Hi everyone…

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the success of our Fete. It really was a whole school community effort and so many of our children and families provided generous donations, time and support. It is impossible to single out individuals for recognition but I would like to especially thank the organizing committee: the members of School Council, Steve Doig, Trecia Donald, Susan Christie, Tracey Clough, Kendall Beattie and all the staff who really brought the whole thing together.

At this stage it seems likely that our final profit will be in excess of $17,000 which is an increase on the funds raised in 2012. It was also great to see so many non-school families there; adding to our funds raised, and enjoying our school environment. I had lots of very positive feedback on the day and many comments since from people who attended and found the range of stalls, entertainment and activities made for a fun, family day-out. Thank you also to our musical entertainment; Celine tells me that the ‘open mic’ idea has really found an untapped pool of talent in the community!

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**PREP-4 END OF QUEST CELEBRATION:** The Prep/1/2 students will join with the Grade 3/4 children to mark the end of term with a ‘finale’ to their respective Quests, on **Tuesday morning just after 9am**. The junior children will sing a song while the Grade 3/4s will have brief presentations from each grade, and then there’ll be an opportunity for parents to have a look at their own child’s Quest log and other work from this term. All this will take place in the BER building.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM - TERM 4:** The Learn to Swim program starts the first week of next term, for all grade levels. Prep-2 children have their first session on Wednesday, 8th October. Most families have already paid for this program. If you have yet to do so, please ensure full payment of $57 per student is into the office by next week. Only children, for whom payment has been made, will participate in the program.

**PARENT INFO EVENING:** Thank you to those parents who were able to join us at the Parenting Info Evening on Monday. Therese Sheedy spoke about the ways children’s resilience and social connectedness can be strengthened by positive parenting. One interesting point she made was that, as parents, we all want our children to be happy. Therese explained that happiness is an emotion, not a quality or life skill. Almost everyone will experience periods of sadness or unhappiness, and it is vital, for their mental health, that children learn how to deal with this and to understand that emotions are passing phases and that things can and will get better. Sometimes, as parents, we need to let them fall, so they can learn how to bounce. Resilience is being able to bounce.

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**Upcoming Events**

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ART SHOW - This was also a great success, with a large crowd enjoying the preview/opening on Friday evening, and a steady stream of visitors wandering through on Saturday. Our guest judge, Fleur Rendell selected our ‘Best in Show’ prize winner (Sarah Long) and named Seth Mullins’ and Daniel Boschetti’s works as worthy of ‘honourable mention’. The People’s Choice winners are announced in Ros Janas’ report in this newsletter.

The Art Show is a wonderful showcase of students’ work, and of the high quality program run by our Art Specialist, Ros Janas. Many of our teaching & support staff put in hours of unpaid overtime mounting the display. Thank you also to Alison Sessions, Leonie Bourke and their team of helpers who organised the Quilt Display.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS: The Oil Painting Silent Auction raised $251. Thank you to Jean & Peter Humphries for their support of our school. We passed in the AFL ticket package. If you would like to enter a bid for this set of four tickets (reserved seating) to a game of your choice in next year’s Home & Away series (Ethad or MCG), please contact the office. The trailer of wood & chainsaw was won by ‘Jim’ and the First Aid raffle (donated by St John Ambulance) was won by Ora Holt.

Our $100 Voucher (generously donated by the Quality Gateway Hotel) prize went to Kay Andrewartha, while Emily Doig was drawn from the large number of ‘Kids' Treasure Hunt’ entries and will receive a $30 Kmart card.

PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS: I had the privilege of attending this award ceremony at Wangaratta HS yesterday. The local Dirrawarra Indigenous Network established these awards last year to recognise the talents and strengths that indigenous children and young people contribute. Seven of our students identify as having Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island heritage and they were accompanied by family as they received their certificates: Xavier Pitt (Academic Award), Ari Fletcher-Blake & Brodie Ross-Hamilton (Creative Arts Award), Alex Pitt, Brandon Moore & Bianca Fleming (Sport Award) and Tristian Fletcher-Blake (Attendance & Work Ethic Award).

GRADE 1E: Due to Robyn Elliott’s ongoing absence, Danielle Ashmead will replace her in Grade 1E until the end of term.

AND FINALLY…. Next week is Planning Week at school. Students will have the chance to add to their House totals by participating in the tabloid sports events during their respective planning time. Teachers will be putting together their Term 4 Quests and curriculum plans.

