Hi everyone…

23 SLEEPS UNTIL THE ART SHOW & FETE

THANK YOU: To those parents who have contacted Tanya Camplin regarding the letterbox drop of fliers advertising our Art Show & Fete. We are hoping that these fliers can be distributed widely across Wangaratta. If you can help, and have not yet let Tanya know, please email her on tanya_camplin@netspace.net.au.

AND - thank you to families who have already returned the form from last week’s newsletter where you have indicated how you can help at the fete. Andrew Lovett, Council President, will collate all this information. The Fete Committee Meeting is on Monday evening at 5.30pm. We have included the form again today. Please send it in tomorrow or Monday if you have not done it yet.

STUDENT VOICE: Grade 6 students from this team attended a forum last week, next door at Wang. District Specialist School. They found it really interesting as they got to have a tour of the facilities at the school while they were there. Each team, from the schools of the Wangaratta Learning Community, presented on how they had approached their improvement focus (identified from the Student Attitudes to School survey data). Our team had held discussions with the Grade 5/6 students about the positive factors that help them to learn in the classroom, and they identified the behaviours that disrupt learning. It is interesting to note that this year’s survey data showed high levels of satisfaction from the Grade 5s about the behaviour of others in their class.

The team have suggested that we again look at having ‘peer mediators’ in our yard; students from Grade 5/6 who are able to help other students solve minor playground issues that crop up. This has been done in previous years and is a great way of building children’s negotiation and problem-solving skills. We asked for volunteers from our senior students and almost all of them put their names on the list! Wendy Martin & I provided a training session for them, the Student Voice Team have put together a roster, and they will start their duties next week.

Upcoming Events

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LONG SERVICE LEAVE UPDATE: WELCOME BACK to Heather Foster who returned from her travels today. I have really appreciated the way other teachers and support staff have stepped up to help out during Heather’s absence. We really do have a wonderful staff team at APPS!

Andrew Storer will be on leave from tomorrow until Thurs. 28th August. Jackie Gardner will be working in Grade 5S during this time.

TAKE ME TO THE BRIGHT SIDE: Matilda & Clara Muir-Paxford, with some expert help from their mum, Celine, have written an amazing song with a very pertinent message. The song will be performed at assembly on Monday morning and we aim to make this into a music video clip, and use it as a bit of school ‘anthem’. Some of the lyrics are:

VERSE 1: Lately, things have been going kinda crazy; all these problems going in and out and I’m feeling so alone
Lately, they’ve been saying things I don’t understand, and I’m doing things under their command,
and I’m standing on my own

CHORUS: But then you bring me over to the bright side, you keep me looking for the light side, oh
Every time I’m at the dark side you stand up tall and strong

VERSE 2: I can’t stand this, don’t want to be feeling this way anymore, but I need some help to even up the score
And make everything alright
Then you come along and light the way, showing everyone how to save the day, how to be brave and say, that this just isn’t on...

The song fits perfectly with the message of the ‘Bully Stoppers’ initiative from the Dept. of Education: make a stand, lend a hand. It also fits very well with our approach of encouraging students to speak up and be responsible reporters if they see mean behaviour. We have put in a submission for a $10,000 grant from this program to help promote this message. Hopefully we will hear the outcome of this application next week.

NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK

You’re invited to join us on 28th AUGUST for all or some of the time between 10.00am and 12.30pm. During this time, students will enjoy some literacy and numeracy activities, in multi-age groups. We hope that lots of parents and grandparents will come along, armed with their favourite story book to share. The hour before recess will have the literacy focus, with numeracy activities happening from 11.30-12.30pm.

During recess, we will have a whole-school morning tea, so we ask children to bring a plate of food to school, to share (one per family). Tea and coffee will be available for our visitors.

Hope you can come!!

Nihongo News

The littlies did some singing this week. They used songs to learn words related to locations and directions. Grades 3~6 started a worksheet to consolidate their vocabulary and hiragana skills. The Speech Contest kids are settling into their practice routine at school. There are sessions for the various grade levels at recess or lunchtime. It’s very important that the kids turn up for these sessions and that they practise at home, too. They have been given their scripts & Audio CDs. Please encourage your child to listen to the CD and speak along with it. They need to be able to recite their speech from memory. Final permission letters went home on Tuesday, so please get them back as soon as possible.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

Oh, that’s a worry. Nobody knew what’s so special about eating fugu. It’s poisonous! Fugu is a type of fish and JP chefs must have a special licence to prepare and serve it. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us the official flower of Japan. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PF  Max Knox for remembering to put his hand up when he would like to share, becoming more independent in his learning and for the great progress he is making in all areas. Keep up the great work, Max.

1E  Jamie Stone for being a reliable classroom monitor and showing a positive attitude towards all classroom tasks. Well done, Jamie.

1/2S  Emily Cooper for being kind and helpful to class members and for working hard on all her learning tasks. Well done.

2B  Gemma Nolan for her improved focus on her home reading. Keep up the great work!

3/4A  Glenn Gratton for the effort you have put into work as a team member. You have shown how considerate you are of others and how you take responsibility for your own learning as well as that of your peers.

3/4B  Maddyson Corker for extending her learning to home, especially in ICT. She loves to explore websites we have worked on at school.

3/4C  Lily Donald for the excellent effort she puts in with all her work. Well done, Lily.

3/4D  Alex Metcalfe for the effort he is putting into staying focused on his learning tasks. Keep it up.

5B  Anthony Greco for the fantastic effort he is putting into his Quest project. He is displaying some excellent leadership skills and is providing great feedback to his partners. Well done, Anthony!

