Hi everyone…

52 Sleeps until the Fete!

THANK YOU - to the Sessions family (David & Alison) for the generous donation of our new asphalted pathway from the car park to the Prep eating area. This path has certainly already proven its worth in the current boggy conditions!

CHANGES TO SRI (RE) - Near the end of last term you received a form and information about changes to the Department’s regulations concerning Special Religious Instruction (we refer to this as RE). From 14 July, 2014, only students who have a signed parent consent form can participate in sessions delivered by volunteer RE instructors. If you have overlooked returning the form and you would like your child to participate this term, please do so by Monday. Only students who have provided a signed consent form by that date will participate in RE sessions this term. Students from each area of the school (Grades 1/2, 3/4, 5/6) will be grouped together for these weekly half hour sessions, with a class teacher from that team supervising, as has always been required by the regulations. Students not participating in RE will continue with other activities delivered by teachers from their area of the school.

CHAPLAINCY MATTERS: You may have seen the media coverage of a High Court challenge to the Federal Government’s funding of school chaplains. This manner of funding has been judged to be unconstitutional and the Federal Government has informed schools that direct grants from Commonwealth coffers will cease at the end of this year. The hope is that a new stream of funding, via state government grants, will allow the program to continue next year. We certainly value the work done by our chaplain, Beth Davies, and hope that we can maintain this service into 2015.

HEAD LICE TIP: Apparently a tried and tested prevention for head lice is to mix a few drops of lavender oil with your normal shampoo and conditioner. The next whole school head lice check will be on Friday 1st August. Please continue to check your child’s hair regularly in the meantime. Lavender oil is available in supermarkets or at a pharmacy.

SCOUT RAFFLE: Please return all unsold books, stubs and money to school tomorrow. Thank you for your continuing support for our fundraising efforts. Unsold chocolates and the money for sold chocolates were due back at school at the end of term. If you have any to return, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalise this.

WORKING BEE: On the first Saturday of the holidays, a small but very efficient team of staff and school council families gathered to clear out the portables so that we can be ready when the big trucks roll in to take them away. It was a BIG JOB and I thank the following members of our school community for their help: Kevin & Bec Feldtmann, Andrew Lovett, Kel & Tammy Vincent, Ross Moore, Ros & Peter Janas, Julie Sands, Jo Beattie and Phill Larcombe.

BOOK FAIR: This annual event will start in the Library next week. Mandy Mullens and Carly Ryan have taken on the job of organising this, with help from other parents and Tracey Clough. The book fair is open from next Monday.

PUPIL FREE DAY: Monday, 8th September is a Pupil Free Day at our school. Just Kids will be open on this day.

ENROL NOW – PREPS 2015

Enrolment forms are available at the office. Please ensure you have completed this prior to 31st July. Planning for transition and for our Prep classes next year is underway. If you know anyone with a child due to start school in 2015, please encourage them to make a time to take a tour of the school and to find out about our great programs at APPS.

Wendy Larcombe
Do you worry about your children?
Are you confused or confronted by their emotional outbursts?
Do you find yourself wondering, ‘What do I do now?’

The Early Childhood Network, Rural City of Wangaratta presents

An evening with Dr Andrew Wake
Author of ‘The Good Enough Parent’
How to provide for you children’s social and emotional development: managing strong emotions

WHEN: Wednesday 23rd of July 2014.
7.00pm to 8.30pm.
WHERE: Yarrunga Community Hub Building
Burke Street, Wangaratta

Dr Andrew Wake works with children and adolescents and their families where mental health difficulties are present. He trained for the usual 14 years to become a psychiatrist and has worked as a consultant psychiatrist for seven years. He has worked and been the clinical leader in outpatient clinics, outreach and crisis teams, inpatient units, forensic units, and general hospitals. Currently he works in Wodonga / Wangaratta two days a week on a public child and adolescent mental health service for ages 0-25, and works privately in Melbourne three days a week. Dr Wake has a keen interest in helping parents and care giving adults to understand the emotional life and needs of the children in their life, and helping to provide enough of the things they need. He is the author of the recently published book ‘The Good Enough Parent’ (2012)

To register for the evening or for more information please contact
Angela Craven at Yarrunga PS on 57 212682 or
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3 copies of ‘The Good Enough Parent’ will be given away on the night.
There is no cost for the evening.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
FRIDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 2014
Jeans for Genes day is an Australia wide event to bring awareness to childhood diseases. For a gold coin donation students can wear their jeans to school on 1st August.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you. Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly.

PF  Ryder Holland for a great start to term 3 and the excellent recount and illustration he completed about his holidays.
1E  Ryley York for starting term 3 with a happy smile and focusing on his work. Great effort, Ryley.
1/2S  Briana Hogarth for her wonderful home reading practice and for her beautiful smile when helping others. Well done!
2B  Coby Gedling for having an amazing start to the term. Coby has been switched on, focused and ready to learn. Keep up the great effort!
3/4A  Josh Sgario for the fantastic start to the term he has made. It’s great to see you so happy and enthusiastic about your learning, Josh. Congratulations!
3/4B  Cameron Lovett for contributing thoughtful ideas and keen observations in our science unit. Well done, Cameron, for noticing factors that may affect the results of an experiment.
3/4C  Mason Espejo for having a calm and focused start to term 3. Well done, Mason!
3/4D  Jack Boulton for the excellent start he has made to term 3. Jack has been organised and focused. Keep it up, Jack.
5B  Clara Forster Paxford for the fantastic recount she wrote about her school holidays and for the beautiful way she presents her work. Well done!
5S  Layla Elliott for being kind and considerate and always offering to help others in need.
6C  Ari Fletcher Blake for committing to bringing her diary to school every day and setting a goal of being better organised in her work space. A great choice, Ari!
6K  Emma Christie for the excellent approach she has to her writing tasks. Emma uses powerful language and creativity to develop entertaining pieces of work.

From The Chaplain...

On the last Tuesday of Term 2 I attended a training day to equip me to become a facilitator for the ‘Friends for Life’ Program. The ‘Friends’ programs help children develop resilience and life coping skills that help enable them to deal with whatever life throws in their way. It is an excellent program and I plan to run a course for a small group in Term 4.

Experiencing some anxiety in certain situations is normal but when the anxiety stops kids (and adults) doing things they want and should be able to do, it can become an issue. Here are some tips to help your child deal with their worry:

1. Coach kids towards bravery – give them some tips on how to deal with the situation e.g. “look around for a friendly face when you go to dancing.”
2. Don’t avoid, face the fear in stages – By breaking things down into stages the child feels more in control. E.g. Go to the party for an hour and then I’ll pick you up.’
3. Empathy, not sympathy - ‘I know how you feel, but I also know you can do this.’
4. Create opportunities for independence – competency is the enemy of anxiety. Building children’s self-help skills and their independence outside the home builds confidence in dealing with new situations.
5. Model bravery – your calmness in dealing with new situations has a calming effect on children and has a calming effect on them.

Chaplain Beth

You will have received a form outlining the changes to the Religious Education Program (CRE) to Special Religious Instruction (SRI). The core aspects of the program stay the same: Biblical stories that highlight values such as respect, resilience, hope, forgiveness and love are explored and understood in a relevant way for children. As volunteers we are so blessed to have the opportunity to share God’s love with your children. We encourage you to fill out the SRI form so your child can continue to be part of this program. This is the last opportunity for your child to have SRI this term. If you would like to know more about the content of the program, please ask at the school office and we can be contacted. We look forward to continuing this important program.

Anne Turnbull, Su Ingleton, David Lloyd & David Palmer
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