Hi everyone…

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Our whole school community can be very proud of the students who represented us at the RSL’s Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday. The school captains did a very respectful and mature job of placing the wreath and Dakota McAliece was very confident as she recited the Eulogy for a Veteran. The choir, led by Celine Muir, performed Abide with Me, In Flanders Fields, Advance Australia Fair, Pack up your Troubles, and Wish me Luck as you Wave me Goodbye. The veterans waiting their turn to place a poppy on the cenotaph at the end of the service particularly enjoyed the latter songs and joined in the singing and clapping.

KANGA CRICKET SUCCESS: Three teams of Grade 5/6 students took to the field on Tuesday to play against other local schools in the annual Kanga Cricket competition. Our girls’ team: Grace Watson-Long, Bianca Fleming, Amy Henderson, Emma Christie, Tanisha Gratton, Ashlee O’Neill, Heidi Parkinson, Morgan Byrne, Sienna Fuller, Tessa Oates & Dakota McAliece made their way right to the Grand Final and were successful in winning the contest. They will now have the chance to take on other regional schools in Shepparton later in the month. The boys’ teams had wins and losses and enjoyed their day; playing against some fairly stiff opposition.

CASUAL DAY: All students can choose to come to school on Friday in casual clothes - please keep our usual ‘SunSmart’ conditions in mind as the weather will be hot and sunny before the predicted change. If you would like to support Jack Boulton’s campaign as he represents us in athletics at the National Primary Schools’ Sports Association Championships, please send a gold coin donation along.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!: At the APPA annual general meeting on Monday evening, the committee elected the executive office bearers for the 2015 school year. The following parents are congratulated on their election:

- **President:** Tracey Clough
- **Vice President:** Michelle Webb
- **Secretary:** Trecia Donald
- **School Council Rep:** Romany White
- **Treasurer:** Margie Moore

At the meeting, tribute was paid to Susan Christie who has held a number of roles, including President, on the committee during her children’s time at Appin Park. Susan has worked tirelessly on fundraisers and activities run by APPA, and has made a significant contribution to its ongoing success through her organisation and attention to detail. The committee also recognised Kay Andrewartha’s contribution as School Council rep for a number of years, and her continued contribution to a whole range of APPA activities.

Tracey Clough’s President’s Report for 2014 is attached to this newsletter.

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### Upcoming Events

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RAISING CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS POLICY: Our school has a policy around processes that parents can use when they have an issue relating to: social problems between students, management or administrative matters, fees or payments, student misbehaviour etc. If any of these issues arise, the best, first action is to make contact with the school (directly to me or Heather Foster) to try to resolve the matter. It makes things much more complicated if parents try to intervene in conflicts between their own and others’ children. Usually, children can and should be encouraged to sort things out for themselves, or can be helped to solve problems by their teachers. If the matter is more serious than that, Heather or I will step in and we may seek advice or help from our school’s visiting psychologist or from the Chaplain.

Our ‘Raising Concerns and Complaints’ policy can be found on our website by following the links from the ‘About’ page.

CLEANERS’ CONTRACT: You may have seen the advert in last week’s Chronicle for a new cleaning contractor at school. Sadly, for staff and students, Bill (our current cleaner) is retiring at the end of the year. Bill really is a part of our school and many of the children enjoy a chat and a joke with him as he goes about his business at the end of the day. If you know of anyone who would be interested in taking on this job, please urge them to contact me for more information - we do have pretty big shoes to fill!

WHITE RIBBON DAY: Schools in the Wangaratta Learning Community have been approached to become part of the White Ribbon campaign. The White Ribbon Foundation (WRF) promotes a message of healthy, respectful family relationships, respect for women and safety in the home. Principals met with representatives of the Police, WRF and other community groups a few months ago to consider how we could be involved. We have been invited to be part of the local White Ribbon Day march at noon on November 25th. People from throughout the Wangaratta community will march from Apex Park through the CBD. We will have a group of students representing us at this event - it would also be wonderful to have parents join us. The foundation particularly encourages men to be part of their events to show a strong stand against violence towards women and children.

