Hi everyone… and WELCOME BACK - It was lovely to see all the smiling faces around the school on the first day back. Our Preps are now ‘old hands’ at being at school and have settled very quickly back into routine. They have lots to look forward to with their Quest on Animals this term, along with the excitement of Gymnastics and Music in their weekly program. Grade 1/2 children are looking forward to learning about ‘the Olden Days’ as part of their Quest this term, while Grade 3/4 students will be researching and writing about the lives of the first European settlers on the First Fleet. Grade 5/6 students will be working towards an EXPO on the most liveable places in the World; looking at the geography, economies and societies of other countries in their Quest ‘Where in the World?’

ANZAC DAY MARCH - Assemble in Reid St at 10.20am
Children in school uniform.
We hope lots of students and families will join us for this community event.

We hope to see lots of Appin Park PS children and families at the ANZAC Day parade tomorrow. We meet in Reid St tomorrow morning from 10.20am. The march heads off from there, along Murphy St, then down Ford St to the Cenotaph. There will be an area on the grass designated for school children, and staff will supervise the children during the service. Parents should collect their child/ren from there at the end of the ceremony. It is a meaningful way for children to participate as part of the community. A free sausage sizzle is available for families in King George Gardens after the parade.

MOVIE NIGHT: This event was a big success thanks to the organisation and hard work of members of School Council and staff. Tanya Camplin, Kel Vincent and Lisbeth Long got the ball rolling and did a lot of the ground-work for the night. It was a real team effort after that, and we raised almost $4000 towards the construction of our new shed, THANK YOU to all families who attended on the night and supported this effort. The children were very well-behaved and it was a lovely way to finish the term. We are also very grateful to our sponsors for their support of the evening.

PREP OPEN DAYS: On Friday, 2nd May (9-11am) and Saturday, 3rd May (10-12pm) prospective parents will be able to drop in to our Prep room, collect an enrolment pack, chat with me and other staff/council members and have a look around the school. PLEASE - if you know of anyone who is making the important decision about where to send their child to school in 2015, encourage them to come along to one of these sessions, or to give me a call to arrange a school tour.

FAMILY STATEMENTS: These are being posted today. Charges for local excursions, camps, swimming, gymnastics and Barr Reserve programs must be paid in advance for children to participate. Please contact Sandra Makin if you would like to set up a direct debit through your bank, or if you need help to use BPay.

NAPLAN 2015: Grade 3 & 5 students will undertake this national assessment program in the week of 11th May. The children complete tests of Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Spelling/Grammar. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact your child’s teacher or me.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR: School photo order packs were sent home today. If you require a Family Photo order, please ask at the office. Additional order forms are available. School Photo Day is Friday, 9th May. Children wear neat, clean school uniform on this day. Mothers’ Day raffle tickets were also issued today. APPA has garnered some wonderful prizes for this fundraising effort.

We will have a Pupil Free Day on Monday, 26th May. Teachers use this day to collate their assessments and other data and to start writing the mid-year reports. Just Kids is open and taking bookings for this day.

SEAL INFORMATION NIGHT - if your child is considering applying for the 2015 SEAL program at Wangaratta HS, the compulsory information session is on Thursday, 1st May at 6.30pm in the WHS Performing Arts Centre.

Wendy Larcombe
Musician of the Week

Chelsie Dowling for being brave and prepared to put her talent and passion out there. You have done a great job learning The Little Red Poppy.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly.

PF Cameron Sgarioto for the enthusiastic way he contributes to all discussions and his ability to settle quickly to any task.

1E Corey Petersen for the enthusiasm and focus he displays during number fluency sessions. Well done, Corey.

1/2S Riley Cottee for making an extra effort to practise his writing and to write in more detail. Keep up the good work, Riley!

2B Tyson Turner for the great effort he is making will all his learning tasks. Keep up the great work, Tyson!

3/4A Millie Carson for the great work she did with her sizzling starts during independent writing. They were very entertaining.

3/4B Bronte Huggins is a warm, kind-hearted student who is always helpful. She is guaranteed to be attentive during lessons and focused on her work.

3/4C Jack McGowan for the way he engaged the reader with his interesting start to his Easter story.

3/4D Jordan Gosbell for the great effort he makes when completing learning activities. Well done.

5B Amber Nield for the great start she has had to the term and for the thoughtful reflection writing she completed about her holidays.

6C Brandon Slifkas for the kindness he showed to other members of the grade during physical education this week. Well done, Brandon!

6K Tayla Coonan for using a variety of techniques to produce an ANZAC day piece of artwork that looks exceptional.

From The Chaplain… Praising Children

Most parents understand that praise is a very important ingredient in raising well adjusted positive children. Here are a few pointers to use praise to its greatest effect:

♦ Praise effort rather than ability – that is, praise the things that the child can control, not the things they have no control over.

♦ Praise improvement over results – this encourages children to do their best and to compete against themselves rather than others.

♦ Do not over praise – it will lose its impact.

♦ Don’t praise what children do automatically already – instead, focus your praise on the behaviours that you would like to become habitual.

Adapted from an article by Michael Grose.

Grade 5 /6 Presentation

On Wednesday 7th May, the grade 5 and 6 classes will be putting on a special ANZAC and commemoration celebration of the 100 year anniversary of WW1. The students have been working hard toward putting together a variety of items that honour our armed forces and all those who sacrificed so much for us. There will be a 2pm performance and 6pm performance held in the BER building at Appin Park and we look forward to seeing you there.

Fruit Roster 28th April:

Kylie Gavin, Lyn Best & Sarah Thompson

More volunteers are needed to help with cutting up fruit on Monday mornings. Please return the form that was sent home prior to the holidays or see Julie Sands.

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th May

Bring along $4 and choose a surprise for mum from the Mother’s Day Stall.