Hi everyone…

Today your child will bring home their mid-year report which outlines their progress over the past semester and also shows their progress over 12 months (if they were at APPS in 2013). I really do enjoy reading these reports and you can be assured that teachers have put lots of thought into the assessments they’ve made of your child’s achievements. PLEASE take the time to come to our parent-teacher interviews next week. Your child should also attend the interview as this is a good opportunity to celebrate their gains and to set some new goals for them in their learning next semester.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: At our meeting on Monday evening, Council discussed the upcoming removal of the two portable buildings nearest the oval (Rooms 11, 12, 13, 14 as were). We will need to empty these rooms prior to their removal. Council will have a working bee to sort and clear unwanted items from Rooms 13/14 on SATURDAY, 28th JUNE at 12noon. If you can help with some lifting and moving, please come along.

A form regarding Special Religious Instruction (Religious Education) for next semester is being sent home with the newsletter tonight. You will need to complete this form if you want your child to participate in RE next semester. Forms must be returned by next Thursday.

Wendy Larcombe

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**Life as a Convict**

Dear Diary…

20th March, 1790
The first day in prison for me was, well, pretty bad. I got whacked by a whip but the good thing is that I’ve made two new friends. James Franch and Elizabeth Long. They’re my cell mates!

21st March, 1790
Today, well today really sucked! I had to dig a hole for no reason. The good thing is that a new girl has moved into my cell. James, Elizabeth and I made friends with her. Her name is Mary Igo and she’s real nice.

22nd March, 1790
Today I found out that Elizabeth, Mary, James and I are getting transported to Van Diemen’s Land! I’m going to miss my mother, father and little brother, John.

19th April, 1790
I haven’t written to you for a month because I’m running out of pages so I’ll only be writing once a month. Anyway, I’m on this ship called Sea Park. I’m a little bit lonely but at least I have Mary, Elizabeth and James. I’m feeling a little sick lately because there has been a recent storm and the deck is all muddy and wet.

19th May, 1790
Today I had the most disgusting food ever! I would never say this but I think England’s food is better than brussel sprouts with cabbage and maggots! I’ve passed the flu onto Elizabeth.

18th July, 1790
I haven’t written to you for sometime because I lost you. Nothing has changed so far, but I think next month we will arrive at Van Diemen’s Land.

19th August, 1790
I’ve just finished building my shelter. Mary and James still need to finish theirs. Van Diemen’s Land looks very strange and I’ve also seen some cool animals (some look very strange). I think I’ll enjoy it here in Van Diemen’s Land but I really do miss my family.

By Hannah Snowdon

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**June/July**

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**WHERE IN THE WORLD.**

*As part of our Quest, grade 6K have been writing their own rap. Here is the first part. Stay tuned for the film clip!*

**CHORUS:**
Where in the world would you like to be?
Austria, Bangladesh or Germany?
Where in the world would you like to go?
Croatia, Sudan or Mexico?
Where in the world is the place for you?
So many things to see and do.
Where in the world would you like to go?
Mountains, Deserts, Forests or snow.

**VERSE 1:**
You could visit Afghanistan’s capital Kabul,
Or go running in Spain with the big bad bull.
Go to the U.S. - to watch some NBA,
While back in Australia - we’re shovellin’ hay.
The leaning tower of Pisa - is in Italy,
New Zealand is home to the bird Kiwi.
Ireland is known - for St Pat’s Day,
In Vatican City - they like to Pray.
Visit Brazil to see the World Cup,
In Mongolia - the eagles fly up.
We’ll go to London - to visit the Queen,
Then off to Paris - where the fashion is seen.
See the pyramids, by the Nile,
Where the camels walk by in single file.
Dance in Africa - to the beat of the drum,
And invite the locals to have some fun.

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**MATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

This week’s Mathlete of the week went to Emily Kay for the excellent progress she has made with her times tables and quick recall of number facts.

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**SLIME, By Jack Findlay**

Most substances can be defined as either a solid, liquid or gas. I am two of these. I am solid but I am also a liquid. How can this be? I was created by a child who made me with cornflour and water then I became slime. Then the child started jabbing me with a plastic spoon to mix me. The child added blue food dye to give me a colour. Then the child started jabbing me again but it didn't really hurt because I don’t have any nerve endings. After a while I was mixed very well. Then I got put down on a table while the child played football. When the child came back he hopped in a car with me then took me to a house and put me down on a bench. Where I quickly dried out so he added water to me. The only problem was he put in too much and I’m about to drown, so goodbye. Ahhhhhhhhh!

