Hi everyone...

NEW SIGNAGE: ASBESTOS You may have seen some new signs that have appeared around the school indicating the presence of asbestos in the marked buildings. These signs are being put up on all government school sites to ensure that any work conducted on the buildings is done within safe work practice guidelines. The signs do not indicate an imminent danger due to the presence of asbestos. Almost all buildings, including many homes, constructed prior to 1983, have materials containing asbestos in them. When undisturbed and monitored, these materials are not hazardous. At our school the small areas that contain asbestos are inspected regularly.

REMEMBER - ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY: We do have a student with a diagnosed anaphylactic allergy to nut products at school. We ask that you do not pack nut products in your child’s lunch box - peanut butter, nut-containing health bars and snack packs in particular are to be avoided. Thank you for your cooperation.

CROSS COUNTRY - TOMORROW: Students have been training and preparing for this annual event and we look forward to a pretty good day given the forecast of partly cloudy and 20°. The event will run according to the time-table below:

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<td>All grades - at the end, under Big M for an announcement of individual year level winners.</td>
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We hope to see a large crowd of parents, grandparents and other family members down at the reserve; cheering on the runners. Parents are very welcome to join in and run alongside the students. Children can choose to wear their House colours on this day. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear (runners and socks). APPA’s sausage sizzle lunch will be served once the event is concluded.

EDUCATION WEEK: Next week we celebrate and recognise the learning and engagement of children in our great State schools. You may have seen the Wangaratta Learning Community centre-spread in the Chronicle yesterday. Our section of this was written by the Student Voice Team, with input from other Grade 6 students. We had trouble narrowing it down to 250 words as they had lots of elements, of what makes our school a great place to learn in, that they wanted to write about.

You are invited to join us next Wednesday afternoon (2.30-3.30pm)

NB: Grade 2 children will be at the Barr Reserve at this time, involved in their Gymnastics session. You are very welcome to head to the Barr to watch this program and to encourage the children in their activities. Meanwhile, Grades Prep/1, 3/5 & 4/6 will be at school, grouped to participate in THE GREAT MARSHMALLOW CHALLENGE. Signs will direct you to where each age group is working.

At our staff meeting yesterday, teachers had a trial run of this challenge - it certainly was just that; challenging, and it requires team work, concentration and some lateral thinking.

REMEMBER: Monday, 26th May is a Pupil-Free Day. Just Kids is open on the day. Teachers will be using this day to analyse assessment data collected during the last couple of weeks, and to begin writing children’s mid-year reports.

WELCOME: to Ryder Holland (PF) and Bailey Hutchinson (5B) and their families as they join the APPS community. We also welcome pre-service teachers Caitlin Conroy & Nathan Phillpott. Both pre-service teachers are working in the Grade 5 area with Jo Beattie and Andrew Storer as their mentor teachers for the next three weeks.

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STAFFING MATTERS: This week, Robyn Dykes commenced working 2.5 days per week in the Prep room to team teach with Sarah Foster due to an increase in enrolments in this area of the school. Robyn has worked in the Prep room during Sarah’s period of leave and knows the children. This arrangement will allow for quality small group teaching in literacy and numeracy areas. The classroom assistant and teacher aide time continues to support effective grouping and whole class activities.

Parents in Grade 2B will have received a letter today confirming arrangements for Leonie Bourke’s long service leave commencing 26th May to 28th July.

AND FINALLY... Congratulations to APPA on the successful Mothers’ Day raffle. Thank you again to our sponsors and well done to our winners. I hope all our mums had a lovely Mothers’ Day last Sunday.

Wendy Larcombe

Cross Country
Tomorrow the school will converge on to the path behind the school (along the creek) to participate in the annual cross country event. After an early recess all students will assemble in their class groups in preparation for their race. The Grade 3/4 students will begin their 2km race at 11.15, followed by the Prep/1/2 1 km event at approximately 11.35, finishing with the Grade 5/6 students, running their 3km event at approximately 11.55.

Please come along to encourage and support the students, and feel free to run with them if you wish. Students are encouraged to wear the colour of their sports team to add to the atmosphere. Depending on the weather conditions it is always a good idea to send along a spare pair of socks to change into after the event. There is an expectation that all students will stay for the entire duration of the event, before heading back to school for a short assembly and then the APPA sausage sizzle. Please don’t forget the sponsorship form that was distributed a couple of weeks ago. Please return forms, along with any donated money to school by next Friday 23rd May. Your help in gaining sponsorship will certainly add to the school and its PE program.

District Football Carnival
On Monday, three Grade 6 students participated in the Primary Schools’ Regional Football Carnival, held in Benalla. Dominic Bedendo, Mitchell Carson and Isaac Folino had been chosen to represent the Wangaratta team to play against teams from Shepparton, Seymour and Wodonga. State selectors were present, keeping an eye on proceedings and looking for players to take further in the State Trials selection process. Although the boys were not selected to advance to the next stage, they had a great experience, playing with and against boys who were as enthusiastic as they were and with the skill level being of a consistently good standard. Conditions were perfect and the games were played in great spirit, displaying skill and sportsmanship. Congratulations to each of the boys for their efforts on the day.

