Hi everyone…

IT’S HEADLICE SEASON: This time of year seems to be a particularly productive time for these annoying critters. I understand how frustrating it can be for families; particularly when you diligently follow a treatment regime and then, a few days later, find another batch of ‘livestock’ has moved on to the treated heads!! The APPA team will be here on **Friday, 13th June** to do the next whole school head-check. Please check your own children regularly. Recommended treatment is as follows:

1. Treat hair, as directed, with a commercial head-lice treatment from the pharmacy and comb thoroughly with a nit-comb. Wash any hair brushes and leave them out in the sun to dry or blow them dry with a hot hair-dryer.
2. On each day after, between that first treatment and the prescribed follow up treatment, apply cheap white conditioner to dry hair. Leave it on for about 10-15 minutes, then comb it through the hair; removing any eggs and any remaining head-lice. Shampoo the hair using a gentle shampoo - and I recommend you get the hair dryer out - they don’t like that!!!
3. Do the follow-up treatment and then every 2nd or 3rd day, use the cheap conditioner routine to make sure you quickly locate any new imports.

2014 SCOUT RAFFLE: APPA will be sending home a raffle book to each family for this major raffle next week. Tickets are $2 each and come in a book of 10. The prizes are great, and the school receives $1.50 for every ticket sold.

**IF YOU DO NOT WANT A BOOK OF TICKETS SENT HOME, PLEASE LET SANDRA OR NICOLE KNOW BY NEXT TUESDAY (57221326).** All sold ticket stubs (and the money) or unsold tickets must be returned to the office by the end of term as this is a nationally run raffle.

NEW ITEMS: APPA has generously purchased a very special video camera for the school. This camera was displayed at assembly on Monday and used immediately to record a cheery hello from our students to be sent to Mrs Cole’s grade in Alberta, Canada. It will allow us to record major school events and also add to our performing arts program and Quest tasks. APPA has also purchased instruments and resources for the music/performing arts program this year. At their meeting on Monday night, the committee decided to allocate a significant amount of their 2014 fundraising effort towards the landscaping project that will be undertaken in the area where our portables are currently located. I will provide more details about this as the plans are developed by School Council, in consultation with APPA.

THE OLDEN DAYS...Grade 1/2 children are fascinated to learn about the ‘olden days’. Scarily, some of the ‘olden days’ they are talking about are within my lifetime!! They are displaying collections of items and memorabilia from the days of their grandparents and great grandparents. Despite this focus on last century, they are very much part of the 21st Century in the learning tools and tasks in their literacy and numeracy sessions.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Please be aware that we do have a calendar on the school’s website for your information, that is kept up-to-date by Nicole. Past newsletters and many other vital bits of information are available via the links on the website: www.appinparkps.vic.edu.au. Dates for school community events should be forwarded to Nicole.

TELSTRA CALLING… If any parents or grandparents are employed in a permanent capacity by Telstra, please let me know as we may be able to apply for grants under the Telstra Kids Fund with your help.
WRITERS ‘R’ US… Grade 6 students were engrossed in their ‘Writers’ Workshop’ when I visited; sharing their drafts with each other and seeking constructive feedback so they could revise and refine their writing. The enthusiasm, confidence and creativity in our students’ writing has really increased over the past 12-18 months due to the focus we have had on this. Our school’s Strategic Plan set a real improvement goal in this area, with the introduction of Writers’ Notebooks and very explicit teaching of the Six Traits of Writing (Ideas, Organisation, Conventions, Voice, Word Choice and Sentence Fluency) integral to our whole school approach in this area.

READERS ‘R’ US, TOO….The Readers’ Workshop is also a consistent approach across the whole school. Children use their Readers’ Notebook to record their thoughts and ideas as they read their ‘Just Right’ books and complete learning tasks. In the Grade 1/2 unit this week, the common comprehension strategy being focussed on is ‘I wonder…’ Children are asked to think of questions about the text as they read; thereby enhancing their comprehension. In the Grade 3/4 area, some students were busy working on tasks that help to build a reader’s ‘stamina’ and vocabulary.

MEANWHILE, IN THE ART ROOM… The Prep students have been working very hard in Art, painting a picture of their family. These paintings will make up part of the Art Show display in September. Grade 5/6 Art Academy students have produced some outstanding art works using pastels; their own creative interpretations of a picture, titled ‘Moonshine’. I have a number displayed in my office and they are GORGEOUS!

Chocolate money & any unsold chocolates need to be returned to school by Friday 13th June.

Wendy Larcombe
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF Ella O’Brien for her excellent listening and contribution during group time. She always settles quickly and works independently to complete tasks.

1E David Blackmore for being focused and choosing a “just right” spot in the Writers’ Workshop to complete his writing on loom bands.

1/2S Eliza Best for improving her reading skills and understanding of texts and great maths work. Well done!

2B Denvey Harris for being a happy and confident student who is always ready for a challenge. Denvey is a wonderful role model and leader in 2B

3/4A Shanelle Moore for the positive attitude she has shown when trying to improve her learning. Well done, Shanelle.

3/4B Wade Ryan His cheerful nature in our class brightens up our day. He is eager and quick to help with whatever classroom chores are necessary. Thank you for being a positive role model, Wade!

3/4C Kade Reynolds for his excellent concentration and the focus he is showing with his learning.

3/4D Ben Sgarioto for the improvement he has shown when listening and completing a task. Keep it up, Ben.

5B Mitchell Nolan for being a kind and caring classmate who always puts in 100% to everything he does. Keep up the great work!