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**BOOK CLUBS**

Over the last month, Grade 6 students have been busy reading and catching up together in small groups discussing novels. It has been great seeing each of them share their individual views on the books and enjoying each others company as they discuss what they think will happen next.

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**NUMBER SEQUENCE....**

*Can you work out what numbers go next in our puzzling number sequence?*  
3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, __, ___, ___ ?

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**WELCOME!**

We would like to welcome Tanisha Gratton to the Grade 6 clan. We hope you enjoy your next two terms with us at Appin Park!

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The senior unit will be holding their “Where in the World Expo” on Wednesday 25th June from 9:00 – 11:00am. Parents and friends are most welcome to come and check out what the children have learnt about other countries around the world.

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**Fruit Roster 23rd June:**

Lynn Best, Nicole Snowdon & Vanessa Luscombe

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**2nd Hand Uniform Shop**

Mondays 8.45-9am in the canteen.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF Seth Saunders for being more focused, assisting other students with their learning and using great reading strategies. Keep it up, Seth.
Jackson Bell for the excellent persistence he has shown in learning to write his name. He can now do it by himself! Great work, Jackson.

1E Jack Gambrell for being a happy, positive member of our class who approaches every activity with enthusiasm. Well done, Jack.

1/2S Joshua Taheny for trying to do his best in every learning activity and for his excellent home reading practice. Josh is learning to make “wise choices” in a group. Well done, Josh!

2B Hope Hay Walsh for her wonderful contributions to our Quest discussions and for the wonderful, detailed pictures reflecting what it was like in the olden days.

3/4A Holly Vincent for being determined to achieve her best in everything she attempts. Congratulations, Holly!
Judd Ryan for not being afraid of a challenge and always giving his best! Well done, Judd.

3/4B Tessa Watson Long - she is excited about writing her convict story for our Quest project this term. She has an original story with interesting characters. Excellent ideas, Tessa!

3/4C Elena Stone for the excellent focus she has shown with writing her convict journal.

3/4D Emma Vickery for the wonderful effort and resilience she is showing during our gymnastics program. Well done!

5B Damien Witting for the quiet way he goes about his learning tasks in class. Keep up the great work!

5S Reece Weimer for making great progress with his counting and number fluency activities.

6C Tanisha Gratton for the way in which she has so easily become part of 6C in the last week. It is like she has been here for years! Well done, Tanisha.

6K Logan Reynolds for the polite and friendly attitude he displays towards teachers and the support he offers his classmates during games.

APPIN STAR AWARD
Demi Johns for her outstanding motivation to achieve her best. She is a wonderful role model for those around her. What a fantastic year you’re having, Demi!

SPORTS AWARD
Rhys Vincent for his great attitude when working with a partner and helping them to achieve the desired result through his great communication and encouragement.

Taylor Coonan for her positive and encouraging leadership when working with the P/1/2 students during their tabloid sports session.

Blanca Fleming for her confident and helpful manner when leading her P/1/2 group through the tabloid activities. She spoke kindly to all group members and was very supportive of their efforts.

From The Chaplain...
Parenting a nine year old child
For most children 9 is the age when they start to leave childhood behind and begin to look forward to the upcoming years of adolescence. Making the adjustment from one developmental stage to another can be a challenge. Here are some suggestions which may help smooth the way:

Puberty – this is a time when girls and boys can be vulnerable to body image issues, so be aware of comments you make around clothing, appearance and weight.

Get ready for the future – 9 year olds need nurturing parenting but at the same time they need to be encouraged to take greater responsibility. Providing regular pocket money and deciding how to spend it is good training. Resist the temptation to top up their pocket money if they run out and have nothing for something they want. They are capable of learning from the consequences of their decisions.

Prepare them for when you are not there – this is the time to prepare them for the pressures they will face in adolescence. Reassure them that they can say no to a friend if they feel uncomfortable about a situation they are in.

Get screen smart – model and teach responsible use of screen time.

Look for supportive groups – sports, scouts/guides, and other are positive activities for them to be involved in.

Adapted from an article by Michael Grose
Chaplain Beth
State Basketball Trials
Last Wednesday Grade 6 students Isaac Folino and Flynn Wright travelled to Melbourne to participate in trials for the State Primary School Basketball team, after having been selected at the district trials earlier in the term. There were approximately 60 - 70 participants vying for 12 positions on the team. The boys played games for the day, under the watchful eyes of the state selectors. They were certainly up against some taller, more physical boys who have had more opportunity to pit their skills against each other on numerous occasions. Both Isaac and Flynn worked hard to show their skills and teamwork in each game however they were not chosen to attend any further trials. Congratulations to both boys on making it to this stage of the State selection process.

