Hi everyone…

9 SLEEPS UNTIL THE ART SHOW & FETE

THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING: Our Fete organisation is really coming to the pointy end now. If you have items that you can donate for the White Elephant, please hang onto them at your place for as long as possible. From Wed, 3rd September these can be dropped off at the BER building (the den at the end, closest to the Special School). Other donated items for prizes, raffles, stalls (except fresh food items/baking etc) can be delivered to the office and we will sort them out as they come in. You may have seen our banners around town - thank you to Trecia Donald for her work on this.

FETE TREASURE HUNT: Pre-school and primary school-age children can gather special 'stamps' by visiting selected stalls on the day, and put their completed Treasure Hunt entry in the chest for a lucky draw prize. The sheets for collecting the stamps will be available at the fete, and there will be one on next week’s newsletter to get you started.

MELBOURNE WRITERS’ FESTIVAL…On Monday 20 Grade 5/6 students with a special interest and talent in Writing headed to Federation Square to meet some of their heroes and to participate in some Writers’ Workshops with the experts. The students really enjoyed the chance to hear Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton talk about their work, and they were inspired by Morris Gleitzman. Their first session was with author, Jackie French.

….AND ART GALLERY TOUR: Meanwhile, another 21 students from the senior Art Academy enjoyed a streetscape walk through famous Hosier Lane and then a tour of the National Gallery of Victoria in St Kilda Rd. We looked closely at ancient Egyptian art, a very famous painting by Venetian artist, Tiepolo and then moved through the impressionists to the world of modernism. The students then had great fun trying out their own skills in the 'Pastell' installation (a hands-on space with lots of crayon surfaces - including crayon-embedded helmets and sandals!).

….AND STATE LIBRARY VISIT: Following lunch in the playground at Birrarung Marr we headed off to the State Library where the children were fascinated to see the Ned Kelly exhibit (including armour and the original Jerilderie letter) and some very old manuscripts and other historic texts. The gallery and the library are absolute treasure troves. We are lucky to have such resources in Victoria.

THANK YOU: Fiona Carson and Ros Janas did a magnificent job of organising this special event. Parents: Merrin Henderson, Matt Flanagan, Murray Townsend, Karrie Long and Mandy Mullens, along with Jo Beattie, Robyn Dykes and I, really enjoyed spending the day with the students who certainly made the most of the opportunity.
THE APPIN PARK SMARTPHONE APP: So far we have had 89 people download this App. It comes in really handy for things like our excursion yesterday, where we were able to send an alert to those with the App, letting them know the bus would be back early. I encourage all families to download the App; it really is a time-saver and very user-friendly.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING: I hope all families will try to attend this parent info session, delivered by Therese Sheedy (Psychologist and parenting advisor) on Monday, 8th Sept. from 6pm. Being a parent is the most complex job you will ever have, there isn’t much on-the-job training and no-one ever gets to be an expert. There is always a new surprise around the corner! Children grow and develop differently and present with different challenges and strengths as they go through these stages. Therese will talk about the ways you can support your child to develop the ability to make & keep friends, to deal with disappointments and to bounce back in a positive, resilient way. Please RSVP to Nicole at the office or send an RSVP email through our App. Child minding is available.

SO MUCH LEARNING... The school always has a great learning buzz. Children have been very enthusiastic about the science enquiry Quest in Grade 3/4 this term, while the Grade 5/6 students continue to experiment with new tricks and creative ideas for their Marble Tracks and Mini-Golf Holes for the Fete. They have also had some enjoyable sporting visits to the Barr Reserve, while the Grade 3/4s have had lots of physical activity with the TAFE students working with them during their Sport sessions. Grade 1/2 students were enjoying looking at all the new books in the library the other day, while our Preps are really getting stuck in with their reading and writing. They had a visit from Writing ‘guru’, Keay Cobbin on Tuesday. Keay has worked across the school; supporting our work on Readers’ & Writers’ Workshops.

WORKING BEE SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST, 9AM  
COME & HELP CLEAN UP FOR THE FETE

Father’s Day Stall  
Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th September. Buy a gift for Dad for only $4.

