Hi everyone…

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: We had our general meeting of Council on Monday evening. Topics discussed included our budget situation for 2015, the release of the Staff Survey data, development/review of policy on fundraising, and planning for a working bee prior to the end of the year.

Councillors shared their concerns about the impact of the removal of the Education Maintenance Allowance. This will affect about 85 families at APPS. In schools where the overall socio-economic factors indicate high levels of disadvantage, significant additional funds are being provided directly through the school’s global budget.

However, schools like Appin Park are not being provided with any extra money to assist families who were once eligible to apply for this support. School Council aims to keep our essential education costs as low as possible. Our list of charges and program costs are certainly less than many other schools in Wangaratta.

We also provide options for payment, including spreading costs over a 12 month period through regular direct debits or BPAY. Parents can start making payments now that will help reduce costs of camps, materials and other educational expenses in 2015. The School Kids Bonus is still available to families who meet the criteria for Family Tax Benefit A & B.

A Working Bee will be held on Sunday, 7th December (9.00-12noon) to do a general garden clean-up and to tidy our grounds in preparation for Family Night. Families who opted not to pay the Grounds Levy, or anyone who would like to help out, are invited to join us for this morning. BYO gloves, secateurs, spade, broom, blower, whipper-snipper, chainsaw, trailer, barrow or anything else you think would be useful.

WHITE RIBBON MARCH: Today, a number of Grade 4 students received invitations to join this community march. Please ensure signed permission forms are returned to school by Monday. Parents are welcome to march with us on Tuesday. We will gather at Apex Park just after 11.30am, so if you can and would like to show your support for this campaign against domestic violence, just meet us there and add to the numbers.

WALKATHON - Walk4Brain Cancer Research: You will have seen information about this event that will take place tomorrow starting at 11.45am. If you would like to join the children as they walk, please come along.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Next Thursday morning we will welcome our 2015 Preps for their first two-hour transition session. The children will work in the Prep rooms, trying their hand at ‘real school work’, and getting to know each other and our teachers better. Their final formal transition session is the state-wide Transition Day of 9th December, which is also when our Grade 6 students head off to their secondary schools. Students attending Wangaratta High School enjoy a very exciting three days as they ‘Step Up’ to Year 7 on the Wednesday and Thursday as well that week.

We invite all our new and existing families with a 2015 Prep child to a welcome BBQ tea on the evening of their final orientation session (Tues. 9th December - 5.30pm).

On Sun. 29th November, our choir will be performing at the Riverside Christmas Carnival, and then again at the ‘Sing for the Salvos’ event in Merriwa Park on Sun. 7th December. Some of our School Council have offered to run a BBQ stall at this event as a way of adding to our fundraising.

AND FINALLY: We received a lovely letter from Arthur Brereton this week, congratulating our choir, Celine Muir and Dakota McAliece on their performance at the RSL’s Remembrance Day ceremony. The letter is attached to the newsletter for your information.

Wendy Larcombe
Regional Golf

Last Monday Ella Bihun and William Gulbin competed in the Regional Primary Schools Golf Tournament in Benalla. After winning the lead up event Ella continued on the same path and scored a round of 53 to be the female winner for the day. Although Ella started her 9-hole round with a couple of disappointing scores she was able to control her hitting and displayed some straight and solid shots. Ella will now head to Melbourne on Monday 1st December to compete in the State Titles. The format does alter at this stage as each player must play a round of 18 holes. Another challenge that Ella will take on and play to the best of her ability.

There were many boys competing in the boy’s individual competition, and although William played well and hit a score similar to his qualifying result, he was unable to match the winning scores.

Congratulations to both Ella and William and all the best Ella for your next competition.

Walk4BrainCancer

Just a reminder that tomorrow the school will participate in the Walk4BrainCancer walkathon between 11.30 and 1.00. Don’t forget that families and friends are encouraged to come along and join in the walk. We will be walking a continuous loop, around the fitness track, out onto the walking track towards the Yarrawonga Road before turning back and walking back around the school grounds. Classes may have organised to change into clothes following a theme, if not students are encouraged to bring a change of clothing as they may get a little wet. Thank you to the many families and students who have already returned any sponsorship forms and money. Could all money please be forwarded to school by next Wednesday. We would like to count all money raised and send it off to the Walk4BrainCancer foundation as soon as possible.

Nihongo News

Prep~Gr2/3 heard a traditional old JP story last week. This week, they revised the story, Hanasaka Jiisan, and used it to practise some new words and expressions. Gr3/4 played sports & hobbies bingo last week and this week started work on a set of sentences about what recreational activities they do on each day of the week. Gr5~6 are also writing sentences. Theirs are about where they go and what they wear and on each day of the week.

Monoshiri Ŝensei’s Culture Tips

Charlotte M (6C) cracked last week’s nazonazo. She knew that hakama are formal wear and that one might wear them to a wedding. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us the JP word for hobby. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayônara!

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.

