Hi everyone

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS: It was great to see so many families taking advantage of this chance to meet our teachers, to share information and to set learning goals for the term or semester. The children have had a good chance to settle into their new grades and get started on their learning for the year.

WORKING BEE - THIS EVENING: 5.00-7.30pm - ALL WELCOME

We hope that many families will take this opportunity to help make our school grounds tidy and attractive. PLEASE BYO gardening tools, a wheelbarrow, a blower, secateurs, hedge-trimmers or anything else you think would be useful. A list will be near the office veranda for you to choose a job from. Kel Vincent & Heather Foster are coordinating this.

BBQ tea - if you would like to feed the family using the school BBQ - just bring along your sausages and bread. We have sauce, napkins and barbie tools for you to use.

MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY, 21st MARCH  TICKETS NOW ON SALE

This will be a great family event at school. Please send along your $20 in a named envelope for your family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children). We will have a BBQ running on the night, along with special movie treats (popcorn, slushies, lollies etc) on sale.

SOMERS CAMP: We hope the 21 students and 2 teachers heading off to Somers next week have a wonderful time. Somers Camp is a 9 day camp experience for Grades 5/6 students. For many that attend, it is the longest time away from home they have ever had. The camp is situated right near the beach and is run by a team of permanent teaching staff, assisted by teachers from the district where the visiting students attend school. Craig Kerlin and Wendy Martin (District Secretary) will attend with our students. Craig’s students, not attending Somers, will work with the other Grade 6 students in Fiona Carson’s grade.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: I have been working on the Annual Report to the School Community over the past few days. This will be presented at our Council AGM on Monday evening, and then distributed to parents through the website and the newsletter. Our data sets, provided by the Department of Education and ‘normed’ against schools with a similar demographic profile to ours, paint a very positive picture of the school’s achievements during the past four years.

Wendy Larcombe

Volunteers are needed for head lice checks on Friday 14th March. Please meet at the school office at 12.00pm if you can help.

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From time to time most children will encounter some kind of problem at school that they feel that they can’t handle and will call on their parents for assistance. The following are a few pointers from Michael Grose which may give some guidelines on knowing whether to intervene or not.

1. Stay calm and rational – don’t react out of your emotions, but take time to think things through.
2. Get all the facts – children will tell the story from their perspective and may omit the part they contributed to the issue.
3. Assess whether to intervene or not – sometimes talking it through and giving a few suggestions is enough.
4. If you need to contact the school, use the correct channels by either contacting the office or making an appointment to see the classroom teacher.
5. Look for solutions rather than blame – talk about your concerns and keep the discussion focused on what is best for your child.
6. Stay in touch – in addition to checking with your child, it may be helpful to make a time to touch base with the teacher to see how things are travelling.

Chaplain Beth

Nihongo News

Our Preppies are getting very good with their JP greetings. They can say hello and goodbye, often at the same time. They are also making good progress with their hiragana and have already covered the first ten characters. Grades 1~2 completed their Hina Matsuri display and, I hope, took it home to show everyone. Gr3~6 completed a very challenging hiragana reading game. Any student interested in improving their hiragana reading skills can come and talk to me about sitting for the Hiragana Level Tests. Fame and glory awaits.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

The Japanese musical instruments requested in last week’s nazono could have included Shamisen, Wadaiko or Koto. For this week’s nazono, tell us, in JP, what month it is now. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

APPA HAPPENINGS

With Easter just around the corner, Bakers Delight will be assisting APPA’s fundraising efforts by supplying delicious, mouth watering, freshly baked hot cross buns. Order forms have been sent home today with the newsletter. Hot cross buns are $7.00 per 1/2 dozen, in addition families will receive a $3.00 bread voucher for every 1 dozen buns ordered. Orders and money need to be returned to school no later than Friday 28th March. Delivery will be Friday, 4th April. Additional order forms are available at the office.

APPA’s next meeting will be held on Monday 31st March @ 6.30pm in the staffroom. All parents & carers are welcome. Contact Tracey Clough (President) 0407224667 if you have any queries.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF  **Oliver Williams** for the great enthusiasm he is displaying when learning his letters and prep words. Well done, Oliver.

1E  **Kira Geue** for showing great enthusiasm for writing during the Writers’ Workshop.

1/2S  **Boniah Johns** for the beautiful presentation of her work and for her excellent home reading practice. Well done!

Tarni Johns for her excellent home reading practice and for sharing her ideas in class. Well done!

2B  **Tayah Martens** Congratulations on your fantastic organisational skills and enthusiastic approach to all your learning tasks. Keep up the great work, Tayah.

3/4A  **Mathew Vincent** for the effort he has made to participate in our class discussions, during feedback and reflection sessions. Congratulations, Mat!

3/4B  **Daniel Bell** has been an active participant in our class, always involved in our activities.


3/4D  **Aiden Tracey** for the improved attitude he is showing at school. Keep it up, Aiden!

5B  **Madison Saunders** for the fantastic effort she is putting into her camp reflection piece of writing. She is following each step of the writing cycle carefully and I can’t wait to read the finished piece.

5S  **Kayla Phillips** for showing great resilience and persistence at our Sovereign Hill Camp.

6C  **Jordan McDonald** for using his initiative to investigate Roman Numerals at home in readiness for a Numeracy Workshop at school. Well done, Jordan!

6K  **Chelsie Dowling** for the excellent reading reflections she has produced. Her written thoughts show a great enjoyment and understanding of the book she is reading.

**APPIN STAR AWARD**

**Ella Nelson** for her outstanding whole body listening, excellent behaviour and always bringing her beautiful smile to school. Keep up the great work, Ella.

**SPORTS AWARD**

**Noah Gleeson** for his positive application and efforts when completing both the Beep Test and Strength Test during PE. He was able to produce his best results in both areas because he was willing to push himself to his limits.

**Demi Johns** for bringing a positive attitude to PE each week and being willing to push herself to achieve results of a very high standard in both the Beep and Strength Tests.

**Musician of the Week**

**Morgan Byrne** for memorising her part in the play about ANZACS so quickly. What a team player! Very impressive Morgan and very respectful to the rest of the team and the story about the ANZACS.

**Aaron Gregory** for memorising his part in the play about the ANZACS so quickly. You are showing great reliability and responsibility and putting in a lot of effort to show your respect to the story of the ANZACS.

**Book Club orders** are due back Friday 14th March

**Icy Pole Roster:**
Fri 14 Mar:  Merrin Henderson & Vanessa Luscombe
Mon 17 Mar: Romany White & Kim O’Brien
Wed 19 Mar: Grace Greco & Kay Andrewartha

**Fruit Roster 17th March:**
Lis Long, Kim O’Brien, Vanessa Luscombe & Townsend Family

Wangaratta Autism Community of Practice meeting
Friday 14th March 12.30-2.30pm at the Rural City Council Chambers