Hi everyone…  

16 SLEEPS UNTIL THE ART SHOW & FETE

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: At our meeting on Monday we talked about the construction of our shed. This is getting close to finalisation, with a quote being accepted and applications for the building permit now being processed. Kel Vincent and Andrew Brereton have done lots of voluntary hours to get this project to this point and we really appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE: We are exploring the possibility of extending Just Kids’ hours so that we offer Before School Care from 7.30am-8.45am. If you would use this service, please let me know as soon as possible by emailing me on larcombe.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au or let Nicole or Sandra know at the office (57221326). We would need a regular attendance of at least 10 students to make this viable.

APPIN PARK PS HAS AN ‘APP’: Today we received our first absence note via the school’s App. This can be downloaded very easily from the ‘App Store’. We are putting more content on it all the time but currently you can use this to check dates and receive reminders (alerts), send back change of details information, send in an absence note, send an RSVP and have the newsletter at your fingertips. At time of writing, 49 people have already downloaded this app. If you select the ‘Receive Push Messages’ option, you will get reminders about upcoming events etc. We hope most, if not all, parents do take up this option as we can use it in a lot of ways to keep you up-to-date with what’s going on around the school.

FETE HELPERS: Thank you to the families who have returned the form volunteering help at or before the fete. This really is a whole school community effort and we appreciate your support. If you have not yet done so, please let me know if there is a time you are available to help on a stall, if you can sell tickets for us, or if you have white elephant, baking or other donations you can offer. Emailing me is one way to do that, sending back the hard copy or by downloading the form - OR - you can use our new school app (go to the App Store and search “Appin Park” and it will come up) and go to “Contact Us - Fete Volunteers”.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING POLICY: This policy has been reviewed by staff and school council and was ratified by Council. The Student Voice team have also had some input into it. Those of you who receive the newsletter via email will see that the policy is attached also. If you would like a hard copy, it is available at the office. This policy covers things like our anti-bullying approach, whole-school strategies to support students in being safe and happy at school, and sets out our processes for managing behaviour that is not up to expectations.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING: I hope many of you will make the time to come to our Parent Info Evening on MONDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER at 6.00pm. Therese Sheedy (psychologist and presenter) will offer you insights into the developmental stages children go through in their emotional and social learning. She also has advice on building resilience and ‘mindfulness’ in children. The staff will work with Therese during the day on these and other wellbeing strategies. The session will run from 6-7.00pm, with Therese available to answer your questions from 7-7.30pm.

RSVP numbers attending by calling the office (or use Contact Us/RSVP and respond via the app)! If you would like child-minding for your children during this time, please let me know as part of your RSVP. We will have refreshments available as well, given that some parents may have to come pretty much straight from work.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: There seem to be quite a few variations on our uniform at the moment. Please ensure your child wears only uniform items to school. Black pants/leggings are not part of the uniform, nor are hoodies or multi-coloured jumpers.

AND FINALLY...Thank you to Tanya Camplin who has done lots of work to organise publicity for our upcoming Art Show & Fete.

Wendy Larcombe

Students attending the Writers & Artists Excursion on Monday need to be at school by 6.20am for a prompt 6.30am departure.

Upcoming Events

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PRINCIPAL: Wendy Larcombe
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Saturday Morning Netball
This weekend sees a number of our students playing in Grand Finals for the Saturday morning netball competition. One of our Grade 5/6 teams, Pitch Black, will be playing, after winning their semi-final two weeks ago. Coach Peter O’Donohue has them playing very good netball; playing as a strong team, supporting and encouraging each other. Hopefully they will be able to complete their season on a positive note; however, Grade 5 student Bailey Hutchinson and his team mates from his previous school (WPS), will be doing everything they can to take the win away from them. In another section, Isaac Folino will also be playing in a team. He hopes that his shooting accuracy hasn’t left him since they last played two weeks ago. Good luck to all these players. Play hard, play well and enjoy the game.

