Hi everyone…

PLANNING FOR 2015: We have been doing lots of thinking, talking and planning for next year. As most parents would know, our enrolments have reduced over time and this makes for some changes to our organisation and programs. In 2015, our grade structure will be:

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Because we want to offer smaller class sizes throughout the school, and because we have to live within our budget, sadly we are unable to maintain our current specialist PE program in 2015. Wendy Martin, who has taught previously in the Grade 5/6 area for a number of years, will take a Grade 6 class next year. Children will still enjoy weekly Art sessions, along with 45 minutes each of Japanese and Music/Performing Arts. PE and Sport will be delivered as part of the classroom program.

Jackie Gardner & Heather Foster will share the Grade 3 class; with Jackie working with the students for two days every week, and Heather during the other three days. They have worked closely together at this same grade level before when Heather mentored Jackie during her graduate teaching year.

Our new 2015 Preps joined us today for their first two-hour transition session. They will be back on Tuesday, 9th December for another morning session and then for a BBQ tea at 5.30pm that evening. The children were very settled this morning and all got along really well with each other.

WHOLE SCHOOL MORNING TEA & QUEST DISPLAY: YOU’RE INVITED!!
We hope as many parents/carers as possible can join us on FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER, at 11.00am, for a whole school morning tea, and to look at children’s work from this term’s Quests. We ask that each family provides a small plate of morning tea or fruit to share. Tea & coffee will be available from 11.00am. Each class will send special invitations to parents/grandparents who have volunteered during the year, but we do invite all parents to come along and share this event with the children and staff.

WHITE RIBBON MARCH: Thank you to the parents who joined 28 Grade 4 students, Andrew Lovett and me as we walked through town as part of this community event on Tuesday. The primary schools and District Special School of the Wangaratta Learning Community were all represented, as was Victoria Police and ZONTA, along with Tim McCurdy MP and other community members.
GRADE 6 THANKS THE STAFF: We enjoyed a lovely morning tea this morning, catered for us by our Grade 6 students. They have been busy over the last two days, preparing their ‘plate’ in small groups. Teachers, support staff and Cleaner Bill were all invited. The students had prepared some conversation starters and mingled confidently with the staff, encouraging us to try their offerings and initiating conversations.

They are all getting very excited about the next step in their education as they prepare for high school. Looking around at the group this morning, I was so impressed by their ability to organise this event and to actively work as a team to pull it together.

SING FOR THE SALVOS: Members of our Appin Park Performers will present at this community event on Sunday, 7th December (3-7pm) at Merriwa Park. WinTV News was here today to film a piece that will air at the end of the local news tonight.

AND FINALLY...Along with the retirement of our cleaner, Bill, at the end of the year, there will be a number of other notable departures. Both Leonie Bourke and Julie Sands will finish their distinguished teaching careers, Leonie and Julie have each made a huge contribution to the school, both in and out of the classroom. Nancy Cole will leave us to head off on some travels before she returns to Alberta, Canada, and Tracey Clough and Tian McDonald will complete their contract periods. We will acknowledge each of these staff members at our Family Night on Tuesday, 16th December.

Wendy Larcombe

Can all library books please be returned to school by 4th December.

Nihongo News

Wow, week 8 already? We still have so much to do. Gr5-6 finished their clothes sentences this week. Next week they will start the final part of their clothes unit. They’ll make something to take home. Gr3/4 are still working on their sports & hobbies sentences. The work is quite challenging, but most of our kids love a challenge. The littlies in Prep-2 have been working on their old JP folk tale, Hanasaki Jiisan. They’ll finish that this week, before getting stuck into some Hiragana games.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

Charlotte M (6C) obviously likes the fame and glory associated with being a nazonazo winner. She’s done it again this week, with Brayden S-H (3/4B) a close 2nd. They knew that the JP word for hobby is shumi. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us the difference between kimono and yukata. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

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...  THOUGHT CHALLENGERS

Over the last few weeks the Friends for Life Group have been focusing on unhelpful and helpful thinking patterns. Children, and adults, who tend to be ‘worriers’ can tend to focus on unhelpful thinking which then leads to them feeling worried and anxious. This week we looked at a number of ‘thought challengers’ that are very helpful in checking to see if our thoughts are negative or positive. They may be a helpful reminder to us all so I include them here:

• Is that really true?
• Are you sure that is really going to happen?
• Are you exaggerating?
• How much does it matter what other people think?
• Are you forgetting the positives?
• Can you really expect to be perfect at everything you do?
• What is the worst thing that could possibly happen?
• What could be a more powerful, helpful thought?

