Hi everyone

It has been a great start to the Grade 5/6 Ballarat Camp experience with students enjoying some fresh air and sunshine in the attached play area before heading into the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (MADE). They saw the preserved parts of the 'Southern Cross' flag, originally raised in 1854. The hands-on activities set the scene for their later 'sound & light' thriller - *Blood on the Southern Cross*.

The students have settled into their accommodation and will today have enjoyed exploring the historic township of Sovereign Hill, along with panning for gold and attending an 1850s-style school lesson. They also visit the Gold Museum where replica and real gold nuggets are on display.

**Wangaratta Fun Run**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Wangaratta Fun Run last Sunday. A huge contingent of students, parents and staff ran in a variety of events, many proudly wearing Appin Park’s distinctive green and blue colours. It was a true community event with runners of all shapes, sizes and experience coming together for this rapidly growing event. For more details on the fun run or students participating in other events, go to page two and the Sports News. Thanks to all the supporters who came along and to Sharon & Justin Scholz for organising such an impressive community event.

**Heather Foster**

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**February/March**

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**Movie Night**

Friday 21st March

Planning is well under way for our family friendly movie night coming up in a few weeks. Tickets will be $20 per family (up to 6) or $5 individually. Tickets can be pre-purchased at the office or on the night. A BBQ tea will be available along with pop corn & other refreshments. Watch this space as our movie is announced.
Wangaratta Fun Run

Congratulations to the many students, staff and parents who participated in the variety of distances that were offered on Sunday at the Wangaratta Fun Run. Weather conditions allowed for a very carnival like atmosphere. The support and encouragement from both runners and spectators was fantastic.

Top 10 placegetters in their respective events were: Max Bihun (7th), Ruby Snowdon (2nd), Felicity Camplin (9th), Xavier Pitt (5th), Braeden Marjanovic (6th), Kelly Hirschmann (5th), Hannah Snowdon (6th), Emily Mitchell (10th) and Jasmine Scholz (5th). It was certainly great to see so many of our students taking on the challenge of running the Primary School 2km event or stepping up to run the open 5km event.

Participating in local events such as this displays a positive community spirit as well as a desire to keep ourselves fit and healthy. Challenging ourselves, continuing to set new goals and working towards them demonstrate that as individuals we strive to get the best out of ourselves: a trait that is extremely admirable. Well done to everyone.

Little Athletic Regional Championships

On the weekend Grade 4 student Jack Boulton participated in the Regional Little Athletic Championships held in Albury. Competing against athletes from a large area Jack had a successful meet; bringing home gold in the long jump, placing 3rd in both triple jump and 100m and running a close 4th in the 70m event. With some of these results Jack has qualified for the State Championships which are to be held later this term. Congratulations Jack - all the best for the next event.

Representative Basketball

Logan Wright and Jack Findlay were members of the Under 12 Wangaratta Warriors basketball team that won the Benalla tournament on the weekend. They won each of their four games on Saturday, qualifying to play in the grand final against Shepparton on Sunday. They were able to continue on with their winning momentum and great game play to be the eventual winners of their section, defeating Shepparton 28 - 19. This is an excellent result for these boys who have been working together developing their individual skill and positive team work.

Net Set Go and Junior Netball

Thank you to all the students who indicated an interest in playing netball this season. A further information sheet and registration form will be sent home today. Please complete the registration form (for the Grade 3-6 students only) and return this along with the payment, by next Tuesday 4th March. I will register teams next Thursday, 6th March. Unfortunately I made a mistake with the cost for each participant. The cost is $100 ($45 - Netball Victoria, $40 - Wangaratta Netball Association & $15 - school). The school pays for each non-playing coach and umpire, as well as purchasing balls, new bibs and skirts when needed. My apologies for this mistake.

The commencement of the Grade 3/4 Net Set Go program, as well as the Junior Competition, will be on Saturday 22nd March and I need to register these teams next week.

The Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will have a Come and Try evening on Friday 28th March, when the registration process will be completed. This program commences on Friday 2nd May.

First APPA meeting for 2014 – Monday 3rd March, 6.30pm in the Staffroom.
All welcome, we would love to see some new faces. Enquiries – contact Tracey Clough 5721 3515

Icy Pole Roster:
Fri 28 Feb: Grace Greco & Lisa Ballard
Mon 3 Mar: Kim O’Brien & Bec Feldtmann
Wed 5 Mar: Vanessa Luscombe & Nicole Snowdon

Fruit Roster 3rd March:
Darlene Geue, Lisa Pitt, Bec Feldtmann & Jennifer Miller

WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
Muster Nights : 5th & 12th of March, Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.
Free Come ‘n’ Try. Learn, Registration and Grading.
Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.
Comp Starts : 19th of March, Juniors at 5:30 p.m. Seniors at 7 p.m.
Where: The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF  Abbey Waide for her excellent whole body listening and the way she quietly completes all her learning activities. Well done, Abbey.

1E  Ayran Zylstra for his great focus and persistence during number fluency practice. Well done, Ayran.

1/2S  Flynn Carson for the kindness he shows to all children and for working hard on his writing skills. Well done, Flynn!

2B  Skye MacKinnon Burman for her fantastic efforts in reading this week. She has shown improved confidence and has been prepared to “have a go” at all her reading tasks. Keep up the great work, Skye!

3/4A  Georgia Long for the continued resilience she displayed on camp when things didn’t always go to plan. That beautiful smile was always seen.

3/4B  Brayden Sadik-Hardwidge for the maturity, encouragement and leadership he displayed on camp. Congratulations, Brayden.

3/4C  Robbie Sessions for the respectful way he listens to others.

3/4D  Brodie Watson for the excellent attitude he displays when completing all learning tasks. Well done!

5B  Sarah Long for the positive way she tackles all her learning tasks even if she finds the task difficult. Keep up the great work, Sarah!

6K  Bianca Fleming for the great effort and sportsmanship she has shown in our mini Winter Olympic events.

SPORTS AWARD

Emma McAuliffe for her great team work, efforts and perseverance when participating in all activities at camp. Even when things were challenging she kept working at them and encouraged her group to achieve success in all areas. Well done, Emma.

Ari Fletcher-Blake for her great community spirit and commitment to participate in the Wangaratta Fun Run. Even though it was difficult and tiring she completed the 5km even with a smile on her face.

Musician of the Week

Lacey Sessions for showing a great commitment to music and choir. You are progressing with gusto in this subject, keep it up!

Artist of the Week

Cameron Sgarioto for his great painting of “Spot the Dog Learning His Colours”.

From The Chaplain...  Where is your family’s ‘Happy Place’?

People remember the place where they were when they heard news that was really significant either globally or personally. For example, most people remember where they were when they heard of Princess Di’s death, when man first walked on the moon, or when President Kennedy was shot (if you’re as old as me!).

Geographical places can have emotional echoes for people too. After I did my Matriculation exams in the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne it was years before I could drive past them without a feeling of nervous dread coming over me. On the positive side my grandparent’s house was a happy place for me as I grew up because it was the site of many happy times with grandparents and cousins. For my children, their ‘happy place’ was the little farm on which we lived where there was a lagoon to swim in, places to explore, ride bikes and have adventures. It didn’t matter to them that the house was in need of renovation or that we drove an old Kingswood.

Where is your family’s happy place? It may be a favourite holiday destination, picnic spot, camping area or relative’s home where happy memories have been made. It may be near or far, but hopefully it will be a place you can return to and continue to create the rich memories which children treasure.

Chaplain Beth