5S Sienna Fuller for writing an interesting and engaging recount about the bike hike.

6C Zoe Carr for her entertaining piece of writing, taken from the point of view of some oozy slime! Well done, Zoe.

6K Trinity Hutchins for the excellent cartoon drawings she is able to do. Look out Michael Salmon!

James Long for his excellent attitude to all his learning tasks and the outstanding way he presents his work. You are a pleasure to teach.

Musician of the Week
Zac Sewell Dolphin for completely embracing your music education. Your work using polyrhythms in the percussive African drumming circle this term has been fantastic.

Nihongo News
The P~Gr2 kids did animal sentences this week. They looked at pictures on the big screen and used descriptive language to match the animal: Ōkii, Chiisai, Kawaii, Kowai, etc. Lots of kids did a great job, but the Preps were particularly impressive. Gr3/4 did another time telling test. They looked at clock faces and had to write the time in JP words. The top scorers, all with 12/12, were: 3/4A Matthew V; 3/4B Cameron L; 3/4C Simon M; 3/4D Ben S. Well done, boys. Gr5/6 did a role play activity where they had to make up mealtime mini plays. Bailey H (5B) is a new boy, but he was making some very good sentences.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
For Week 5’s nazonoazo, school starts at Kuji and recess finishes at Jūichijihan. For this week’s nazonoazo, tell us the names of the four main islands of Japan. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

MINI MAESTROS
On Tuesday 10th June from 12-1pm Prep F will be participating in the Mini Maestros Concert. This concert involves the Prep grades from our school and other Wangaratta Learning Community schools performing items they have learnt as part of their music programs. Prep F have been very enthusiastic in their practising and are looking forward to performing. The concert will be held in the BER building. Please come along if you are able to.

Fruit Roster 10th June:
Darlene Geue, Murray Townsend & Jennifer Miller

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Mondays 8.45-9am in the canteen.
WE COULD WIN $10,000!
The Herald Sun & Sunday Herald Sun are running a competition for a school to win $10,000. All we need to do is collect the mastheads from the paper from 1st June through to 14th June. Start collecting now. Ask friends and neighbours to help as well. Please drop the mastheads into the box at the office.
With thanks, Grade 5B

The Mansfield Zoo

Last Wednesday, the students in Prep F put on their gumboots and jackets and headed to the Mansfield Zoo. Students were firstly taken on a tour of the zoo and watched the lions being fed, as well as the deer. After lunch students were each given a bucket filled with pellets and they were able to walk around the farm and feed any of the animals. A wonderful day was had by all who attended. A big thank you to all the parent helpers.

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“I loved the rain” Ryder

“I liked feeding the kangaroos and seeing the joeys”. Zac

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From The Chaplain…  Seasons For Growth - Level 3, Years 5 & 6

Seasons For Growth is a grief and loss program designed for children who have experienced a significant loss in their lives such as separation and divorce or the death of a loved one. Research (and my experience over a number of years) has shown that participation in a group of this kind is really beneficial for children even if life has moved on from the significant event.

In Term 3 I will be facilitating a group for years 5 and 6. If you have a child in this age group whom you believe would benefit from completing the 8 week course please contact the school office or email me at davies.beth.b@edumail.vic.gov.au. If you have any queries regarding the course, please email.

Chaplain Beth

Responsible Pet Ownership

Last Thursday Grade Prep, 1 and 2 students attended a responsible pet ownership session. The key messages were to only pat happy looking dogs and not to approach angry or scared looking dogs. When patting an unfamiliar dog, there must be an owner present and the dog should be on a lead. Students are encouraged to first ask the owner if they can pat the dog, stand back at a distance before they ask, then ask the dog by holding out their hand and allowing him/her to sniff it, then patting the dog from its neck to its tail.

“I learnt that if the dog’s a good dog you can pat it. If it’s a bad dog you don’t pat it. If you meet an angry dog, you look at the ground and stand still and be quiet like a mouse and put your hands by your side.” Corey 1E

“I learnt you have to put your fist out to see if the dog likes you before you pat it.” Bailey 1E

“I learnt that when a dog is scared, I put my hands down by my side and stay as quiet as a mouse and look at the ground.” Denvey 2B

“I learnt that we have to be as quiet as a mouse if you meet an angry dog. Also you can’t touch a dog unless you ask the owner.” Briana 1/2S

Ride to Conquer Cancer

Fundraising Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Friday 11 July 2014

Venue: Galen Catholic College Auditorium
Phillipson St, Wangaratta
Time: 7.30pm
Price: $20 per person

- Tables of 10 available, but no number limit so come as a small group and win!
- BYO drinks and alcohol, light supper provided
- Contact Kim on 0434 055 554 to purchase your tickets!

This is a fundraiser for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
Three participants from Wangaratta are taking on this challenge in October 2014 raising $2000 in two days – Kim Saunders, Rob Anderson and Allison Muirford
Please support them and this worthy cause by attending this event!

1 IN 2 AUSTRALIANS WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER

High Country Library presents

Monster Book Sale

Saturday 7th June 9.30am - 12 noon
Friday 13th June 3pm - 6pm
Saturday 14th June 9.30am - 12.30pm

Wangaratta Library

A huge range of
Fiction
Non-Fiction
Large print
Magazines
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Fresh stock at each sale

Hardcovers $3 Paperbacks $2 Magazines 20 cents or prices as marked

COME ALONG AND PICK UP A BARGAIN IF YOU DARE!