Wangaratta Ski Club.
Last weekend the Wangaratta Ski Club held a Kids Carnival on Mt Hotham, where participants competed in four events: Slalom, Cross Country, Downhill and Jumps. Five students, Jack Findlay, Annika Flanagan, Amy & Sarah Henderson and April Shimura all participated. Competing in different grades (dependent on experience and previous results) each of them produced results of a high standard. Both Amy and Annika won three of their four events, with Amy placing 2nd in Cross Country and Annika placing 3rd in Downhill. Sarah won her Jumps and Slalom events, placed 2nd in Cross Country and 3rd in Downhill. Jack placed 2nd in Cross Country and for the same event April won her section.

Nihongo News
Grades 3~6 continued with their Hiragana Chōsen (challenge) worksheets this week and most grades also got to watch another of the seemingly never-ending collection of Happy Japan videos. They’ll be dreaming about that song. The littlies learnt about the weather and how to describe it. The speech contest entrants are working hard and most are turning up for practice. We’ve had some native JP speakers coming in to help the children. Cameron S (Prep F), Josh S (3/4A), Madison S (5B) & Charlotte M (6C) can already recite their speeches from memory. Entries closed on 22 August, so please return your permission notes as soon as possible and keep using your audio CDs and speech scripts at home.

MonoshiSensei’s Culture Tips
Hooray! Charlotte M, AKA Negi, (C) knew that there is no official flower of Japan, but the widely accepted national flowers are the cherry blossom and the chrysanthemum, which is also the symbol of the Royal Family. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us the literal meanings of Karaoke and Karate, two JP words often used by English speakers. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

From The Chaplain…
A PROGRAM TO HELP ANXIOUS CHILDREN
I was surprised to learn recently that as many as 20% of babies are born with an above average level of anxious response when faced with an unfamiliar stimulus, and for many this character trait continues throughout their childhood and into adulthood. The Friends for Life and Fun Friends Programs have been developed to help children to become pro-active in dealing with their ‘worries’. The programs help children (at their level of understanding) to develop resilience and positive life-coping skills so that they can better deal with whatever life throws their way.

I will be running these programs at Appin Park during Term 4. Friends for Life is designed for 8 -11 year olds but this time it will be confined to Year 5 and 6 children. Fun Friends is designed for 4-7 year olds and will be run for Years 1 and 2 children. The earlier that children can learn these coping skills, the greater the chance of making them a life-long habit. The groups will be limited to 8 children. If you are interested in your child being part of one of these groups please email me or fill in the attached form and return to the class teacher.

Expression of Interest in Friends for Life or Fun Friends Programs

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Grade: __________
Parent’s Name: ____________________________ Parent’s Phone: ____________________________

Chaplain Beth davies.beth.b@edumail.vic.gov.au
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

*Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly*

**PF**  **Rieley Gratton** for being a brave writer and stretching out the sounds in his words. Keep up the great work, Rieley.

**1E**  **Seth Burns** for his positive attitude towards class activities. He continually tries to complete work to the best of his ability. Well done, Seth.

**1/2S**  **Tarni Johns** for always finishing her learning tasks and for contributing to class discussions. Well done!

**Boniah Johns** for working hard in all her learning activities and for the excellent presentation of her work. Well done!

**2B**  **Jonty Grace** for the enthusiastic way in which he participates in all learning tasks. Congratulations, Jonty. Keep smiling!

**3/4A**  **Ryan Still** You have shown a great improvement when getting yourself organised before starting a task and listening to the instructions given to you. Congratulations, Ryan!

**3/4B**  **David Vescio** for working hard to earn his pen licence. Lovely writing, David!

**3/4C**  **Simon Moffat** for his willingness to share his ICT knowledge with others and the quiet manner in which he completes his learning tasks.

**3/4D**  **Isaiah Lack** for the excellent effort he is making in Just Kids. Keep it up!

**5B**  **Tahlia Corrigan** for the excellent team work she is displaying in building her mini golf hole for Quest.

**5S**  **Austin Cook** for being a fantastic helper during our woodworking sessions.

**6C**  **Kiana Haebich** for being able to explain the strategies she uses when solving multiplication problems. Well done, Kiana!

