Hi everyone…

**CHANGES TO EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE IN 2015**

In past years, families with a current Healthcare Card or Pension Card could apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance to help offset the costs of the school year. This allowance has been reducing in the past two years.

Next year, the Education Maintenance Allowance will not be available to support you in meeting your child’s educational costs. The current state government has developed a new way of allocating this funding. Our school will not be receiving the funding directly. Some schools, with concentrated disadvantage in their student population, will receive additional funding into their budgets.

The reallocation of funds for the EMA will not affect other sources of financial assistance like the Schoolkids Bonus and the family tax benefits that you may also be eligible to claim.

I am writing to prepare you for this change. The essential education item costs associated with classroom supplies, camps and excursions, swimming/gymnastic programs and other activities are kept as low as possible. We do aim to provide a very high quality curriculum program, with excellent classroom and specialist programs, and with good access to computers, iPads and other educational resources. It is an expectation that parents will pay for their child’s participation, stationery and materials.

I am sorry to have to inform you of this change to the available support for your child’s educational costs. This is certainly not a school decision. We do have payment plans and other arrangements that may help you to budget for the costs over the school year. Sandra Makin (Business Manager) and I are happy to talk to you about this.

**WELCOME:** On Monday we welcomed Aaliyah Haugh (12S) and Jesse Temple (6C) to our school. We hope Jesse, Aaliyah and their families enjoy their time at APPS.

**SHED UPDATE:** The concrete slab has been laid for our new storage shed on the side of the oval. The actual shed kit has been ordered and will be erected soon. The two ‘Mod5’ portable buildings, ear-marked for removal, are still onsite and I am waiting to hear when they will be taken away. Watch this space!

**CLASS PLACEMENTS 2015:** We are now looking towards our staffing and grade structure for 2015. At this time of the year, I invite parents, who have a special request to make for consideration of their child’s grouping next year based on social/educational grounds, to put that in writing and send it to me (email is also a good way to do this: larcombe.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au). We do put a lot of thought into this planning, and we aim for the best outcomes for students. However, please note that, while your thoughts will definitely be taken into consideration, not all requests can be facilitated. If you do have information that will help us in the process, please make sure I receive it by 24th October.

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS:** These certificates (for 100% attendance in Term 3) will be presented at Monday morning assembly next week. 74 children managed this feat, despite the ‘bugs’ that moved through the school during the term.

**WHAT’S ON?** The Learn-to-Swim program kicked off this week with all grades having had their first session yesterday and today, or they are going tomorrow. Our junior children have been preparing entries for the Art & Craft section at the Wangaratta Show and will head there tomorrow to look at the exhibits. Ros Janas and a team of helpers mounted students’ art works in the display pavilion on Wednesday afternoon. Grade 3/4 students have started talking about how they can take positive steps towards life-long health as part their term’s Quest, and Grade 5/6 students are developing their understanding of the Solar System in their Quest.

**AND FINALLY…** Please ensure your child has their hat at school every day this term. Children need to wear their hats for all outdoor activities and during recess & lunchtime.

Wendy Larcombe
Playgroup
It was lovely to see a good group of Mums with their children at our first playgroup for Term 4. Some of the regular children are getting to know each other quite well now. This week during fruit snack the children had an opportunity to sample a papaya. I can’t say that there will be a big demand for papayas from pre-schoolers any time soon.

During ‘mat time’ we focused on identifying feelings.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic – Next week, (weather permitting), we will be enjoying a teddy bears picnic in the ‘woods’ at the end of the oval. Don’t forget to bring a teddy with you!

Chaplain Beth

House Shield Results
At the end of last term every grade took part in a 2 hour tabloids session, where students participated in 12 different activities, trying to accumulate points for their team. These points play a large role in the final tally for the House Shield, which will be presented at the end of the year. The final results and the winning teams for each Unit were:

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This means that the gap between all teams has been reduced and teams are closing in on the current leading team, Bradman (Green). Results as they stand are:

- Bradman (Green) 17663 points
- Clarke (Red) 17634 points
- Freeman (Yellow) 17546 points
- Fraser (Blue) 17536 points

There will be a few more opportunities for teams to contribute points towards the House Shield. Can Bradman hold on to their slender lead? With only 127 points between the 1st and 4th teams, the competition this year is extremely tight.

