Hi everyone…

It was great to see a large group of Appin Park students and families at the ANZAC Day march last Friday. The weather was perfect, and our children were very well-behaved and respectful during the service. In the last couple of years, I have been particularly pleased to see Prep and Grade 1 students joining us for this very solemn and important occasion. Our school leaders did themselves and the school proud in their leadership and demeanour. A number of our students joined other community organisations for the march. Thank you to parents who made the time to bring children along.

GRADE 5/6 PERFORMANCE: Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of WWI - Wednesday, 7th May 2.00pm & 5.30pm. All Welcome - to either the matinee or evening performance. The show will be in the BER building. A note with additional information was issued to Grade 5/6 children today.

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STUDENT VOICE: Members of the Student Voice Team spent time at Yarrunga PS this morning considering data that relates to the Student Attitudes to School Survey. Each state school in Victoria administers this survey to students from Years 5-10 during May. The data is collated and provides valuable information to the system, and to the respective school about how students are feeling about the class work, their motivation to learn, their relationships with their teachers and peers and their connectedness to the school.

Our team had already looked at our graphs and had run a small questionnaire with Grade 5 students. Results from this indicated that students thought that their classroom was almost always a positive place to learn in. Today, the team developed an action plan to raise students’ awareness of the ways that each of them can contribute to making classroom environment even more constructive.

MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE: There is a display case in the office with some gorgeous jewellery in it. The Mothers’ Day raffle books were distributed last Thursday. The prizes look very wearable! Thank you to John Wohlers Showcase Jewellers for their generous support. Please ensure all money and ticket stubs are returned by next Thursday so that the draw can go ahead in time for Mothers’ Day.

There will be a Mothers’ Day stall, run by APPA, next Thursday also. A range of gifts for Mums will be on sale for $4 each. A second-chance stall will operate on Friday for children who are absent or forget their money on Thursday.

Thank you to the staff members who put up the display promoting Appin Park Primary School in the window of the old photo shop in Reid Street. Make sure you walk past and have a look.

Thanks also to Kel Vincent, Bec & Kevin Feldtman, Fiona & Millie Carson, Andrew Brereton and Heather Foster for planting out the new garden at the front of the BER.

AND FINALLY... Congratulations to Flynn Wright, Mitchell Carson, Issac Folino and Dominic Bedendo. These boys participated in the trials for Zone representation in Football and Basketball earlier this week. All of them have made it through to the next level (Regional selection) with Issac being nominated for both the Basketball and Football squads.

Wendy Larcombe

Nihongo News

The first two weeks of Term 2 have gone very well. The big kids finished the self-introductions work they started last term and have started on this term’s main units of work. For Gr3/4, the theme is Time and for Gr5/6 it is Food. The littlies in Prep~2 will be learning about animals and started that theme this week with a story about noisy animals keeping a farmer awake at night. I wonder how many of our kids can remember the animal noises.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

So, the kids are learning about food are they? Well then, for this term’s first nazonazo, tell us the names of three types of JP noodles. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

Fruit Roster 5th May:
Bec Feldtmann, Nicole Snowdon & Margie Moore
Helpers are still needed for June. Please see Julie Sands if you can assist.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - PERMANENT & CASUAL VACANCIES AVAILABLE

Just Kids has some vacancies at the moment - the high quality program offered by Gina and her team usually means that there is a waiting list for places. However, if you require after school care, please contact Gina on 5721 4799. Gina is usually available from 3-6pm.

Just Kids can be a regular part of your child’s day, or you may choose to use it on a more occasional basis. Once an enrolment form is lodged, it only takes a phone call to organise this.

Fees are $15 per session. However, there are a number of subsidies and rebates available as it is a registered Child Care Facility and users are eligible for tax rebates and childcare benefits (depending on circumstances). Gina can explain more about this.