Regional Cross Country Event
Yesterday 10 students and their families travelled to Broadford to participate in the Primary Schools Regional Cross Country event. Students from the Wangaratta, Wodonga, Seymour and Shepparton districts had qualified for their age groups from their District events and they all converged on the course under bleak skies, fog and cold conditions. With only three of our students having experience at this level there was a big learning curve for the rest of our competitors and they all acquitted themselves very well.

The first race was the 9/10 year old girls with Hannah Snowdon and Kelly Hirschmann as our representatives. Both finished in the top half of the field: Hannah in 20th and Kelly in 26th position. Braeden Marjanovic, Caleb Gilbert (25th) and Jack Boulton (14th) ran in the 9/10 boys event. Unfortunately for Braeden he did not complete the race as he suffered from asthma during the run. Annika Flanagan (44th), Jack Findlay (13th) and Logan Wright (51st) all participated in the 11 year old events. Grace Watson-Long (47th) and Liam White (26th) ran in the 12 year old events. Both Jack Findlay and Jack Boulton just missed out on attending the next competition, the State Championships, as they take the top 12 runners from each of the Regional events.

Congratulations to these students. Well done for your efforts and being prepared to tackle an event that has the best runners from each of the surrounding districts. Thank you to the family members who were able to take their children to the event and support them. 

Wendy Martin

TABLOID SPORTS

Nihongo News
Prep~Gr2 did some hiragana races this week. They worked in small teams to find the hiragana cards to match sounds called out to them. Winning teams were: Prep Tahli, Charlotte & Abbey W. Gr1E Lily, Kira & Sam. Gr1/2S Mitch, Max & Will. Gr2B Dylan, Kai & Tyler. Gr3/4 kids started a worksheet where they have to write sentences stating the times at which they do various daily activities. Gr5/6 kids are working well on their food booklets. They have to write 20 sentences about various JP food items. Damien W (5B) has completed his sentences already. Tanisha G (6C) has only been here a week and she managed to write a few sentences in her very first JP lesson. Sugoii!

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
The biggest city on each of the four main islands of JP: Hokkaidō = Sapporo; Honshū = Tōkyō, Shikoku = Matsuyama & Kyūshū = Fukuoka. For this week’s nazōnazo, tell us two meanings for gohan. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!
**Wangaratta Library**

**School Holiday Program**

**Movie Afternoon - Frozen**  
Thursday 3rd July  
2.30pm-4.30pm

**LEGO Club**  
Saturday 5th July  
10.30am

Our brand new program for children and their families. Spend time creating your own Lego worlds. Go in the draw to win prizes for the most imaginative creation.

**B.Y.O Loom Bands**  
Monday 7th July  
2.30pm

Bring your own loom and loom bands. Interact with other ‘loomers’ and learn new designs.

**Beginners Animation using ‘Scratch’**  
(Ages 10-14)  
Wednesday 9th July  
2.30pm

Primary School aged Children  
Activities are FREE to attend.  
Bookings are Essential.  
For bookings please call 5721 2366

**School Holiday Classes at Pangerang**

Make your own PJ Bag; Create Your Own Cushion; Fun with Beads; Knitting & Crochet; Yoga & Relaxation; Breakfast Cooking; Pies & Pastry Cooking; Cupcake Decorating; African Drumming; Scooter Maintenance; Create Your Own Sticker.

For course information, times & prices please contact  
Pangerang Community House:  
5721 3813, coordinator@pangerang.org.au

Book now as numbers are limited. Courses must be paid for & enrolments completed before the end of term.

The North East Baseball Association is holding an Under 14’s Baseball Victoria Championship at Targoora Park, Murdoch Rd, Wangaratta on 26th & 27th July. We are looking for players (boys or girls) between the ages of 11-14 to be a part of the team.

Anybody wishing to play must be available at least one of the days of the Championship, all day. There will be no cost to the player as the Association will cover the cost insurance and supply the uniform for the weekend.

Please contact Kevin Pool on 5721 3315. Training will be held to teach them the rules and how to play.

**Park the Kids**

**Holiday Fun**

Mon 7th - Wed 9th July 2014  
10am - 12.00pm Daily  
No cost

Winter Park the Kids @ Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Cnr. Parfitt & Gr Alpine Rds.  
For children in grades prep-6

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Family Night 5:30-8pm  
Wednesday 9th  
with free BBQ, fun & games

**Note:** Drop off and pick up is the responsibility of parents or children who come independently. All leaders are screened for suitability and leaders over 18 have WWC checks. Organised and run by Wangaratta Wesleyan Methodist Church. For more info contact: David Lloyd 0429 382623