Fruit Roster 1st September:  
Darlene Geue, Nicole Snowdon, Kate Morris & Karen Still

Book Club orders are due back Friday 29th August
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF  Tom Whitehouse for his efforts in our special writing session with Keay this week. Keep up the great work.
1E  Hayden Corrigan for remembering to bring his spelling book and for practising his spelling words.
1/2S  William Petersen for his great writing, maths and home reading practice. Keep up your wonderful work, William.
2B  James Thewlis for the wonderful effort he is putting into all his literacy tasks. Fabulous work, James!
3/4A  Holly Vincent You made a fantastic Budget Manager during our “House Rules” project. You showed leadership and commitment, but above all, determination! Congratulations Holly!
3/4B  Evie Butler has been working hard in maths, counting money. Fantastic!
3/4C  Ryan Batin for staying focused and on task when completing activities.
3/4D  Jarrod Bell for the great effort he puts into all his numeracy learning tasks. Keep it up!
5B  Charlie Townsend for the enthusiastic approach he had toward the Artists’ trip to Melbourne and for the fantastic reflections he made afterwards.
5S  Cheyenne Gratton for being a wonderful, caring and happy class member who is always willing to help others. Cheyenne always has a smile on her face, even when faced with a challenge.
6C  Jordan McDonald for confidently completing his Number Fluency Assessment. Congratulations, Jordan!
6K  Thomas Moore for the excellent job he is doing on his mini golf hole with his partner. He has been very organised and worked tirelessly during our Quest sessions.

SPORTS AWARD
Talea Sadik Hardwidge for her encouragement and participation during Grade 3/4 sport. She was engaged throughout the entire session, actively involving herself in all activities.

Artist of the Week
Damien Witting & Casey Campbell for their intelligent, active participation in Art discussions during our visit to the National Gallery of Victoria. They were really tuned in and thinking about the art works. They did our school and themselves proud! Well done!

Musician of the Week
Ashlee O’Neill for taking on the responsibility of guitar players in the school band and her class ensemble so well. Keep it up, Ashlee.
Zac Sewell Dolphin for your commitment to music. You are doing so well and have everything going for you to become a fantastic drummer and band member.

From The Chaplain…  Signs Of Excessive Worry Or Anxiety In Children
How do you know whether the anxiety your child exhibits is normal or not? Here are a few symptoms of anxiety in both adults and children. If your child has difficulties in a few of these areas the Friends for Life (Grades 5 & 6) or Fun Friends (Grades 1 & 2) program is a pro-active way for them to develop skills that will help them overcome their ‘worries’.

- Worry – worrying for a long time before the event
- Avoidance – even of things that would be fun eg. Going on a roller coaster
- Attention to threat/hyper vigilance – excessive worry about break-ins, fires, ‘what ifs’
- Psychosomatic complaints – eg. pains in the stomach or headaches before school which disappear once they are allowed to stay home.
- Difficulty in resting and going to sleep
- Excessive shyness
- Social withdrawal
- Perfectionism – eg. not completing projects because they cannot get it ‘perfect’; distress if they don’t get the top marks on a test. High achievers can find this a problem.
- Appetite changes – eating or not eating to dispel worries.

Please fill in the form below if you are interested in your child being part of these programs in Term 4.
Chaplain Beth

Child’s Name: ______________________  Grade: _______
Parent’s Name: ______________________  Contact Phone: ______________________
SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

On Wednesday, 3rd September (next week) the whole school will be involved in our annual athletics sports day, held at the Athletic Complex on Appin St. All children will need to take their own lunch and drinks, as well as appropriate clothing in case the weather is on the cooler side. No child will be allowed to go across to the shop to buy anything. Please make sure that your child has a good drink container as these will be placed in large containers and taken around with them to each of the events.

The children do not have to wear school uniform – it’s great to see all the children wearing the different colours of the house teams, it really adds to the atmosphere of the day (it is not compulsory to wear house colours.). No singlet tops please. The children must wear shoes for all activities. Please make sure that all your child’s belongings are well labelled.

The children will walk to the track from school, leaving at 9.05 am. Some older children will be required to be at the track prior to 9am to participate in a 1500m event, however these children have been given a special note already. The first event of the rotational timetable is to begin at 9.45 am. There will not be a morning break as such, and the lunch break will be at 11.45 until 12.45pm. During this time there will be some relay events taking place for the older children. The afternoon session will begin at 12.45 and go through till 2.45 where a presentation of the Athletics Shield will be presented to the winning team. Everybody who participates will gain at least 1 point for his or her team, per event. A timetable is included on the reverse side of this sheet.

During this time there will be some relay events taking place for the older children. The afternoon session will begin at 12

Every child will be given a participant’s card. This will need to have their name and their age group written on it (age is what the child turns this year and the group that they are participating with) and will need to be secured to their shirt – safety pins are best. Most of the children will be given their card on the Tuesday and must remember to bring it with them on the day. (Some of the younger grades keep the cards at school and ask the children to bring along the pins.)

Thanks to those parents who have offered assistance throughout the day. Your help is appreciated. I will send a note home on Monday to inform you of your role on the day. If any other parents are available to help please don’t hesitate to ask somebody. Hopefully parents/friends will be able to come along and support all the children competing. Your encouragement helps make the day more successful for all those involved.