REMINDER: School finishes at 2.30pm on the last day of term

MESSAGE FROM THE SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (RE) INSTRUCTOR:
For those children who missed out on the opportunity to continue with Special Religious Instruction (formally CRE) this term, we welcome you to join with us again, in term 4. Please collect a form from the office, which is required to be signed by a parent, so that your child can be part of our class again.

As SRI Instructors at APPS our role is to help your child to discover more about themselves and God who loves them, as well as learning the values of Respect, Care of their Community, Compassion for others, Fairness, Reflection and a time to share their knowledge, with those around them. If you would like to know more about SRI you are most welcome to come and join our class for a session, or contact the school to talk to one of the SRI Teachers. Anne Turnbull (SRI Team Leader-Gr1/2) Su Ingleton (Gr 3/4) David Palmer (Gr 5) and David Lloyd (Gr 6).
Noah Barling for being a highly valued member of our class. He is co-operative and considerate of others and always works to the best of his ability.

**Artist of the Week**

All the Appin Park Students for their amazing display of artwork at the Art Show.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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

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**PF**  **Thomas Schreiber Pearson** for the great progress he is making with his reading and writing. We are enjoying watching your confidence and independence grow in the classroom.

**1E**  **Sam Mitchell** for producing a detailed journal from his holiday. The class thoroughly enjoyed hearing about his trip.

**1/2S**  **Sophie Morris** for being a great helper and for working hard in all her learning. Sophie is writing in more detail, adding interesting sentences. Well done!

**2B**  **Felicity O’Connell** for the great advances she continues to make in all her literacy and numeracy tasks.

**3/4A**  **Logan Wright** for the enthusiasm and commitment you displayed when volunteering your time to run our fete stall - all day! Your efforts were recognised by not only teachers, but parents and visitors also. Outstanding work, Logan.

**3/4B**  **Rory Cooper** for being a hardworking student who always connects to our lessons. She has wonderful stories to share!

**3/4C**  **Matilda Forster Paxford** for the high standards she achieves with her literacy.

**3/4D**  **Tahlia Hurley** for the enthusiasm she shows towards all her learning tasks. Keep it up!

**5B**  **Regan O’Brien** for the enthusiasm he displayed towards his Quest project and the tireless effort he put into our Fete.

**5S**  **Thomas Clough** for helping to set up and run the handball competition at the fete.

**6C**  **Zoe Carr** for the way in which she is leading her team in writing and publishing a newspaper. Zoe’s confidence continues to flourish!

**6K**  **Rhys Delahunty** for the enthusiasm and positive attitude he has shown in writing, particularly in creating a newspaper. Keep it up, Rhys.

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**APPIN STAR AWARD**

Noah Barling for being a highly valued member of our class. He is co-operative and considerate of others and always works to the best of his ability.

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**SPORTS AWARD**

**Braeden Marjanovic** for his concentration and focus when trying to master a difficult new skill. Through persistence he improved his ability to juggle and is keen to refine his skills even further.

**Matilda Forster Paxford** for the genuine enthusiasm she displayed when tackling a new task. She maintained focus and patience which lead to her juggling skills slowly improving.

**Cameron Lovett** for showing determination to develop his juggling attempts. His focus and concentration allowed him to gradually improve his skills.

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**From The Chaplain… The ‘Friends’ Programs**

These programs are designed to help children build resilience to cope with life’s situations. They can be children who tend to worry a lot about things, who may be afraid of the dark, perfectionists who stress if everything is not ‘just so’. There are a number of different components to the program eg. relaxation activities, self-talk, planning to cope with challenges. There is an important homework component to the program. Each week there will be a fun activity for families to do that reinforces the skill that the child is learning for the week. This helps ensure that the skills learned during the program become embedded in the child and continue after the program ceases. This year ‘Friends for Life’ is for Years 5 and 6 and ‘Fun Friends’ is for Year 1 and 2 children. Please notify your child’s teacher or email me if you would like your child to be included in the program.  davies.beth.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chaplain Beth
Art Show News

What a wonderful celebration of the great artwork that the students at Appin Park have done this year. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and relatives walking through and really appreciating the quality and variety of artworks.

Many thanks must go to all those who assisted in the running of the Art Show for 2014. I need to make special mention:

Vanessa Luscombe, Alison Sessions, Jo Beattie, Tracey Clough, Bec Feldtmann, Robyn Dykes, Lis Long and Fi Carson for the delicious catering that was provided at the Official Opening on Friday Night.

The staff members who stayed behind after school for three nights to hang the works, there were over 600 pieces of art! Even after a long day at the Sports there was a working bee! The staff that helped man the door on Friday Night and Saturday, including Lesley Johnson who is one of our Piano teachers.

