Hi everyone…
We have had some very busy times lately, and your children have had plenty to keep them engaged and occupied at school. The events organised by the SRC on Friday were lots of fun with some great costumes being worn, and some very enthusiastic dancing in the library at recess and lunchtime.

A BIG Thank You to Nancy Cole for her work, along with the SRC, in organising the event; decorating the library and running the discos. We were very grateful to Ken Blake who loaned us a jukebox for the discos - that really added to the atmosphere!

The School Council sausage sizzle lunch was also very successful and ran like clockwork; children being very quickly supplied with their drink and sausages. Thank you to Andrew Lovett, Ross Moore, Kevin Feldtmann, Kel Vincent, Kay Andrewartha, Tanya Camplin and Vanessa Luscombe for your organisation and work towards the success of this event.

JAZZ FESTIVAL DOINGS… The choir and band really did us proud during their performance on Saturday morning in Reid St. The children’s enjoyment and confidence in performing came across very clearly, and their singing and playing was of a very high standard. Thank you to Celine Muir and to the staff & parents who supported this performance. Also, as part of the Jazz Festival, a group of Grade 4-6 students attended the Next Generation Showcase event on Monday afternoon. Emerging Jazz bands from Monash University, the Sydney Conservatorium and others performed during this, including Grade 6 student, Emma Christie (National Youth Jazz Academy– NYJA), who joined with another vocalist to give a very impressive rendition of ‘Landscape’. Emma was recognised by the MC as being the youngest member of NYJA.

CONGESTION ALERT!!!
Tomorrow afternoon, Appin St will be very busy with neighbouring Wang. District Specialist School holding their Fete (2pm-7pm). I imagine that it will be difficult to find a park outside the school at pick up time, and getting along Appin St into our drive-through could also be very tedious. You may like to arrange with your child/ren (particularly Grades 2-6) to walk down Appin St to the corner of Williams Rd to meet you there, or to find somewhere in Hulme Dr. that would be your meeting spot.

REMINDER: APPA have their Annual General Meeting on Monday evening at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All parents/carers are welcome to attend - please come along if you can.
Primary School Golf Tournament

Last Friday Ella Bihun and William Gulbin competed in the District Primary Schools Golf Tournament, held at Waldara Golf Club. This event is for any budding young golfer from Wangaratta and district schools. They played a modified 9-hole event with the top placegetters advancing to the Regional finals to be held in Benalla on the 17th November. Conditions were ideal for golf; warm weather, with very little wind. Hit off for this competition was 9am so the heat of the day was not going to be a deciding factor for the players. William hit a round of 49 which placed him equal 5th and Ella scored an impressive 52. Ella, who is only Grade 4, was the only female who entered the event, which may be an indication of how girls see golf as a difficult sport to participate in. Her score placed her 6th overall. Congratulations to both William and Ella for their efforts and for qualifying for the next level of competition. All the best, as they now play against the best students from the Seymour, Shepparton and Wodonga.

State Dance Champions

Grade 4 student Lachlan Newton is a member of the dance group, Born to Perform, who recently competed in the State Dance Championships held in Melbourne. Their group performed extremely well, placing first in one dance routine and second in another. This now qualifies them to compete at the National Championships, which are to be held in Queensland in January. The group will perform four different routines against the best from around Australia. Congratulations to Lachlan and all the best for the hard work, training and commitment that he will need to show over the next couple of months, in preparation for a tough competition.

Casual Day Friday 14th November to help Jack Boulton get to the National Athletics Championships.

Our Halloween Dance was spooktacular! A huge thanks to Ken Blake of Wangaratta Coin Amusements for donating the use of a jukebox. The music was pumping fun! We raised $343.60 for our sponsored child, Jacqueline Nifasa. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Prep Sleepover

We went for a night walk. It was good. I loved sleeping in the library. I have a new torch. My new torch is pink. I shone my torch and I saw little flying lines. I don't know what they are but when I shone my torch they were there.

Ella N

I had the sleepover. I slept next to Miss Foster.

Max

I liked playing hide and seek inside.

Rieley

I liked the bit on the oval and I saw a fox.

Brodie

I loved the sleepover because of the fox. I loved hide and seek. It was fun.

Charlotte

I had an amazing sleepover. I liked the bush walk. I also liked when we played with our torches. We got to have lots of fun.

Jorja

Sports News
**Student Achievement Awards**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

**PF**  
**Abby James** for the excellent results she is getting on her maths assessments. Your hard work at school and home is paying off. Great work, Abby.

**1E**  
**Ailie Witting** for her focus and determination in the Writers’ Workshop. She is learning to use the Six Traits to enhance her writing. Great effort, Ailie.

**1/2S**  
**Aaliyah Haugh** for settling in well and being helpful to others, for finishing her learning tasks and for always doing her home reading. Well done!

**2B**  
**Tyler Lack** for the fantastic enthusiasm and effort he is putting into his dinosaur diorama. Great effort, Tyler.

**3/4B**  
**Jackson Stringer** for contributing thoughtful ideas when we discuss stories. Excellent listening, Jackson!

**3/4C**  
**Chenoa Nash** for the excellent effort she put into writing and publishing her short story, “The Missing Magic Treasure”. Well done, Chenoa!

**5B**  
**Angel Mendoza** for the quiet and diligent way she goes about all her learning tasks. She is always smiling and displays beautiful manners at all times.

**5S**  
**Bethany Edwards** for the great improvement in her Online spelling and writing test scores.

**6C**  
**Jesse Temple** for bringing a stronger attitude to school in this last week as you settle into Appin Park. We love to see a cheerful smile on your face. Well done!

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**Appin Star Award**

**Georgia Long** for being a positive role model and inspiration to those around her. She sees challenges as part of life and will never back down when things get hard. Congratulations, Georgia.

**Abbey Waide** for her cheerful smile, excellent behaviour and the way she always completes her learning tasks to the best of her ability. You are a pleasure to teach, Abbey.

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**Sports Award**

**Corey Marjanovic** for applying himself to all tasks and challenging himself to continue to improve his skills in all areas.

**Oliver Williams** for his developing ability to show resilience. When he finds things difficult he is more prepared to keep trying. Well done, Oliver.

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**From the Chaplain...**  
Are you a smart/wise parent?

Are you one of the 10% who is proactive enough to ask for help when there is a concerning issue with your family? Traditionally Australians have been reluctant to seek help for personal issues, but we only get to parent each of our children once so it’s reasonable that there will be times when we need to rely on the experience and wisdom of others to guide us. Help can come in many forms. Here are a few suggestions:

- Start with trusted family members or friends who have the runs on the board parenting wise.
- Use the expertise of other professionals and organisations that care for children eg carers, teachers or sports coaches.
- Professional assistance can come in the form of counselling, doctors, paediatricians, psychologists and other specialists.
  
  Free on line advice can be found on the Parentline or Kids Matter websites.

Don’t make the mistake of thinking that you are the only parent facing your parenting issues. There are self help groups for most of the conditions affecting children, and many websites offering useful advice. Don’t think like the Lone Ranger – every parent struggles from time to time – be one of the smart 10% and seek help.

**Chaplain Beth**

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**Fruit Roster**  
10th November: Vanessa Luscombe, Lynn Best & Lis Long

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