Hi everyone…

FRESH FRUIT MONDAY PROGRAM: Thank you to the Carson family who have made a generous donation to support the continuation of this program. If you, or your business, would like to make a donation to this program, please contact Nicole at the office. Thank you to our current sponsors: Quantech Design, Morris Bros Real Estate, the Lovett, Long, Camplin and Moore families.

NEW FLAG MONITOR ON THE JOB: Earlier this term, Anthony Greco wrote me a ‘job application’ for the role of Flag Monitor; committing to showing his leadership, responsibility and pride in our country - how could I not appoint him? Anthony has already proven himself to be very reliable with this daily task.

GRADE 6 MEASURES UP: Our Grade 6 students were out and about around the school this morning, using a range of measuring tools to apply their maths knowledge in a hands-on activity.

PREP-2 PARENT INFO EVENING: Last night, teachers from the junior school presented a session for parents on the ways that children learn to read, write and make sense of maths. It was great to see a good-sized group of parents there. Having an understanding of the way these subjects are taught at school and the language we use allows you, as parents, to more confidently help children at home. If you couldn’t make it to the session, Sarah Foster has some of the hand-outs that were provided.

A highlight were the pieces of children’s writing that Carol Mata shared. The expression (voice) and vocabulary used by Grade 2 children to share their thoughts were at an advanced level. As Carol pointed out—children at APPS, across the school, have a real enthusiasm for writing and a clear understanding of how they can make their writing ‘great’.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM: On Monday evening, at 6.30pm, we will hold the School Council AGM in the library. All members of the school community are welcome to attend this meeting. Election of the 2015 office bearers and presentation of the Annual Report are the main agenda items. We will welcome our new Councillors, Thom Knox and Romany White, and farewell long-serving members Kay Andrewartha, Paul Carson and Jeff Gosbell.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: On 27th March (last day of term), Tim McCurdy MP will attend our Friday morning assembly at 9.00am. Tim will meet the School Captains and help to present the achievement awards. Grade P-2 children will perform songs from their Quest. With some members of School Council, I hope to continue our conversation with Tim on how we can progress the replacement of our admin/office building that he spoke about prior to the election.

LEARNING ON DISPLAY: If you can, take the time to have a look at the eye-catching geometric Art on display in the corridor near Rooms 7&8! The Grade 5/6 students have really created something special.

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to the parent helpers who attended the Grade 5/6 camp last week: Tammy Vincent, Peter O’Donohue and Leon Newton who stayed for the full camp, and Rob Ballard, Dean Semple, Kris Elliott, Nicole Snowdon & Warwick Hutchinson who joined in the activities for a day. Thank you also to our dedicated support staff: Sam Brendel, Trudee Seymour and Helen Millar. Our classroom aides always willingly go above & beyond to assist the teachers and to ensure all students can participate in the camps.

AND FINALLY: A couple of weeks ago we sent home permission forms for parents to allow their children to participate in Special Religious Instruction lessons. If you would like your child to attend these weekly half-hour sessions (which will start in Term 2), please return your note by Monday.

Wendy Larcombe
Volunteers are needed for head lice checks on Friday 13th March. Please meet at the school office at 12.00pm if you can help.

Nihongo News
Well, that was a very short week for JP studies. With Monday’s Gr3~6 lessons swallowed up by a public holiday, that left just Tuesday’s littlies and one Gr4 class. This week, all grades did some singing to practise their JP greetings. The preps did a great job and I hope they’re practising at home. Gr 1B did some Hiragana games and are developing very impressive recognition skills. Next week, Gr5/6 will be doing a JP general knowledge test, so they might like to keep their eyes and ears open for JP facts and figures between now and then.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
Last week’s nazonazo disproved the myth that Japan is a very small country. The distance between Kagoshima, on the island of Kyushu, and Wakkanai, on the island of Hokkaido, is 2641km by road, or 1812km if you are karasu. In fact, Japan is actually bigger than France, Europe’s second biggest country, and has more than double the population. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us two different types of sushi. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

From The Chaplain… Planning and executing a Family Meeting
Here are a few tips which may help you to establish the pattern in your family:
♦ Establish a regular meeting time that fits everyone’s schedule. Try for once a week.
♦ Make the meeting a family priority – even when you’ve had a rough day.
♦ Establish a general agenda – it’s good to open the meeting with the same ritual. This may be a song, prayer, poem, or story – anything that sets the scene for the meeting.
♦ Ideas for the meeting – with older children you may spend time syncing calendars so that each member knows what the others are doing. You may discuss family issues with questions such as ‘What worked well in our family this week?’ ‘What went wrong in our family this week?’ ‘What will we work on in the coming week?’
♦ You may discuss an issue that one family member is facing, discuss possible ideas for the next holiday or outing – the ideas are many and varied according to your family’s age and interests.
♦ Make sure everyone is included in the discussion.
♦ Make decisions by consensus – “What I’m hearing us say is…” If anyone has a problem talk and negotiate some more.
♦ End the meeting with something fun eg. a family hug, a favourite snack, a game, go for a walk.