In case of inclement weather an announcement will be placed over Edge FM between 8.00 – 8.30 am and on the school App.

Wendy Martin

ATHLETICS DAY TIMETABLE  Wednesday, 3rd September 2014

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FETE HAPPENINGS

Saturday Morning Netball Grandfinal

The Junior netball season finished on a high for our Grade 5/6 team, Pitch Black. Coach Peter O’Donohue had the team primed for the game and they started off in dominant fashion. Morgan Byrne played a leading role in her Goal Attack position, not only creating many attacking moves and passing into her shooting partner Emma Christie, but also her defensive pressure down the court created the opportunity for many turnovers. Bianca Fleming played a solid role in the attacking end, making it hard for the opposition to get the hands on the ball. She was able to open the court up with her moves and feed the ball quickly into the goalers. Both Amy Henderson and Sienna Fuller toiled hard all game in the midcourt applying pressure to their opponents, helping Marcus Battin and Ebony O’Donohue to contain their shooters to minimal opportunities. Defence in the goal circle was strong, as was the rebounding when the attempted goal was missed. Unfortunately Grace Watson-Long was unavailable to play, however the team were able to put everything together and play out the game. Congratulations to all the players, Peter and the many supporters.

Grade 5 student Bailey Hutchinson was one of the unlucky players on the opposition team, however he played a valuable game. He was a driving force in their attacking end and when he had the opportunity, he was able to shoot a number of the team’s goals.

In another section, Grade 6 student Isaac Folino played an integral part in his team’s comfortable win. They dominated the game from start to finish. Congratulations Isaac.

A reminder to all girls to please wash, iron and return their skirts to Mrs Martin as soon as possible. Could all the bibs and balls please be returned as well.

YMCA Father of the Year

Once again a number of our classes entered the YMCA Father of the Year competition, where the students could draw and/or write about their dad or other important male in their life. This year Grade 2 student Jacinta Magee won the local competition and now her entry has been forwarded to Melbourne along with other YMCA Centre winners. Congratulations Jacinta, and proud dad Jason.

CONGRATULATIONS to the students who have been accepted into the eLearning Academy:

Grade 3/4 - Cameron Lovett, Harvey Moore, Matthew Vincent, Bronte Huggins, Thomas Solimo, Matthew Bell, Taylor Marshall, and Robbie Sessions.

Grade 5/6 - Josh Bell, Emma Christie, Thomas Moore, Zac Sewell-Dolphin, Charlotte Mullens, Hannah Nish, Samuel Beattie, Jordan McDonald, Eddie Sessions, and Noah Barling. Grade 5/6 will have their first meeting next Tuesday.

Nihongo News

Grade 5/6 kids started on their My Family unit this week. They’re learning to discuss their families and to describe the individual members. Gr3/4 started work on the seasons and the weather. They’re learning the vocabulary at present and there was a bit of fly swatter action, too. Prep ~ Gr2 are also leaning about the weather, but in simpler terms. The speech contest is getting closer, 2 and a half weeks, and most of the kids are doing well. Some need to do more practice, though. The best way is to listen to the audio CD at home and speak along with it. Some permission notes and entry fees have not come back, so please get them to the school at your earliest convenience.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

Karaoke and Karate, the two words from last week’s nazonazo, both start with Kara, meaning empty. Karaoke = Empty orchestra. Karate = Empty hand. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us the JP word for September. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

Home Sweet Home

We are seeking donations of produce, jams, chutney, preserves, etc., jewellery or beads. All donations can be left at the office or Room 13 (Grade 3/4A).

Donations for the White Elephant stall can be left at school. Please contact the office if you need items collected. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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.
LITERACY & NUMERACY
OPEN DAY
SO MUCH LEARNING FUN!! We had a wonderful whole school event today; celebrating National Literacy & Numeracy Week. Students, in cross-age groups, enjoyed a Reading and Writing activity before recess. With a partner, or group of three, they shared their favourite picture story books. They were then asked to select a ‘last line’ from one of the books. This became the first sentence of a story they wrote on large ‘post-its’. These are displayed around the school and are all SO different. The enthusiasm and confidence shown by the children are real testament to the outstanding work our teachers have done in our Writing improvement focus.

We had a lovely morning tea out in the sunshine; joined by a number of parents and grandparents who were able to join in the activities. After recess, children went to different group Maths activities; using graphing and scale to draw and measure shapes, accessing ‘Mathletics Live’, using fraction shapes to create collage pictures and using estimation, counting and measurement to build tall structures.

The children worked so cooperatively and all were completely involved in the tasks. Fiona Carson and Renee Sayers (Literacy & Numeracy leaders) planned the day’s activities and managed the event. Thank you to them, and their committees for this wonderful learning opportunity.
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