5S  Kayla Gill for her interesting procedural text on how to make a sandwich.

6C  Naomi McGowan for the outstanding way she has been applying herself to all learning tasks this term. Whether it is literacy, numeracy or the Quest, Naomi puts in her best effort. Well done!

6K  Flynn Wright for the outstanding improvement in his behaviour and work ethic. Keep it going, Flynn.

SPORTS AWARD

Flynn Cawood for taking on feedback and applying it to help him improve his hurdling technique.

Shanelle Moore for her great ability to reflect on her own learning as well as the learning of others and to acknowledge any improvement when it takes place.

Riley McGowan for giving an honest reflection about his learning. He was able to recognise that although he wasn’t working with his friends and wasn’t confident with the task, he was still capable of achieving good results.

Musician of the Week

Sheridan McDonald for always behaving beautifully and working hard to perfect each recorder piece. Well done. You are a fantastic example of a conscientious musician.

From The Chaplain…  Discipline Don’ts

Here are some mistakes parents often make when trying to get cooperation from their children, keep them safe or teaching them to behave well.

1. Repeat yourself – if so, you are training them to become ‘parent deaf’. Say it once or twice then DO something.

2. Don’t fail to follow through. See above!

3. Don’t make consequences too harsh – you probably won’t carry it out and the threats become meaningless and ineffective.

4. Never defer discipline to your partner, grandparents, school or the child care centre. This is taking the easy way out and teaches your children that you don’t have real authority. Have the confidence to be the authority and take the lead.

Adapted from Parenting Ideas with Michael Grose

Chaplain Beth

Lucky Jars

On Friday 15th August Grade 3/4D will be holding a casual clothes day. Instead of a gold coin we would like you to bring a glass/plastic jar filled with goodies for our fete stall. This could be things like pencils, wrapped lollies, small toys, marbles, jewellery, anything suitable for a kid’s prize.
Guess how many Golf Balls, Marbles and Bouncy Balls in the jar.

50 cents a guess

A fabulous Fete Day prize for the closest guess.

Entry form can be found in the office.

FETE – 6th SEPTEMBER    10AM – 3PM

Please indicate below the times or ways you are available to assist with our school Fete. We need helpers on the day and in the days leading up to the Fete. If you are already committed to an activity – THANK YOU.

I can collect large items (with a ute and/or trailer) on Friday, 5th Sept (4-6pm)

I can help set up stalls and outdoor settings at 8.30am

I can help pack up at 3pm

I can help with the BBQ and food service (Circle your preferred times)

10-11am  11-12pm  12-1pm  1-2pm  2-3pm

I can sell tickets for the train, jumping castle and other activities (Circle your preferred times)

10-11am  11-12pm  12-1pm  1-2pm  2-3pm

I can help on stalls being organised by each grade (Circle your preferred times) Grade/s ______

10-11am  11-12pm  12-1pm  1-2pm  2-3pm

I have White Elephant items to donate Need collection:  YES  NO

I can donate the following (Please circle as appropriate):

Homemade baking  Goods/services for raffles  Games, books  Jams, preserves

I can drive the ‘train’ (a ride-on mower with attached carriages)  - Circle your preferred times

10-11am  11-12pm  12-1pm  1-2pm  2-3pm

Other offers:

___________________________________________________________________________________________

Name/s ____________________________________  Ph: ______________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________
Cake Stall

The Fete is fast approaching and this year Prep F and 1E will be running the cake stall. If you are able to donate cakes, biscuits or slices for us to sell we would greatly appreciate it. Goods can be brought to Room 1 on Friday 5th September (before or after school) or you can bring them to the Fete on Saturday morning. All goods must have the ingredients listed on the front or we are unable to sell them. Later in the month I will send out sample labels and blank labels to list ingredients on. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks, Sarah Foster

Fete Craft

We are trying to gauge how much room we need to leave for the craft stall. If you have been working away at home on some craft items could you let us know what it is and then we can work out the area that it will take up? Some of the teachers and parents have been very busy making bits and pieces for the stall and more items would be really appreciated. Please let us know. Donations can be left at the art room.

Thank you
Ros Janas

Second Hand Book Stall

Search the cupboards for the cookbooks you haven’t used for years; children’s books stored away for a rainy day; novels you have read but might never read again and any other books gathering dust on a shelf. We want your books! Donations can be left in Room 8A or at the office.

Can you help? The Fete spinning wheel needs some fabulous prizes. If you are able to donate either new goods (maybe a ‘gift’ that is destined to be ‘re-gifted’) or offer a service (e.g. gift voucher to a shop) that can go on the wheel as prize can you please either contact Ross Moore (0409 186 640 or 5722 2045) or drop the item off at the office. Your help would be much appreciated.

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wangaratta High School would like to invite all Grade 4, 5 & 6 families to our Family Fun Night. We will be holding an evening of fun activities in our Multipurpose building. We encourage all families to come along and take part in an evening of fun hosted by teachers and students. The evening starts at 6pm, Wednesday 3rd September and will be followed by a short information session for all of our new Year 7 students for 2015 at 7.30pm. There will be a sausage sizzle and this will be a great chance to meet members of the Wangaratta High School Community.

AUDITIONS

Budding actors between the ages of 10 and 12 years old are being sought for a short film being shot in the region on Sunday 12th October. Speaking and non-speaking roles available. Auditions to be held between 5:30p.m and 7:30p.m on Monday 1st September at The Centre, Chisholm Street, Wangaratta.

Please email or phone Samantha Dinning to register your interest samantha.dinning@gmail.com or 0415 292 691.
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