Happy parenting!

Chaplain Beth
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Monday’s Assembly

PF Seth Saunders for the excellent story he wrote about Optimus Prime and the pig. It contained all the elements of a great story.
1E Ryley York for his fantastic reading practice at home. Great reading, Ryley.
1/2S Eliza Best for trying so hard every day with all her work. She has improved her writing style and content after much practice. Well done, Eliza!
2B Kai Hochfeld for the huge effort he is putting into his writing pieces. Keep up the great work!
3/4A Caitlyn Delaney for the commitment and enthusiasm you show towards your writing tasks, making for outstanding pieces of work. Your ideas capture a wide range of audiences and are thoroughly engaging. Well done, Caitlyn.
3/4B Ryan Brereton for the positive, cheerful attitude towards his projects and writing. He is always eager to begin and add his creative ideas into his stories. Excellent job, Ryan!
3/4C Simon Moffat for being an excellent team member when working on the Quest game board.
5B Ebony O’Donohue for the fantastic effort she is putting into her Quest project about the Solar System. She is well organised for each session and is working well as part of a team. Well done, Ebony.
5S Riley McGowan for great improvement in his Online writing, reading and spelling test scores.
6C Zac Sewell Dolphin for the way he helped produce and edit our class movie, “For the Birds!”. Well done, Zac.
6K 6K for the excellent job they have done on their scrapbooks and organising a staff morning tea. Well done, Legends!

APPIN STAR AWARD

Brodie Watson for being a wonderful role model in the classroom. Brodie is always organised and has an excellent attitude towards all his learning. Well done!

Heidi Parkinson for the positive and friendly manner she has displayed in our classroom this year. Heidi willingly works with all members of our class in a kind and supportive manner.

Andre Roleff for his outstanding achievements in literacy and maths. He is also a very responsible class member who has an excellent attitude to learning. Well done!

Morgan Byrne for the high standard of work that she produces across all curriculum areas.

Chloe Cooper for the consistent and delightful approach she has to her work in the classroom. Chloe is a lovely student, always up for a joke.

Musician of the Week

Aiden Bartlett for working hard to achieve classroom goals. You showed interesting insight during class discussion regarding the jazz and blues era and you are always considerate to other class members. Keep it up.

Any Henderson for always being a positive member of the Appin Park Performers band. You have been a fantastic asset to the group. Well done!

SPORTS AWARD

Ryan Still for his improved attitude when participating in PE. He is willing to be a more active member of the class and is more prepared to take on a position of responsibility within his team, allowing his skills to continue to improve.

Joshua Bell for his great efforts when playing new games. He was actively involved in both the attacking and defensive aspects of the games.

Ebony O’Donohue for her encouraging manner towards her team and her ability to include others in the games.
Little Athletics Regional Relays
On Sunday seven of our students participated in the Little Athletics Regional Relay Championships held in Shepparton. In this event combinations of teams can be varied, boys, girls and mixed teams.
Xavier Pitt’s team won each of their events, 4x100, 4x200 and the medley relay (2x100, 200 and a 400m run). Josh Sgarioto and Demi Johns were both a part of a mixed team that won their 4x200 event, along with their Medley relay. Judd Ryan won one of his 4x100 races, and placed second with another team in a 4x100 and a 4x200. Alex Pitt, Jack Boulton and Ben Sgarioto all competed in the under 11 age group: Alex won his 4x100 mixed event and came second in the boys 4x100m. Ben won his medley boys event, came second in the boys 4x100 and fourth in his 4x200 event. Jack was in the winning team for mixed 4x100 and the medley (where he ran the 400m leg) and earned a silver medal with the boys 4x100 team. Congratulations to each of these students and all the best when they head to Melbourne to complete at the State Championships in December.

