Hi everyone… 2 SLEEP UNTIL THE ART SHOW & FETE

ROLL UP! ROLL UP, FOR ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR! Sunny & 19º... Perfect Fete weather!! It really is all coming together now, and Saturday should be a very successful day for our whole school community. We are so grateful for the generous donations and offers of help received. Thank you to our organising committee; led by Council President, Andrew Lovett. The staff have also already put in lots of work in preparation, and will be there in force, on the day. See you all from 10am (or earlier if you’re on the ‘Set Up’ roster).

ENTERTAINMENT: Along with musical entertainment provided by students, there will be a guest band, Folk with Poke, providing entertainment, and if you would like the chance to perform, there will be ‘open mic’ sessions. Please register your interest with Celine Muir if you would like a gig.

CAN YOU HELP?? If you have not yet committed, or have not been sure of exact times you can be available to help out at the fete, please just offer your help on the day. There are opportunities for you to help at different times on a number of stalls, and in the canteen during peak times (11-1pm). See Andrew Lovett or speak directly to your child’s teacher if you can help. Susan Christie is coordinating the canteen.

SILENT AUCTION - AFL TICKET PRIZE: We have a very special Silent Auction package for the fete: 4 x adult reserved-seating tickets to any AFL game (2015 season) at Etihad Stadium or the MCG, excluding finals or ANZAC Day match. This would make a great Fathers’ Day or birthday/Christmas gift for the footy fanatic! Register your bid either by email (apnin.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au), in person at the office tomorrow, or at the Train/Jumping Castle ticket table at the Fete. There is a reserve set on this item. The highest bid offered before 3.00pm on Saturday, over this reserve, will be successful.

LUCKY GATE PRIZE DRAW, CHILDREN’S STALL ‘TREASURE HUNT’: Each oldest-in-family child received an entry in both these Fete promotions today. Children collect a ‘stamp’ at marked stalls on the day and put their flier in the box where the train tickets are being sold. There is a $30 Kmart gift card for the lucky draw prize. The other ‘Lucky Gate Draw’ is for grown ups - fill in your details and place in the box (also near the train tickets) to win a $100 Quality Gateway Hotel voucher.

ART SHOW OPENING - TOMORROW NIGHT: For a preview of the Art Show, come along tomorrow evening between 5.00-7.00pm. We have the official opening with presentation of prizes by guest judge and local artist, Fleur Rendell at 6.00pm. Refreshments are available. Ros Janas and a team of aides and teachers have done a wonderful job of transforming the corridor of the main building into a colour sensation; a great showcase of your children’s art work. APPA and Silent Range Estate will also help out with catering for tomorrow evening’s opening. A gold coin donation will be accepted at the door, and there will be a raffle with a distinctly arty feel on sale. There is also a display of quilts and craft in the library for you to enjoy.

SPORTS DAY - YESTERDAY: We enjoyed another very well-organized Athletics Sports Day yesterday in beautiful sunshine. It was great to see a large crowd of parents helping and supporting the children. We are also very grateful for the assistance of a large group of GOTAFE students. Thank you to Wendy Martin for her planning and coordination of this day, and to all our staff who willingly help out in the set-up and running of the day. The children encouraged each other and all tried their best, which made the day a real success. Red House (Clarke) were victorious on the day and Captains, Heidi Parkinson & Sam Beattie accepted the Athletics Sports Shield on their behalf.

REMINDER: PARENT INFORMATION EVENING, Mon 8th Sept: We have had only a few RSVPs for this event. This is a great opportunity to hear ideas and advice to help you to help your children. We will have a supervised space for children, and some refreshments will be provided. Please let Nicole at the office know if you’re coming so that we have enough seats.

AND FINALLY... To all our dads, enjoy your special day on Sunday, Wendy Larcombe
Just Kids is open on Monday, 8th September all day for the curriculum day. Please contact Gina on 5721 4799 for bookings.

Fruit Roster 9th September:
Karen Still, Bec Feldtmann & Vanessa Luscombe

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**Nihongo News**

The speech contest is fast approaching. It’s on Sunday the 14th of September. Most students can do their speeches from memory. For those that can’t, the most important thing is to listen to their CD and practice at least 2 or 3 times every day at home. Grade 6 LOTE Academy kids have also been busy with a contest. They made a video for The Japan Foundation (JPF) Video Matsuri. The cast, their teachers & Mrs Larcombe attended a preview recently and the rest of the kids watched the video in class this week. The video will be uploaded to the JPF website in a week, or so. Watch this space for further information on how you can view the kids’ excellent video.

**Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips**

The JP word for September is Kugatsu. In Japan, the months don’t have names as such, they are simply numbered. Can you say all the months in JP? For this week’s nagonazo, tell us what is a Mt Fuji Diamond. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

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**Athletics Results**

Yesterday the school converged onto the Appin Park Athletics complex to participate in our annual athletics sports carnival. Again we were very fortunate with the weather, the sun shining upon us, made it a great day for competing in a variety of events. It was pleasing to see so many students participating in all their events with focus and determination. Individual results showed the efforts and practice that everybody had applied leading up to the day.

The morning began early for some of the older students who were willing to add an extra event to their already full and active day. Running a 1500m event is not an easy task but the participants all ran strongly and recorded some good times. Liam White ran strongly and was the first competitor to cross the line in the 12 year old boys group, closely followed by Caleb Whitehead.

Grace Watson-Long won the 12 year girls’ event. The 11 year boys’ category was a tight finishing race with Jack Findlay edging out Charlie Townsend and Logan Wright. Annika Flanagan, Ryan Battin and Kelly Hirschmann were also winners of the respective age groups for the 1500m.

When all the events were underway the encouragement and support that was shown not only from parents and family members but amongst the students as well, was fantastic to see and hear. It was good to see that winning wasn’t always a priority for everybody but rather helping others out with positive praise featured often. There were many students who had a go at all their events to the best of their ability and even though they couldn’t all place first they were pleased with their personal results; running faster or jumping further than they have done before. The efforts by everyone meant that they all achieved success in some form.

There are a number of Grade 4, 5 and 6 students who have earned a position on the Zone Athletics team which will be confirmed over the next couple of days.

Once again the final team results were extremely close between all four teams:

- Clarke (Red) - 1102 points
- Bradman (Green) - 1067 points
- Fraser (Blue) - 1054 points
- Freeman (Yellow) - 984 points

Congratulations to all the students in Clarke, taking out the Athletics Shield. Well done to everybody for a great day. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped on the day, along with the TAFE students; without your assistance this day could not run as smoothly. A special thank you to the early brigade of helpers: Renee Sayers, Andrew Storer, Bill McCormack, Warwick Hutchinson, Fiona, Mitchell, Millie and Flynn Carson.

**House Shield Competition**

After adding on the results of the athletics sports, the competition for the house shield is still open for any team to claim. Bradman (Green) still hold a lead over Clarke (Red), however with more tabloid events and a variety of other sporting activities to be added they will have to maintain a great team effort to claim the shield. Inaugural winners, Fraser (Blue), are not far off the pace and will be primed to peak in the last few point scoring events. And we can never count out Freeman (Yellow), who had a few students missing during the last tabloid sessions and they will be pushing for big scores. Results as they stand are:

- Bradman - 12727
- Clarke - 12600
- Fraser - 12326
- Freeman - 12002

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**MAKE A PERSONALISED BAG AT THE FETE**

Add your own artwork to these beautiful quilted bags which will be available at the fete. Makes a great gift.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*
*Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly*

**Musician of the Week**

**Seth Mullins** for working fantastically in the class and participating with enthusiasm and commitment with class performance pieces. Keep it up!

**SPORTS AWARD**

**Noah Gambrell** for his persistence and resilience during his distance run at the Athletic sports. After tripping over, he got up and kept going. Great job, Noah.

**Lily Knox** for her focus and determination at the start of each of the running events at the Athletic sports. She was not distracted by those around her, waited and listened carefully before starting the race.

**Artist of the Week**

**Charlie Townsend** for his creative interpretation of Sport & Art. He was very organised and finished well ahead of time. Well done, Charlie.

**From The Chaplain…**

**iDad**

Being a Dad is not being a Mum. It’s not being Mum’s helper. It’s not being the babysitter. It’s not just being the biggest toy in the room.

Your role and your impact in your children’s lives is unique and can be one of the most powerful, influential experiences that will guide them in their future decision making and healthy sense of self. Does that sound like a big deal? It is. Research has confirmed that dedicated father involvement is critical to the healthy development of children. With increased father involvement outcomes for children are:

- Increased self esteem
- Increased emotional well-being and trusting relationships with other
- Increased success in school
- Fewer behavioural problems

Whatever your family looks like, whether you are a teen father, have a new baby, live with the mother, or co-parent or single parent, have many children, have one child, see your child on weekends, or live with them, your role as a Dad is crucial to your child’s healthy emotional development. No one else can fulfill the ‘Dad’ role for your child as well as you. Being involved in your child’s life can take many forms, but at every stage they will benefit from your involvement. Here are a few suggestions: Read with your child (even when they can read for themselves a chapter a night of a novel is a great experience together), accompany them on a school excursion, coach a sports team, host a family board games night or a movie night, ride bikes with them, wrestle on the carpet (my 4 year old granddaughter loves her wrestles with Dad), listen to their stories and be ready to offer wise guidance. Take time to be a positive and supporting part of your child’s life. Happy Fathers’ Day to all our Dads.

*Chaplain Beth*
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