Very distressing statistics, and what brings this issue sharply into focus, is that the leading cause of death, disability and ill-health amongst Australian women aged 15-44 is violence by an intimate partner, and that, on average, a woman is killed in Australia each week by a current or past partner. Some high-profile cases make a big splash in the media, but often these deaths are reported more vaguely and as a general news item. There is a national hotline: 1800 737 732 where help and advice for anyone experiencing family violence can be found. Victoria Police are also working hard to respond more effectively to situations of family violence.

A note will be sent home on Thursday next week, seeking your consent, if your child is part of the group invited to march on 25th November. All parents are invited to meet us at Apex Park from just after 11.30am. The march will leave at 12noon, heading up Ovens St, along Reid St, Murphy St and Faithfull St, then back to the park.

CHICKENPOX ALERT: We have a small number of cases of chickenpox at school - look out for symptoms if your children have not yet had a dose of this. The spots usually appear on the chest and back first. They are small red dots with a slightly raised centre which may look like blisters. Children may have a headache, sore throat, be irritable or run a temperature before the spots appear. Even those who have been immunised may still get a mild dose of chickenpox.

Wendy Larcombe

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**2015 School Costs & Education Maintenance Allowance**

EMA will not be available to help with school costs in 2015. All families are welcome to begin paying for next year now. Stationery packs need to be paid for prior to collection. We have BPay and Eftpos facilities. Please see Sandra or Nicole in the office for more information.

From The Chaplain... How Was Your Day?

During children’s primary school years it is wise to lay a foundation of family conversations so that when they reach adolescence there is a family pattern set. Some children are natural talkers but others do need some encouragement to move beyond the superficial ‘boring’, ‘all right’, or ‘good’ in answer to the question ‘How was your day?’

- Develop the family ‘happy place’ where the family interacts together (without electronic distractions). For most families this is the kitchen or family room.
- Share a story about your day that will interest them. Sometimes you have to give a little to get some back. Kids love a story.
- Beware of using this time to lecture or ‘preach’ to children as this can be a real conversation killer.
- However, if there is a tradition of sharing conversation within your family then it is more likely that when you do offer guidance of some kind that you will be heard.

Chaplain Beth

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**Fruit Roster**

17th November:
Karen Still, Lis Long, Kate Morris & Jennifer Miller

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**ICY POLE ROSTER**

Mon 17th Nov: Vanessa Luscombe & Kay Andrewartha
Wed 19th Nov: Jill Britton & Nicole Snowdon
Fri 21st Nov: Lorraine Prior, Trecia Donald & Vanessa Luscombe
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday's Assembly

PF  Faith Mayer Young for being a happy, creative class member. She works independently to complete all tasks to the best of her ability. Well done, Faith.
1E  Chelsea Hoffard for recognising and making a number in the hundreds during maths groups. Great place value work, Chelsea.
1/2S  Jemma McIntyre for settling in well and for bringing her happy smile to school. Jemma is trying hard to do her best in writing and reading. Well done!
2B  Skye MacKinnon Burman for the great progress she is making in all her literacy activities this term. Keep up the great efforts, Skye!
3/4A  Lucas Paola for really using his initiative to make the most of his learning and implementing this into his application to be a Grade 5 buddy!
3/4B  Daniel Bell for working hard at writing a short story with details. This has been a challenge for him but he was successful this week. Great work, Daniel.
3/4C  Emma Crawford for the excellent effort she puts in with the presentation of her work. Well done!
3/4D  Jack Boulton for the positive attitude he shows towards all his school work. Well done, Jack!
5B  Anthony Greco for the pleasing progress he has shown in all areas of his maths work. Well done, Anthony. Keep up the great work!
5S  Sienna Fuller for the great improvement in her Online test scores.
6C  Noah Gleeson for the outstanding effort he has put into completing his Online assessment. Noah showed improvement in all areas of numeracy and literacy testing. Well done, Noah!
6K  Peyton Nash for the quiet and industrious way she went about her learning last week and the kind and caring approach she had to others in the yard. (Nominated by the students of 6K.)