Victorian Primary School Golf
A tournament for young golfers will be held at the Wangaratta Golf Course on Friday 31st October. This is a nine-hole event and students must be able to play the game and score confidently. If you are interested, please look on the following website for more information and to enter:

www.juniors.golfvic.org.au

Nihongo News
This week, Gr3~6 did some speaking activities aimed at getting their brains back into JP mode. They used basic JP sentences to tell each other what they’d done on the holidays. Prep~Gr2 did some singing to practice greetings and to learn the names of basic body parts. I’m still after pictures of the speech contest. Did you take any photos of the event? If you have any photos that you are prepared to share, please send them to me. They can be sent to school on a memory stick, which I can then return to you, or you can send them to the school’s e-mail address. I’m always too busy on contest day to take pictures, so I’d appreciate your help.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
In Term 4, you must wear your hat in the schoolyard, so for our first nazonazo of the term, tell us the JP word for hat. 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

**APPIN STAR AWARD**

Emma Christie for the great effort she puts into all classroom activities and the excellent attitude she has towards her learning.

**SPORTS AWARD**

Ella Bihun for showing an understanding of tactics and strategies required to improve her team’s outcome. She adjusted her position to make it difficult for the opposition to score.

Jack Findlay for showing great team spirit when playing a new game. His ability to understand and read the play, to make many interceptions and place his team in an attacking position was very evident.

**Musician of the Week**

Hannah Nish for being a consistently strong member of the Appin Park school choir. You are a delight to have around and a wonderful support to the younger students. Well done, keep it up!

2B will be performing their Term 3 Quest songs at assembly on Monday morning.

**Volunteers Needed to sell Icy Poles & Slushies**

Icy pole sales will start on Wednesday 15th October; slushies will only be sold on Fridays. Volunteers are needed to staff the canteen each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.20pm -2.30pm. If you can help please phone Kay Andrewartha on 0409 179 528 or return the slip below.

Name: .........................................................  Contact No: .........................

Student’s name: .....................................................  Class: .................................

I am available:  Mondays    Wednesdays    Fridays

Or dates: ........................................................................................................
This year’s Grand Final was played between Tigers and Bulldogs in perfect conditions. The Tigers, having dropped just one game for the year, started as red hot favourites and came out that way kicking the first two goals in as many minutes.

Bianca Fleming was proving to be a dangerous option up forward and got her first goal early and was showing great determination to get the footy. The Bulldogs needed to lift and found that spark through Caleb Whitehead as he snuck forward and snapped his first for the day.

The game continued to be an arm wrestle as the Bulldogs gradually clawed their way back. Jackson Stringer managed to bounce one over the top of tall Zak Andrewartha to put the Bulldogs in front and the game was heating up.

After half time it was the run of Aiden Bartlett and Bailey Hutchinson that helped steer Tigers to a 2 goal lead. But once again, Bulldogs replied with some great play from Tom Clough and Mitch Carson.

With a goal separating the teams at 3 quarter time, the crowd were set up for a thrilling finish. William Gulbin and Liam White were rebounding all the inside attack from the Bulldogs and made it tough to score. Scores were level at 51 apiece when the final whistle went, so the game went into extra time. In tight, congested football, it was Isaac Folino who put the first goal on the board and, to Bulldogs disappointment, the only one for extra time as the Tigers took out the game 8.10.58 vs 7.9.51. As always the game was played in great spirit and it was really enjoyable to see both teams congratulate each other after the game. Thank you to all players who participated throughout the season.