Chaplain Beth

On Friday, 27th March the Prep-2 students will be presenting musical performances at assembly. All family and friends welcome.

Just Kids currently has vacancies for after school care. Please contact Gina on 5721 4799 for bookings.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Fridays 8.45-9.00am in the canteen.

Book Club orders are due back Monday 16th March

Fruit Roster
Monday 16th March
Margie Moore, Bec Feldtmann, Lynn Best & Nicole Snowdon

ICY POLE ROSTER
Fri 13th March: Vanessa Luscombe & Robyn Delahunty
Mon 16th March: Susan Paola & Romany White
Wed 18th March: Bec Feldtmann & Lis Long
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

PF Aimee Prior for always brightening our room with her cheerful smile and for the enthusiasm and pride she displays when completing all her learning activities. Keep up the amazing work, Aimee.

P/1S Riley White for being independent and making the most out of being at school. Congratulations, Riley!

1B Clara Rocchiccioli for the excellent heart map she produced during writing time. She has made a great start at her new school.

2E Ruby Snowdon for her excellent reading practice. She is using phrasing to make her reading more fluent. Fantastic job, Ruby.

2M Liam Delaney for staying focused during writing time and completing his story.

3G Lizzy Moffat for her excellent home reading this term. Well done, Lizzy.

4R Ryan Corrigan for being focused and ready to learn in all learning areas and for showing a keen interest in our Quest topic on bridges.

4V April Shimura for showing great teamwork during the planning and building phases of our Bridges Quest. Well done!

5K Braeden Marjanovic for the excellent initiative and leadership he displayed on camp. He showed a keen interest and a mature approach to learning new things.

5S Brodie Watson for being well organised and very attentive while on our Melbourne Camp.

6C Reece Weimer It was a joy to watch the excitement and hear the laughter from Reece while he was on camp. Reece had a particularly good time collecting creatures and seaweed at the beach! Well done, Reece.

6M Mia Baillie After spending a week on the Melbourne camp Mia showed great maturity and was able to recognise how fortunate she is, and that she has a lot to be thankful for.

Musician of the Week

Flynn Carson for being so pro-active with your music. Your enthusiasm and commitment to your music education is fantastic. You have a great future in this area.

Lucas Ormand for participating so well in the rehearsal of the Grade 2 Quest song composition and band pieces. Keep it up, Lucas.

Artist of the Week

Samuel Mullens for the concentration and effort he put in when drawing the Golden Gate Bridge. I look forward to seeing the final result. Well done, Samuel.

DOING OUR BIT... Each year, our Grade 5/6 students have the chance to make a difference to the environment by participating in the Regent Honeyeater Project; revegetating landscapes to provide habitat for native birds and other creatures. Today they started the cycle by potting up thousands of seedlings which will be planted out later in the year.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Upper Murray Family Care Kinship Support Group – Wangaratta

Are you a Kinship carer - providing care to a child/young person who is a family member or friend when the child cannot live at home with their natural parents?

Upper Murray Family Care’s Kinship Team provides a confidential environment to meet informally - providing carers with up to date information, support and resources, access to training, as well as meeting other carers in similar circumstances.

Where: Upper Murray Family Care, 36 Mackay Street Wangaratta

When: The third Thursday of every second month from 11am-12noon.

Commencing Thursday 19 March 2015

There is no cost involved and no need to book

For more information, please contact one of our Kinship Support Staff

Julie, Ryan, Kate or Linda, or (02) 6055 8000

Or email Julie: jwilkins@umfc.com.au

The Wangaratta Dragons Hockey Club is having a come and try evening on Tuesday 16th March, 4.30pm - 5.30pm at the Bill Eaton Oval, Appin Street, Wangaratta. All ages are welcome and equipment is provided.

Ebony, David & Taylor get their hands dirty, all in a good cause.