**6K**  **Josh Bell** for the extra help he has put in with jobs and trying to earn his team bonus points. Well done, Josh

**SPORTS AWARD**

*Marcus Battin* for showing very good cycling technique when completing a Top Ride class during Grade 5/6 Sport. He rode with strength, power and at a very high cadence. Well done, Marcus.

**Kira Geue** for the mature manner that she displays when completing PE activities and drills. She listens carefully and tries to implement correct techniques, taking on feedback to improve her skills.

**Jamie Stone** for his positive approach when completing activities and drills to improve his hurdling technique. He maintained focus throughout the session and applied himself to each task.

**Artist of the Week**

*Braeden Marjanovic & Brayden Sadik Hardwidge* for the effort and collaborative working that is going into their model Vincent Van Gogh Bedrooms. They are displaying excellent fine motor skills with their furniture construction. Well done, boys!

**Musician of the Week**

*Grace Watson Long & Emma Christie* for putting great effort into creating an interesting polyrhythmic presentation with lots of variety and texture. Well done!

**Father’s Day Stall**

*Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th September.*

*Buy a gift for Dad for only $4.*

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**Fruit Roster 25th August:**

Jennifer Miller, Nicole Snowdon & Lynn Best

**Book Club orders are due back Friday 29th August**
Cake Stall Update

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Quilts & Home Made Handcrafts WANTED!

We are looking for additional quilts and home made handcrafts (e.g. cross stitch, embroidery, knitting etc.) that will be suitable to display in our School Library as a part of the Art Show/School Fete. If you have items to share, could you please fill out the form below and return to the school office by Wednesday 27th August.

We also require assistance with the setting up of the display on Thursday 4th September (lunchtime onwards) and Friday 5th September. Please indicate if you can help on the form below. Many hands make light work!

Thanking you
Leonie Bourke

Name……………………………………………………….  Contact phone……………………………….

I can provide quilts for the display (please indicate approximate size). All quilts will need to have a 3” sleeve on the back for hanging – a temporary one pinned with safety pins will suffice).

I can provide home made handcrafts for a table display.

Description:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

I can assist on Thursday/Friday (please circle) for the setting up of the quilt display.

Hi, my name is Cammie Forster and I want to tell you about all the fun and exciting activities we do at Girl Guides. Some activities include camps/sleepovers, BBQs, theatre shows, camp-fires and many more awesome activities. Guides also teaches you to be kind and caring to others. We do lots of fun activities to work towards getting cool badges. I have a few already. But we are not all about fun. We also learn about famous girl guides and the extraordinary things they did. I have been at Girl Guides for just over 2 years now and I have already learnt a lot about guiding and life skills. If you would like to join the Girl Guides contact Alex on 0417 396 706 or email her alexlewis@people.net.au And come along at 6:30pm, Thursday nights. You will love it!

By Cammie Forster 6K

WANGARATTA LITTLE ATHLETICS 2014/15

When: Friday nights 5.15pm
First competition: Friday 10/10/14 (includes come & try)
Where: Appin St sports complex (Cnr Orkney St & Appin St)
How much: Early-bird fees until 14/10/14
$90 (1 child), $175 (2 children), $255 (3 children)
Registration: On-line only (www.lavic.com.au) THEN must attend one rego night to collect start-up pack on either: Wednesday 1/10/14 or Wednesday 8/10/14 (4-6pm at Appin St sports complex)
Further information call Anna on 0401885152

Wangaratta Show Woodworking Display 10th & 11th October 2014

Primary & Secondary students - you are invited to put your woodworking projects on display at this year’s Woodworking Exhibit at the Wangaratta Show.

Entries close Friday 3rd October at the Wangaratta Woodworkers’ clubrooms, Evans Street by 4pm.

There are no entry fees, no limit on the number of entries and there are cash prizes!

Applications are available from the show office or at the school office.