Some awards were presented on Monday for the players who played throughout the competition in good spirits and always showed excellent sportsmanship. Those awards were;

**Steve Johnson Award – Best and Fairest Player throughout the year:**
Winner – Isaac Folino, Mitchell Carson
Runner up – Liam White

**Luke Mullins Award – The player who showed great sportsmanship and was always having a go:**
Winner – Jackson Stringer
Runner Up – Ryan Battin

**Goalkicking Award:** Isaac Folino

**Laurie Burt Award (Best on ground in Grand Final):** William Gulbin
**Best Female Player:** Bianca Fleming
**Best First Year Player (judged by the three Grade 6 captains):** Braedon Marjanovic

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**Wangaratta Show**

If you’re attending the show this Friday or Saturday, don’t forget to visit the wonderful display of art work in the schools’ pavilion and the decorated biscuits and pasta necklaces that the prep/1/2 children have created.

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**APPA HAPPENINGS**

APPA are having a lamington drive to raise funds to assist our students in the classroom.

Wang's Best Bakery in Vincent Road, Wangaratta are the suppliers of the lamingtons. The lamingtons are $6.50 per 1/2 dozen of which the school will receive $2.00.

Order forms are being sent home with today’s newsletter to each family. Order forms are due back at school on Thursday 23rd October. Lamington's will be delivered to your child’s classroom or can be collected between 3.15pm & 3.45pm from the canteen, on Friday 31st October. No late orders will be accepted.

Any queries please contact Tracey Clough on 0407 224 667 or the school office. Thank you for your continued support of our fundraisers, it is greatly appreciated by the staff and students at Appin Park Park Primary School.
**Dyslexia Information Evening**  
**Monday 27th October 7.30pm $20**  
Wangaratta Library Community Room, Docker Street.

**Movie:** The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia  
**Discussion Panel:** Katrina Ramsay (Speech Pathologist)  
Luke Ahrens (Psychologist)  
Patricia Boak (Principal)

Bookings & information contact:  
Ann Ryan 0427 500 760 or Ann@elyed.com.au

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**Wangaratta Table Tennis Association 2014 Spring Competition**

**Muster Nights:** 15th & 22nd of October, Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.  
Free Come ‘n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.  
Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.  
Junior Comp Starts: 22nd of October at 5:30 p.m.  
Senior Comp Starts: 29th of October at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.  
(First building on the left side as you enter the main gates).

For further information call  
Robert (Seniors): 0407228280, Andrew (Juniors): 0498954081

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**Wangaratta Rangers Baseball/Softball Club**

Are conducting T ball/Coaches Pitch on Wednesday nights from 6 pm at the Murdoch Rd complex for primary school kids. We will run for 8 weeks starting on 8th October.  
For information ring Brendan 0429446782 or wangarattarrangers@hotmail.com

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**Pangerang Community House**

**TERM 4 COURSES**

**FOR CHILDREN**

- **Children’s Drawing**  
  Dates: 5 x Thursdays 6 Nov–4 Dec  
  Time: 4.00-5.00  
  Cost: $50.00

- **Children’s Sewing – Christmas Theme – Parents welcome**  
  Dates: 4 x Mondays 3–24 November  
  Time: 4.00-5.00pm  
  Cost: $50.00

- **Children’s Cooking – Christmas Theme**  
  Dates: 4 x Wednesdays 5–26 November  
  Time: 4.00-5.00pm  
  Cost: $40.00

- **Children’s Yoga**  
  Dates: 4 x Mondays 3–24 November  
  Time: 4.00-4.45 pm  
  Cost: $30.00

- **Children’s Drumming**  
  Dates: 4 x Tuesdays 11 Nov–2 Dec  
  Time: 4.00-4.45 pm  
  Cost: $40.00

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**PARENTING COURSES**

- **Tuning into Kids – Emotionally Intelligent Parenting**  
  Dates: 5 x Mondays 17 Nov–15 Dec  
  Time: 7.00-9.00pm  
  Cost: $30/$25 conc. This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

- **“Whatever” Parenting Adolescents**  
  Dates: 5 x Mondays 13 Oct – 10 Nov  
  Time: 7.00-9.00pm  
  Cost: $30 / $25 conc. This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

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