To the Long, Moore, Carson, Battin, O'Donohue and Clough families for their generous donations for the raffle and the Peoples’ Choice prizes.

Congratulations to Sarah Long for taking out the “Artist In Show”; Daniel Boschetti and Seth Mullins with their Honourable Mentions. Peoples’ Choice awards also go to:

- Prep – Abby James
- Grade One – Ailie Witting
- Grade Two – Xavier Pitt
- Grade Three – Georgia Long
- Grade Four – Braeden Marjanovic
- Grade Five – Regan O'Brien
- Grade Six – Heidi Parkinson.

These students will receive their awards at assembly next week. The raffle will also be drawn at assembly.

Finally I would like to thank all the students at Appin Park Primary School, because without your enthusiasm for your artwork an Art Show such as this would not be possible.

Thankyou,
Ros Janas

APPIN PARK FOOTY DAY

Next Friday, 19th September, we will be having a Footy Colours day. We are asking students to dress in their footy colours and bring along some coins for their team’s coin line. Last year, Richmond Tigers were the winning team with the most coins, followed closely by Collingwood. Who will it be this year?

Money raised will go to Fight Cancer - helping kids and teens with cancer.

There will also be a staff vs grade 6s footy match at 12.30. Parents are most welcome to come watch.

Nihongo News

The Japanese speech contest is on this Sunday, the 14th of September. It will be held at Yarrunga Primary School. Appin Park PS has 21 students entered. There are 4 sections to the contest. Prep~Gr2 will start at 0930. Grade 3~4 at 1100. Grade 5~6 at 1300. Secondary at 1430. Students entered in the contest need to wear school uniform and be at the hall at least 15 minutes before their section's start time. There are still some who can't do their speeches from memory. There are still a few days to go, so I hope they are practising hard and listening to their CD at home.

Monoshiri Şensei’s Culture Tips

The term, Mt Fuji Diamond, refers to that precise time around sunset when the sun disappears behind Mt Fuji and looks like a sparkling diamond sitting on the summit. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us why so many of our kids would want to enter the speech contest. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!
Walk to School Program

The school will be involved in the VicHealth Walk to School program which will take place during October. This program has been established to encourage students to get themselves to school in an active manner, whether it be walking, riding their bike, scooter or skateboard. With the weather becoming warmer we would like to see as many of our students actively getting themselves to school as possible. Take some time to walk to school with your children, talk to them about their day and their neighbourhood. Data will be collected for October, however it would be great to see everybody continue being active when getting themselves to school for the rest of the year.

Bus travellers could walk or ride to their bus stop. Students who have to be driven a distance might be able to get themselves dropped at a safe spot so that they could walk some of the way to school. It is not always possible to walk or ride all the way to school but if an attempt is made to be active part of the way, then that can be included in the data.

CITY COLTS CRICKET CLUB

All interested Under 12, 14 & 16 girls & boys and their families are invited to a BBQ registration night on Thursday 18th September from 5pm at the Barr Reserve. Queries to Paula on 0409 505 484 or mcnottle@bigpond.com.

Registration for Milo in2Cricket and T20 Blast will be held on Friday 17th October from 5.30pm at the Barr Reserve Community Centre. Sessions commence on Friday 23rd October. Queries to Ross on 5722 2045 or Kendall 0408 358 913

Farmers’ Market

On Saturday 13 September, the Wangaratta Farmers’ Market Project will be launched at Park Lane Nursery Open Day from 8.30am. This is an opportunity for the community of Wangaratta to come and see a taster market with producers and growers from the North East. With fresh eggs, berries, relishes, honey, olive oil and a farmers’ breakfast of bacon and Wild Hen Farm true free range eggs or Rutherglen Lamb sausages, there will be a chance for people to meet the growers and taste the region.

On the day, we will be asking visitors to the Open Day their preferred location, days and times for the market, as well as how frequently they would buy produce from a market. From this information, we will be able to hopefully introduce a fresh, local, produce market that will connect our many local farmers and growers with the wider community.

Meet the grower and taste the region

- Dawn View Olive Oil & Honey
- King Valley Walnuts
- Beechworth Berries
- Maison Renoux – Apple Cider Vinegar
- Renaissance Chocolates
- Rutherglen Lamb
- Wild Hen Farm True Free Range Eggs
- Blue Ox Berries
- Farmers’ Breakfast

Should you be unable to make it on the day, we would appreciate your regarding any interest and support for the creation of a fresh, local and seasonal produce market in Wangaratta. We are interested in your preferred locations, days and times through the brief online survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/98LVWB2

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