APPA meeting Monday 5th May at 6.30 in the staffroom. All parents, grandparents & carers welcome. Any queries contact Tracey Clough 0407224667.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF  Montana Allpress for the way she settles to all tasks in a quiet, conscientious way. Montana is working especially well during our writing sessions, trying hard to sound out and spell all words.
1E  Xavier Hogarth for his fabulous story about Ned Kelly’s Hideout during the Writers’ Workshop. Keep up the great writing, Xavier.
1/2S  Ethan Perry-Heyden for researching information about our Quest “In the Olden Days” with such enthusiasm and interest. An excellent effort!
2B  Dylan White Congratulations on a flying start to Term 2. Dylan is learning to listen well to instructions and start his work promptly. Keep up the great work, Dylan!
3/4A  Addision Bedendo, Flynn Cawood, Millie Carson and Alex Kay for applying their knowledge of decimals, to cut their sandwiches into tenths. Awesome work!
3/4B  Ryan Brereton smiles the largest grin that cheers up his peers. We loved his humorous creative story of why he would like a death adder as a class pet. Well done!
3/4C  Samuel Mullens for always being organised and completing all set tasks.
3/4D  Taylor Marshall for the excellent start she has made to her Quest PowerPoint. Well done!
5B  Daniel Boschetti for the fantastic stamina he displayed during a narrative writing task. Well done, Daniel. Keep up the great work!
5S  Aaron Gregory for always being prepared to speak up and offer his opinion.
6C  Chantel Magee for making some great word choices when writing an entertaining piece about biting into a disappointing Easter Egg! Well done, Chantal.
6K  Chloe Cooper for the excellent accuracy and neatness she has shown in her mapping of Australia. Top work, Chloe!

Musician of the Week
Dakota McAliece for not only memorising the poem “Eulogy of a Soldier” but also putting so much expression into your presentation of it. You have captured the moving sentiments of this piece. Well done!

SPORTS AWARD
Georgia Long for her focus and effort when completing training for the cross country. She has shown great commitment to produce her best results during every session.

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.
Mothers’ Day Raffle tickets & money need to be returned to school no later than next Thursday, 8th May

WANTED
Old, broken, unwanted crayons and textas (even if they are not working). Send to Mrs Beattie’s class, Room 18. Thank you

Book Club orders are due back Thursday 8th May

WANGARATTA CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 14th May at 7pm at Appin Park Primary School Library
SPEAKER: School Chaplain Beth Davies
Supper provided
It would be lovely to see some of our school community there to show support.
Annual School Cross Country

In two weeks’ time, Friday 16th May, we will see the running of our cross-country event. Again the event will be held around the paths and tracks behind the school, between St Bernard’s school and Yarrawonga Rd. All grades have walked and run the course before the event. It would be great if you could find some time to take them around it again before the day. All students are expected to be involved.

The organisation for the day is as follows:

- 11.15 am - Grade 3/4 children (including Grade 5 children who turn 10 this year) 2 km
- 11.40 am - Grade P/1/2 children 1 km
- 12.10 pm - Grade 5/6 children 3 km

(Please note that these times are approximate only.)

When the students are not participating they will be with their class and teacher in their designated area. Upon completion of their race they will meet their class teacher and return to their area. It is important for the participants to have encouragement and support as they are running. When all events are completed there will be a brief assembly to acknowledge the first placegetters from each year level, before heading to a sausage sizzle organised by APPA.

Again we are having a sports team event. Everybody who completes the course will gain points for their team as follows:

1st - 10th place = 10 points
11th - 20th place = 9 points
21st - 30th place = 8 points, etc.

The results will be announced at the following Monday’s assembly and will be added to the House Cup tallies.

The senior grade children, who do well, will be given the opportunity to attend the District Cross Country at the Barr Reserve.

It is expected that all children will run/walk the required distance unless they have a note for illness or injury. For children who are asthmatic please have your medication with you.

Again this year we are asking students to get sponsors to help raise money for the school. Sponsorship forms have been sent home. Hopefully each child will be able to collect some sponsorship as this money will be spent on adding to our school’s resources.

All children should wear appropriate running shoes. We also suggest that you wear a change of clothing - to add to the atmosphere it would be fantastic for all children to wear the colour of their sports team. (This is not compulsory - please do not feel as though you must buy a new shirt for the event.) All new children have been informed of their Sports team and colour. Prep children who have an older brother or sister currently at school will be in the same sports team.

Parents, family members and friends, please come along to encourage and support all the runners. They certainly deserve it. If you would like to join in running with your child you are most welcome. Please note that if the weather is too wet we shall hold the event on another date. Hope to see you there.

Wendy Martin

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CROSS COUNTRY DAY LUNCH ORDERS

APPA is holding a lunch time sausage sizzle on 16th May to coincide with the school cross country event. Order forms are going home with students today. If you wish to place an order, please have the forms & money returned to school by next Tuesday, 13th May. Late orders will not be accepted. No counter sales on the day.