Hi everyone... Last week of term and still LOTS happening! We had a wonderful performance by the Grade 1/2 students on Tuesday evening. The children sang and danced to songs about the weather as they celebrated the end of their term’s Quest, *Whatever the Weather*.

Last Friday, children from the junior school enjoyed their sleepover at school. Thank you to parents who helped out with this event, and to our staff: Wendy Martin, Julie Sands, Leonie Bourke, Robyn Elliott, Julie Saunders and Tian McDonald.

Also on Friday, a large number of Lucky Jars were collected in preparation for the Fete when children wore casual clothes to school. Children’s author & illustrator, Michael Salmon, visited and showed children some of his tricks of the trade.

**TONIGHT - MOVIE NIGHT** - we will hold this event at St Pat’s Hall in Ford St (opposite Big W car park), starting at 6.30pm. BBQ food, drinks, slushies, lollies and popcorn will be available for purchase as planned. Please BYO pillows, small bean bags etc to sit on. Thank you to our sponsors who have supported this effort. I hope all families will come along and make this a special night to mark the end of term.

**APPS SHOWCASE:** Kate Morris (Morris Bros Real Estate) generously arranged for the window of the old photography shop in Reid St to be available for us to display photos and items that show off our school’s high quality learning programs. Make sure you go and have a look next time you’re in the area. Ros Janas, with help from other staff, has put this display together. Thanks to two of our past parents for their kind donations - David Morris (cleaning) and Terry Johnson (insurance).

**AND FINALLY...** We will have an end of term assembly, and special farewell to Mrs Ashton, tomorrow in the BER building at 2.10pm. Jenny has been teaching at the school since 2001. She is looking forward to travelling and spending time with her grandchildren. I will present Attendance Certificates for Term1 at this assembly.

**CHILDREN FINISH SCHOOL AT 2.30pm TOMORROW.** Have a safe, happy and relaxing break from routine! School resumes on Tuesday, 22 April.

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**House Shield**

During the term there have been a number of different sporting and class activities undertaken by the students in their sporting teams. These allow them to accrue points towards the House Shield. Today’s Senior tabloid events were completed after the newsletter was printed so their results have not been added to the following scores:

- Bradman (Green) - 5924
- Fraser (Blue) - 5556
- Freeman (Yellow) - 5508
- Clarke (Red) - 4878

The Junior school tabloids event was won by the Yellow team with a score of 1179 points, marginally ahead of Blue (1134 points), Red (1115 points) and Green (1070 points). The Middle school tabloids event was won by Green team with 1235 points, followed by Blue (1199), Yellow (1178) and Red (1129). These results have been extremely close and although Bradman (Green) are the current leaders, it’s not difficult to gain a few hundred points back over a number of events.

**Senior School Bike Hike**

A reminder to all Grade 5/6 students that they will need to have their bike at school for PE sessions for the first 5 weeks of next term. The annual day Bike Hike will be happening on Friday 23rd May. This is a ride over a variety of routes to Glenrowan North-bound McDonalds and return. Please make sure that the bike is in good condition and that the brakes and gears work properly. Please check that helmets are fitted correctly - girls consider your hairstyles on these days! If your child does not have a bike please see Mrs Martin to see if any arrangements may be made. A note will come home the first week back with more information and requesting helpers for the day.

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Wendy Larcombe
**Retirement Farewell**

This week sees my teaching career draw to a close. I have spent the majority of my life being involved in education whether as a student, a teacher or parent and during this time I have been privileged to have worked alongside many amazing people and made some wonderful lifelong friends. I have also been privileged to have had the opportunity to have worked with many fine young people in my classes and watching them grow and develop has been one of the most rewarding parts of my teaching life.

Thank you to all for the many experiences we have shared along the way - I leave with many great memories that I will always treasure.

Now is my time for a new adventure. I’m planning on doing many things I didn’t have time to do before - travelling, reading, sewing & craft work, playing with and enjoying my grandchildren, catching up with friends on a more regular basis and volunteering in the community.

I will miss my involvement with the school and extend my best wishes to everyone for the future and hope you all keep striving to always do your best, just as you are doing every day.

Farewell, Jenny Ashton

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**LOST**

Panasonic Camera at the Grade 1/2 sleepover on Friday night. This camera has all our sleepover photos on it. Please return it to Mrs Bourke if you find it!

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**Nihongo News**

This week, Gr3~6 wrote & illustrated self-introductions in their workbooks. They included basic information such as name, age & year level. The kids were meant to do one introduction for themselves and one for an imaginary person, but some of our keen students did as many as four. The illustrations were also very impressive. Tayla C (6K) deserves a special mention, as I used her very neat and nicely illustrated work as an example for the other classes. All grades have worked very hard this term and should have their heads full of new words and expressions to practice over the holidays.

**Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips**

For last week’s nazonazo, the JP word kujira means whale. There’s no nazonazo this week, but, as always, keep your eyes and ears open for JP experiences over the holidays.

Sayōnara!

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**APPA Mothers’ Day Raffle**

APPA is running a Mothers’ Day raffle early next term. Tickets will be sent home to families on Thursday 24th April.

First prize is an amazing “Pandora Package” including bangle, charms, ring, earrings and watch all in a beautifully presented Pandora jewellery box valued at $750! This amazing prize has been kindly donated by John Wohlers Jewellers.

Watch this space for more information and other wonderful prizes up for grabs.

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**From The Chaplain...**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY EASTER TO ALL**

Chaplain Beth

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**Hot Cross Bun Orders**

Thank you to everyone who participated in APPA’s Hot Cross Bun Drive, we have raised approximately $700. Orders will be delivered tomorrow, Friday 4th April. Buns will be available for collection from the Canteen between 1.30 & 2.45pm. If you have any queries regarding collection please contact Tracey Clough 0407224667.

APPA would like to thank the school community for your continued support and wish everyone a safe & happy holiday.

Please return donation envelopes tomorrow to support this wonderful cause.
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