Walk to school
On Friday 23rd May the annual Walk to School Day event will be conducted across all schools in Australia. It would be great to see our students get involved by actively coming to school. They may walk, ride, or use scooters or skateboards. The Grade 5/6 students will be participating in their annual Bike Hike day so they will be very active all day. Bus travellers may find it a bit more difficult; however they could walk or ride to their bus stop. Hopefully everyone can get involved and maybe it’s a great start for our students to make a more conscious effort to get to school in a more active manner.

GYMNASTICS P-2 PROGRAM: This has been Week 4 of the program for our Prep-2 students. Teachers have really noticed children’s increased confidence and skill level. It is a really valuable program for our students.

Pangerang Community House
Children’s Yoga
This is a great children’s yoga class, with the focus on FUN. Yoga helps teach breathing, stretching and relaxation.

Date: 4 x Mondays 26th May to 23rd June
Time: 4.00-4.45pm
Cost: $30.00

Please contact Pangerang Community House
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF Tom Whitehouse for a great start to term 2. We are loving your school boy attitude and your beautiful smile. Keep up the great work.
1E Grace Weimer for remembering to point to each word and cross-check when reading. Keep up the great reading, Grace.
2B Lizzy Moffat for the great effort she is making with cross-country training. Brave running, Lizzy.
3/4A Harvey Moore Congratulations on the persistence and determination you have shown during NAPLAN. You should be very proud of yourself, Harvey!
3/4B Braeden Marjanovic has quickly learnt his decimals to tenths. Amazing!
3/4C Deegan Kennedy for his heart-warming story about his tiger. Great effort, Deegan.
3/4D Thomas Solimo for the independence he shows when completing all his learning tasks. Well done!
5B Annika Flanagan for the excellent effort she puts into all aspects of her learning. Well done, Annika. Keep up the great work!
5S Ella Petersen for the resilience and persistence she showed on our bike ride.
6C Jasmine Scholz for the outstanding diary she kept as she rode her bike around Japan. What a wonderful adventure. Welcome back!
Charlotte Mullens for the determination she is displaying when solving problems using decimal numbers. Charlotte is setting herself challenging problems and can explain the processes she used. Well done.
6K Casey Campbell for the excellent arguments and vocabulary she used on why we should have 3 day weekends. It was a very convincing persuasive piece. Well done, Casey.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Robbie Sessions for the kindness he shows to others and his willingness to always help out. Well done, Robbie.

SPORTS AWARD

Zac Grace for showing initiative when completing PE activities.
Talea Sadik Hardwirdge for showing an understanding of a task and being able to implement strategies to achieve positive results.

Musician of the Week

Amy Henderson for being such a fantastic team player. Your ability to apply yourself, see past challenges to achieve your goal and work positively in a team is absolutely brilliant. You are a pleasure to work with!

Artist of the Week

Emily Doig for her great attitude towards becoming an asset as an excellent citizen in our school. As well as being a keen art student, Emily often offers to help with setting up for art classes and cleaning up afterwards. Well done, Emily!

Nihongo News

After last week’s focus on Kodomo no hi, all classes got back to their routine work. The littlies did some hiragana activities. They hadn’t done any hiragana for quite a few weeks, but that didn’t stop them from doing a great job. Gr3/4 did a listening comprehension activity as part of their Telling the Time unit. They had to mark clock faces to represent the time they heard being called out. Gr5/6 were thinking about food (as usual) and finished off the Vegetable Challenge dice game they started in Week 2.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

The suits of armour mentioned in last week’s nazonazo are called Yoroi. Samurai warrior helmets called Kabuto are also displayed for Kodomo no Hi. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us the size and location of the world’s biggest Koinobori. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!
2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Mondays 8.45-9am in the canteen.

Fruit Roster 19th May:
Bec Feldtmann, Darlene Geue & Murray Townsend

Volunteers Needed for Canteen Duty and to make Anzac Biscuits
APPA will once again be selling Milo and biscuits from the canteen for the colder months. Sales will commence Wednesday 4th June. Volunteers are needed to staff the canteen each week from 1:15-2:30pm. Volunteers are also needed to bake Anzac and coconut biscuits with supplied recipe to be delivered to the canteen by the morning of your rostered week.
If you are able to help please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible, or contact Vanessa Luscombe 0401876085. Volunteers will be notified as the roster is finalised.
Thank you, APPA

Volunteers Needed for Canteen Duty

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER RETURN SLIP
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Student’s name: ..................................................... Class: .............................................
Dates you are available: ...........................................................................................................

Volunteers Needed to make Anzac Biscuits

ANZAC BISCUIT MAKING VOLUNTEER RETURN SLIP
Name: ................................................................. Contact No: .............................................
Student’s name: ..................................................... Class: .............................................
Week/s you are available to bake ..............................................................................................

Mothers’ Day Raffle
Congratulations to the following winners:
1st Prize: Peter Jones
2nd Prize: Des Oates
3rd Prize: Karissa Long
4th Prize: Dione Devine

Thank you to these businesses for their generous donations:

- Showcase JEWELLERS
- John Wohlers
- Serenity
- helloworld
- Interiors
- Peonia Bella
- Reality
- The Athlete's Foot
- Modesty Watters
- MoPhunks
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