T20 Cricket Carnival
Our Grade 5/6 girls’ cricket team travelled to Shepparton on Tuesday to compete against other winning teams from the region. Again they had to play 3 games in the preliminary rounds before qualifying for the final game. The first couple of games they played were very close, winning the first one and going down in a thriller for their second game. Their third game produced a large loss, playing against a team that used great batting strategies to create a huge score. Their final game was another very close loss.

All games were played with great team spirit, along with learning about how to deal with pressure when scores were extremely close: Good decision making is a necessary and vital skill and playing as a team will produce better results than when individuals try to do everything themselves.

Emma Christie continued to dominate with the ball and was very ably assisted by Dakota McAliece. Amy Henderson showed that her batting prowess and running between the wickets was a strength in her game. Grace Watson-Long, Morgan Byrne, Bianca Fleming, Tanisha Gratton, Sienna Fuller, Heidi Parkinson, Tessa Oates and Ashlee O’Neill all made strong contributions to the batting, bowling and fielding efforts.

Thank you to Mrs Carson who drove the girls to Shepparton, coached and umpired all the games for the day. Your support and encouragement towards the girls was invaluable.

Walk4BrainCancer
It’s been great to see so many families supporting this cause, firstly coming along and walking with the students and then by gaining donations from so many people. Justine Corker-Walker and brother Taydan were very keen and knocked on many doors to collect in excess of $700.00 just between them. As of Tuesday the amount collected was just over $2000.00. If you have any outstanding donations please send them to the school office tomorrow, as we would really like to get everything finalised and send a cheque with the final amount raised to the Walk4BrainCancer Foundation by next week.

APPANews
Donations are needed for the annual Christmas Raffle to be drawn at Family Night on 16th December. Items can be left at the office.

Thank you.

ICY POLE ROSTER
Monday 1st Dec: Romany White & Vanessa Luscombe
Wednesday 3rd Dec: Nicole Snowdon & Vanessa Luscombe
Friday 5th Dec: Robyn Delahunty, Kay Andrewartha & Vanessa Luscombe

Fruit Roster 1st December:
Vanessa Luscombe, Nicole Snowdon & Colleen Perry VanDerHeyden

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Mondays 8.45-9.00am in the canteen.
**Community Notice Board**

**2015 Wangaratta Fun Run 2km Primary School Challenge**

This event will take place on Sunday 22 February 2015 with staggered starting times from 9:30am at the Wangaratta Showgrounds (at the back near the Magpies club rooms).

Not only will your child benefit from the challenge of completing a 2km event, but the school that wins the competition receives a prize of $1000 cash to be used toward facilities of the school's choice. This prize is being generously donated by Doyle Timms Accountants & Business Services in Baker Street, Wangaratta and the event is being supported by Hume Bank which has branches throughout the region.

The entry fee is only $10 per student and includes a customised finishers’ medal, professional electronic bib-chip timing, a safe, well marshalled and accurate course, additional medals and prizes for those who can achieve top three placing in each age category, entertainment and refreshments at the finish.

There is also a range of longer events from the marathon (42km) to the 5km walk or run and we encourage parents to consider entering one of these.

Entry forms will be sent home on 4th December. Schools that have students entering via this method will be awarded additional points in the competition.

Full event details are available on the website at [www.wangarattamarathon.com.au](http://www.wangarattamarathon.com.au) or contact Sharon Scholz for more information on 0407 081 070.

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**How to Survive the Silly Season**

Christmas is traditionally a time of celebration and family. For many, Christmas is a time of family pressures, financial stress and unrealistic expectations which can lead to a rise in anxiety, loneliness and depression.

Wangaratta Library and Albury Wodonga Health have teamed up to present some strategies you can use to help relieve stress at this time of year. The talk will include tips on maintaining your own mental health, ideas about where you can go if you would like to volunteer and information on how you can help friends and family who may be under pressure.

Date: Wednesday, 3 December
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Bookings: Preferred, telephone 5721 2366

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**Friends of Wangaratta Library**

**Book Sale**

Saturday 6 December
9.30am - 12noon

Nothing over $5

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Lost Property at the WHS Bus Area:

Skateboard
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