $5.00
Special Candy-Bar prices.
Grade 3 to Year 7

Fully supervised event with no pass-outs.

Wangaratta Choristers
Conducted by Celine Muir
Celebrate Christmas 2013
with carols and songs of the Festive Season.
A traditional recital of treasured Christmas music, sensitively interpreted by this leading regional choir of 20 singers, and accompanied by the choir’s own enchanting pipe organ. Duration approximately 1 hour, with refreshments available afterwards.

‘An event not to be missed this Christmas’
Wednesday, December 11, 8 pm
St. Michael’s Anglican Church
Cnr Appin & O’Leary Streets
Wangaratta

Friday, December 13, 8 pm
Myrtleford Uniting Church
Cnr Myrtle & Albert Streets
Myrtleford

$15 at the door, students and children free

Christmas Family Fun Day
Saturday 14th December 2013
10 am - 2 pm QEII Square Dean Street, Albury

Fun
Face Painting
Jumping Castles
Play on Wheels
Ready Steady Go Kids
Music and Entertainment

Community BBQ by Make A Wish Foundation
Santa’s arrival
Local Coffee Van
Nice N Ice
Piggy’s Ice Cream
Decorate your own shortbread by Beechworth Bakery

ACTIVITIES
- Colouring in Competition - sponsored by Chalk & Chat
- Craft Kits Corner – Make your own Christmas decorations
- Hockey Albury Wodonga Workshop
- Make a purchase in the CBD on the day and present your receipt to Albury Central staff in QEII Square for your chance to SPIN THE WHEEL and win one of many prizes

Kids Learn to Sail with Tackers
ALBURY WODONGA YACHT CLUB
ALBURY WODONGA
VICTORIA'S DISCOVER SAILING CENTRE OF THE YEAR 2013

Tackers is the Yachting Australia program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing. Each program includes 20 hours tuition from qualified OA instructors, fun on-water and off-water games and a Tackers kit and certificate.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM (@ Albury Wodonga Yacht Club
Monday 13th - 17th January 2014 (Tackers 1 & 2)
Monday 20th - 24th January 2014 (Tackers 1 & 2)

Contact us now as sessions are filling fast!
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