End of Year S.R.I. Christmas Celebration at APPS. 2014

As part of the S.R.I. (Special Religious Instruction) program at APPS we are sharing a Christmas celebration together for this special time of the year. On behalf of the S.R.I. Teachers for 2014 (David Palmer Gr 5, David Lloyd Gr 6 and Su Ingleton Gr 3/4) we would like to invite any parents, grandparents and special friends along to share this time with the children. This year’s Christmas Celebration, will be on Thursday 4th December 2014 and will be held in the Multi-purpose room at 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm. Hope to see you there.

Anne Turnbull Gr 1/2 (Team Leader S.R.I. at APPS)
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF  Brodie Ross Hamilton for his excellent writing about dinosaurs. He chose excellent words to describe what a dinosaur does. Well done, Brodie.  
Jorja Wells for the great knowledge she is sharing with the class during our unit on non-fiction books. Great work, Jorja.  

1E  Bailey Walsh for her focus and persistence in number fluency activities. Great counting, Bailey.  
1/2S  Taydan Corker Walker for his positive attitude to all his learning tasks and for displaying positive social skills. Well done!  

2B  Tyson Turner for the improved focus he is showing in all learning areas. Congratulations, Tyson!  
3/4A  Logan Wright for the dedication he displayed during numeracy, when creating a travel package for Mrs Beattie and her family to travel to England. Outstanding work, Logan!  
3/4B  Flynn Twyford for always being ready to listen and work hard. His short story was creative and drawn beautifully. Well done, Flynn!  
3/4C  Kelly Hirschmann for the excellent story she wrote about bubbles, using similes and fantastic descriptive words.  
3/4D  Jordan Gosbell for working co-operatively as part of a small group during Quest time. Well done, Jordan!  

5B  Annika Flanagan for the quiet and diligent way she approaches all of her learning tasks. She is a pleasure to teach.  
5S  Morgan Byrne for achieving very good Online Test scores in all subject areas.  
6C  Sam Beattie for the great work he has completed around the area of reflection, translation and rotation of shapes including the use of computer programs. Well done, Sam!  
6K  Grace Watson Long for the unique and creative way she managed to display her flip, slide and rotate page during maths.  

APPIN STAR AWARD
Eddie Sessions for the polite and caring attitude he shows to all classmates and positive attitude he has towards his learning.  

Musician of the Week  
Thomas Moore for your outstanding commitment to being the best you can be in music. You are doing a great job and it is being noticed, keep it up!  

SPORTS AWARD  
Liam Suter for being actively engaged in team games and showing an awareness of defensive play required to support his team.  
Thomas Clough for showing an outstanding ability to be aware of all his team members and to include them in a team game.  
Eddie Sessions for showing leadership skills, making sure that everybody shared ideas, followed the rules and participated in the game.  

Fruit Roster  
24th November: Nicole Snowdon, Bec Feldtmann & Vanessa Luscombe  

ICY POLE ROSTER  
Mon 24th Nov: Romany White & Lisa Ballard  
Wed 26th Nov: Nicole Snowdon & Vanessa Luscombe  
Fri 28th Nov: Robyn Delahunty, Vanessa Luscombe & Kay Andrewartha  

2nd Hand Uniform Shop  
Mondays 8.45-9am in the canteen.  

Book Club orders are due back Friday 21st November
Sing for the Salvos

Our students are performing at the annual 'Singing For The Salvos' community fundraiser with local schools, musicians and bands playing live at the Merriwa Park Sound Shell from 3 - 8pm Sunday 7th December. Come along and support the Salvos and your town and Appin Park. There will be bbq, fairy floss, drinks and face painting and just a wonderfully relaxed afternoon helping the Salvos make sure everyone receives a good meal and gift come Christmas day.

Wendy Larcombe
Appin Park Primary School
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Dear Wendy,

Remembrance Day Tuesday 11th November 2014

The Wangaratta RSL Sub-Branch wishes to thank the Appin Park Primary School for the major contribution you made to the Remembrance Day Service conducted at the Cenotaph, Memorial Park Wangaratta on the 11th November 2014.

I endorse the comments in the Chronical that ‘the sweet sound of the Appin Park Primary School Choir floated through the air with the Hymn ‘Abide With Me’.

Dakota McAliece’s presentation of the ‘Eulogy for a Veteran’ was outstanding! All who spoke to me at the Cenotaph and the RSL were most glowing in their praise for her efforts and could not believe, given her age, she was able to recite the eulogy without the aid of notes.

Celine Muir’s assistance in the organisation of the Service was most professional and it is always a delight to work with a lady so competent.

Wendy, you are to be congratulated on being the principal of such a fine group of students. Their politeness and behaviour was beyond reproach. The highlight of the day for me was to see their young bright, enthusiastic eyes full of understanding of the importance of Remembrance Day.

Well done Appin Park Primary School Choir.

A.J. Bretherton OAM
Commemorative Events Coordinator

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