APPIN STAR AWARD

William Petersen for being an excellent helper and friend in our class. Will always works very hard in all his learning tasks and has had a great year. A great effort!

Artist of the Week

Faith Mayer Young for the very creative effort she made when doing a cut & paste activity this week. Well done, Faith!

SPORTS AWARD

Lucas Paola for his efforts when completing the Beep Test and the Strength Test during his PE session. He displayed a strong focus and drive to smash his previous personal best results in both areas. Well done, Lucas.

Thomas Ballard for his great effort when completing the Strength Test. He was able to push himself to record a massive personal best effort. Well done, Thomas.

Liam White for his efforts when completing the Beep Test and the Strength Test during his PE session. He displayed a strong focus and drive to smash his previous personal best results in both areas. Well done, Liam.

Heidi Parkinson for both her drive to improve her results in the Beep Test and the Strength Test, along with her great team spirit when she participated in the T20 Blast Cricket Carnival. She is somebody you would love to have on your team as she is very supportive and encouraging. Well done, Heidi.

Musician of the Week

Dakota McAliece for being so professional in your presentation of Eulogy of a Soldier. You took your responsibility seriously and every single person at the Remembrance Day ceremony was so grateful to you for it. Well done!

Aaron Gregory for being such a great performer and soloist at the Remembrance Day ceremony. You were professional, humble and you did your job so well. Thank you!
Casual Dress Day
Tomorrow (Friday 14th) we will be holding a casual dress day, for a gold coin donation, to help support Grade 4 student Jack Boulton attend the Primary Schools National Athletics Championships, to be held in Tasmania. As this is a schools event and Jack will be competing against the best students from around Australia, this is a very small way that we can help support his efforts. Please remember that no single tops are to be worn and each class will have a sport session, so please wear appropriate shoes.

Walk4BrainCancer
Don’t forget that next Friday 21st November will see the school participating in the Walk4BrainCancer walkathon between 11.30am and 1.00pm. Be prepared to have fun, maybe get wet … and support a very worthy cause. Family members are encouraged to come along and join in the action. Thank you to those students who have already raised some money towards this very worthwhile foundation. Hopefully all families received the information sheet and the sponsorship form on Monday; if you need another one, please see Nicole at the office.

T20 Blast Cricket Carnival
On Tuesday, 29 Grade 5/6 girls and boys walked to the Barr Reserve to compete in a district T20 Blast Cricket Carnival. This is a modified 8-a-side cricket game where every pair bats for two overs and when fielding everybody bowls an over and wicket keeps for an over.

There were 29 teams involved, both boys and girls teams, from a variety of schools throughout our region. We had 2 boys’ teams and a girls’ team participate in the event.

Our girls played very well throughout the whole carnival and were the eventual winners of their section. A very good effort considering that there were 6 of them who were absent for 1 ½ games as they were also involved in the Remembrance Day ceremony. For these games our girls fielded with 5 players and were able to keep the opposition to scores lower than their results.

Amy Henderson and Emma Christie held the team together with strong bowling, batting and leadership both on and off the field. Tessa Oates, Blanca Fleming, Grace Watson-Long and Dakota McAliece bowled well, restricting the opposition to minimal runs and Tanisha Gratton, Heidi Parkinson, Morgan Byrne, Sienna Fuller and Ashlee O’Neill batted soundly. All the girls fielded well and were able to maintain concentration throughout each of the opposition innings. These girls will now play in the Regional event, which is to be held later this month.

For one of our boys’ team, Mitchell Carson batted and bowled well, earning himself a hat-trick along the way. Isaac Folino and Jesse Hurley dominated when batting. Thomas Clough and Thomas Moore bowled straight and hard to hit balls, containing the opposition run rate. Flynn Wright, Rhys Delahunt, Caleb Whitehead and Zack Watson contributed to some excellent plays in the field and were able to keep opposition scores to a minimum. This team won 3 out of 4 games, losing their first game in a tight scoring affair, but dominated their remaining games and posting big scores. Eddie Sessions and Bailey Hutchinson batted well for our other boys’ team, Leith Sadik-Hardwidge was a consistent bowler and Logan Reynolds and Jack Findlay supported their bowlers with great play in the field. Sam Beattie, Aiden Bartlett and Marcus Battin contributed strongly in all areas.

