Hi Everyone

GRADUATION DINNER
The Grade 6 students and their parents, along with a large group of staff enjoyed this event at the Magpies’ Clubrooms on Monday evening. Along with speeches by the School Captains, the special Grade 6 Awards were presented. Glen Lovett and Alice Townsend were announced as this year’s recipients of the Mary Baldwin Award for academic achievement and effort throughout the year. Gabe Watson and Eliza Shiel were selected for the Walter Bob Harris Award for contribution to the school. These four students will make their acceptance speeches on Family Night next Tuesday.

PREP ORIENTATION
The 2014 Prep students were with us again on Tuesday morning. They enjoyed a two-hour ‘real school’ session. During that time they met their Grade 5 Buddy (our current Grade 4 students) and enjoyed Investigations Time.

That evening, a large number of the families came back to school for a BBQ tea with members of staff and School Council. The children were very confident in their new friendships and had lots of fun playing together.

FAREWELLS
On Family Night, next Tuesday, we will farewell some of the staff. Michael Jenkins has been with us since mid-year and has done a great job taking over from Danielle Ashmead when she started her Family Leave. Michael has been appointed at Wangaratta West PS for 2014 and we wish him all the best as his career unfolds. Veronica Tyler has supported individual students since joining us in 2010. With Edith Neary heading to WHS next year, Veronica’s time with us is also over. Beth Roseby has been gathering some warm clothes for her adventure in Canada next year. Beth will be back with us in 2015 after her exchange with Nancy Cole.

The forecast for Family Night is great – sunny with a top of 31°. I hope all of you can make it to this social event – remember BYO picnic from 5.30pm. Show starts at 6.15pm on the oval.

Wendy Larcombe
PLAYGROUP COMMENCES  Parents, carers and especially the children have enjoyed the first two weeks of Appin Park Playgroup. The first week was hot, so water play was enjoyed by a number of children on the shady veranda outside our room. Last week, the children had the opportunity to participate in Christmas craft and use the percussion instruments as they sang along to some Christmas songs. The last Playgroup for 2013 will be next Tuesday from 9–11am in the Multipurpose Room.

Chaplain Beth

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 or singlet tops). 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

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
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PB Miles Lovett for the enthusiasm he shows towards all his learning tasks. Keep up the great work in Grade 1! Well done!

PV Xavier Hogarth for being a great friend and a caring and helpful class member. Well done!

1S Seth Frappell for showing improvement in his reading and for concentrating harder on his work.

1/2M 1/2M for the fantastic year they have had with their learning and friendships. Thank you from Mrs Mata. Have a wonderful Christmas.

2F 2F for the fantastic progress you have made in grade 2. You have been a pleasure to teach. All the best for next year.

3/4A 3/4A congratulations on a successful year of learning. You should all be proud of your efforts!

3/4B Charlie Townsend for the outstanding artistic designs he has displayed during our quest on Aboriginal Dreamtime. We are all admiring your work. Way to go, Charlie!

3/4C Daniel Boschetti for making good decisions in the yard and the classroom and for his great narrative about basketball. Well done, Dan!

5/6A Ebony Grant for the imaginative model she made as part of her mini project. Well done, Ebony!

Heidi Parkinson for her quiet manner in the classroom and the wonderful way she interacted with her prep buddy, Lucas.

5/6C Brandon Slifkas for his enormous enthusiasm in preparing for the Grade 5 Family Night dances. His smile and energy will light up the night!

5/6K Cameron Chamberlain for the amazing effort and time he put into his scrapbook. His thank you letter to his parents was particularly impressive. Well done, Cam.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Ebony Donald

For the outstanding way she has gone about her learning over the last two years in 56K. All the best for next year, Ebony.

Ashleigh Doig

For always being a happy and positive class member and for being a very encouraging and caring student..

Annika Flanagan

For the committed way she approaches all of her school activities and for being a supportive friend to everyone in her class.

SPORTS AWARD

Ethan Perry-Heyden for continually trying to do the right thing and showing great initiative during game time.

Gabby Boulton for always being prepared to do her best, showing support and encouragement to others and always bringing a great outlook and her positive personality to every PE and Sport session.

Musician of the Week

Charlotte Mullens for being such a great team player in choir and music classes. You are such a supportive and organised student, your contribution to music, choir and performing arts has been outstanding all year!

Tomas Paola for being attentive and respectful during lessons and band practice. You are a fantastic student and you have been a pleasure to work with all year. Great work!
End of year activities - Reminder

Friday 13th December:  
Grade 3 - 6 Swimming at the Olympic Pool between 1.00 & 3.15pm  
All need bathers, rash vest of shirt to swim in – **NO singlet tops**,  
Sunscreen.  
No money required.  
Travel by bus.

Wednesday 18th December:  
Prep - Grade 5 activity session at the Barr Reserve.  
Prep - Grade 2: 9.15 - 12.00 (return to school for lunch)  
Grade 3 - 5: 12pm - 3pm (lunch eaten at the Barr Reserve)  
No money required.  
All need bathers, towels, drinks and snacks.  
Travel by bus.

WANTED

Have you seen our missing library books?  
Please check at home for missing books. Notes were sent home last week. Lost books need to be paid for.

Fruit Roster

16th December:  
Lynn Best,  
Kim O’Brien,  
Vanessa Luscombe  
& Kylie Gavin

Icy Pole Roster

Fri 13 Dec:  
Robyn Delahunty &  
Vanessa Luscombe

Mon 16 Dec:  
Rebecca Feldtmann &  
Kay Andrewartha

Wed 11 Dec:  
Jill Britton & Shannen Cook

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.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL TICKETS & MONEY TO SCHOOL ASAP.**
Community Notice Board

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.

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

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Students of Appin Park will be putting on a lunchtime concert for all to enjoy on Monday 16th December from 1.45-2.30pm. Please join us for a relaxing afternoon of wonderful performances.

Celine Muir

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**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.

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