All of our players displayed great team work, were very supportive of each other and showed excellent sportsmanship in each of their games: complementing the opposition after a good shot was played, or hard to hit bowling was delivered to them. This is a side of our students that we as a school community can be very proud of. Congratulations to all our players, thanks to Mrs Carson and Mr Kerlin for their support and supervision throughout the day and all the best to the girls team at their next competition.

Nihongo News
The Japan Foundation Video Matsuri results have been announced and, unfortunately, our entry did not win a prize. Nevertheless, our Grade 6 LOTE Academy students should be very proud of the effort they put into their video. They worked hard over a number of weeks and under a lot of pressure from the whip-cracking director. This year’s Video Matsuri attracted a total of 130 entries from primary schools, secondary schools and universities throughout Australia and New Zealand, so there was certainly a lot of competition.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
The last nazonazo asked, “What’s so special about Jomon Sugi?” Well, how about the fact that it is the oldest living tree on earth. It is said to be over 7000 years old and is on the island of Yakushima, south of Kyushu. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us an event to which one might wear hakama. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!
Community Notice Board

Santa Visit!  BBQ  Street Theatre, Music & Dancing  Gift Stalls  Kids Christmas Craft & Decorating  Gift Wrapping

RIVERSIDE CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & MARKET
Saturday 29th November
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Once again the APPA committee has worked hard and as a productive team to achieve fantastic results for yet another year. APPA can credit our achievements to our committed members and volunteers from our school community.

Our fundraising effort for this year was nothing to sneeze at, our figures are slightly down on last year but nevertheless we have raised a total of $13,779.161. Congratulations to everyone involved with this achievement. Activities which ran during this year to achieve this amount included:

- Christmas cubby house and hamper raffle
- Complete Garden fundraiser
- Hot cross buns
- Mother’s day raffle
- Cross Country sausage sizzle
- Hot dog day
- Canteen icy pole sales terms 4 & 1
- Canteen Milo and ANZAC biscuit sales in terms 2 & 3
- Second hand uniform sales
- Scouts Australia raffle
- Footy pie day
- Lunch time sausage sizzle
- Canteen sales of icy poles and slushies
- Lamington drive

With funds raised we have purchased the following items which have enhanced and provided support to the teachers, staff, students and their classrooms.

- Video Camera
- Music Program
- Library books for Education Support Area
- Melbourne Writers’ Festival attendance tickets
- Prep hats
- Urn
- Pie Warmer
- Fresh Fruit x 7 weeks
- 5/6 playground shade sail
- 2 x large connect 4 games

A major commitment for this year from APPA has been our $10,000 contribution towards the landscaping of our school grounds where our portables were removed in October. We all look forward with great anticipation to the development of this area for our school community and students to enjoy.

Each year APPA also provided non-revenue-raising services to the school, for example: the collection and redistribution of lost property, head lice checks, and supply of oranges to the students on cross country day. With a great amount of behind the scenes work to ensure their smooth running, our Mother’s and Father’s day stalls are always enjoyed by the students as they purchase a gift for that special person/s in their lives. These activities are in no way intended to make any profit, but are certainly appreciated by the school community.

On a personal note I would like to acknowledge the dedication, support, commitment and many long hours of hard work of Susan Christie, who has been an active member on the APPA Committee for the past several years. As Susan’s youngest child, Emma, finishes her primary school education, we sadly farewell Susan from the committee. Susan has been a valued member of the committee and school community. Susan will leave us all with many memorable moments (including her firefighting efforts).

In conclusion, I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank the APPA committee members for the continued hard work, support and dedication throughout the year; the success of what we do is because of you all. It is greatly appreciated by me and also teachers and staff, and particularly the students and the school community.

I wish all the best and every success to the APPA Committee of 2015 for the coming year and know that there will always be the continued support from the Appin Park Primary School community.