Hi everyone…

WE LOVE GYMNASTICS!!

The children in Grades P-2 were very excited yesterday as they boarded their buses to head off for the first gymnastics session at the YMCA. This program really builds the children’s confidence, agility and flexibility. During Term 1, a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) during their PE sessions helped to prepare them with lots of activities involving balancing, stretching, and building up strength.

The Quest for our junior children this term is called: Moving Right Along. The Quest Scenario reads: Many forms of transport have been invented and changed to meet the changing needs of society. We travel on land, in the air and across the water and rely on the use of transport every day. Why is transport so important? What transport do we have today and what might it look like in the future? As part of our quest this term, the junior school students are going to find out!

Meanwhile in Grade 3/4, children are looking at marine animals; their features, adaptations and the way they live in their environment. The camp at Queenscliff next week will be a really great start to this term’s Quest. The Grade 5/6 students’ main Quest this term will be ‘Earn & Learn’. The students get so much out of this work where they learn lots about how money really does make the world go round. Grades 6C & 6M are having an in-depth look at the ANZAC story in the first two weeks, before starting the Quest.

In the Art room, children have been painting beautiful red poppies for an installation that will appear on our front fence in coming days. There has also been plenty of excitement in the Music room as our Grade 5/6 students start the read-throughs for the upcoming production: Aladdin Trouble. Mark the dates on your family calendar - 27th & 28th August.

COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY: Tomorrow the four school captains and I will attend the unveiling of a special memorial that has been created in the gardens near the Cenotaph. Then, on Friday, 24th April, our regular school assembly will include an ANZAC service. We hope lots of parents and grandparents can join us for this event at 9.00am - it will be held in the BER building.

PREP 2016 OPEN MORNINGS: Our Prep rooms will be open on Friday, 8th May (9-11am) & Saturday, 9th May (10am-12noon) so that parents of prospective Preps can come and have a look and meet the teachers, members of school council, our student leaders and me. If you have friends with children starting school next year, please encourage them to come along to one of these sessions, or to contact me for a school tour.

IT’S BIKE ED TIME AGAIN: Senior students are practising their riding skills in preparation for the Bike Hike on Friday, 15th May. They were doing circuits of the court area today; riding in a straight line, stopping on cue and keeping a safe following distance.
Dads play a vital role in a child’s life. Ideally, a child will have a positive relationship with both parents. Generally speaking, children spend less time with their dads than their mothers, but the things dads teach and the words Dad imparts to them will impact them for a lifetime (both positive and negative). Here are a few quotes from some famous Dads about their roles as fathers:

“Your children need your presence more than your presents.” Jesse Jackson

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: he believed in me.” Jim Valvano

“He has always provided me with a safe place to land and a hard place from which to launch.” Chelsea Clinton

“When you have kids there’s no such thing as quality time. There’s just time. It’s all kind of equal. Changing her diaper and her winning a contest – it’s all good.” Chris Rock

Have a great week

Chaplain Beth

From The Chaplain...Dads

APPA Mothers’ Day Raffle

Today each school family will receive a book of 10 raffle tickets. The fantastic prizes up for grabs this year are –

**First Prize:** $500 Gift Voucher, John Wohlers Jewellers

**Second Prize:** $250 Coles Group & Myer Gift Card

**Third Prize:** $100 Dinner Voucher, Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway

All prizes also include a bottle of Silent Range Estate Wine.

It would be wonderful if every family could support this fundraiser by selling at least one book of raffle tickets. All proceeds go back into the school to directly benefit our children’s learning and educational experience.

Raffle ticket butts and money are due back at school before Friday 8th May with winners announced that afternoon.

Thanks for your support & good luck!

Go green day

Hi Appin Park! On Friday 1st May, we are having a “Green Day” to raise awareness for the environment. We are going to be wearing green, eating green, saving energy, walking/riding to school, eating food out of containers so there is less rubbish in the bins, having a coin garden and having classes outside! You can also get creative and dress up like a character that is green. You don’t have to do all of these things, but at least try to do your bit to help out the environment.

By the grade 6s of Appin Park Primary School.

Photo order envelopes will be sent home with next week’s newsletter.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you. Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly*

**PF** Connor McIntosh for the fantastic way he has started term 2. Connor has been making great choices in the classroom and has been joining in all our learning activities. Keep up the great work, Connor.

**P/1S** Dean Balfour for an outstanding start to the term. He is focused, ready to learn and giving each learning task his best effort. Congratulations, Dean!

**1B** Abby James for the enthusiasm she showed when writing about her Easter holidays.

**2E** Ethan Perry Heyden for being an enthusiastic member of the class who readily shares information during reflection time. Well done, Ethan.

**2M** Lily Knox for the interesting details she always includes in her writing.

**3G** Tyson Geue for working hard to improve his fitness during our cross country practice. Tyson always puts in his best effort and tries to run for the whole time. Great effort, Tyson.

**4V** Kade Reynolds for being focused and ready to learn in all learning areas and for showing a keen interest in our Quest topic on marine animals.

**4R** Flynn Twyford for working hard to improve his fitness during our cross country practice. Tyson always puts in his best effort and tries to run for the whole time. Great effort, Tyson.

**5K** Thomas Solimo for the excellent start he has made to Term 2. Kade has displayed a positive attitude to all of his learning. Keep it up!

**5S** Isabelle Nish for putting care and effort into the presentation of her work.

**6C** Angel Mendoza for bringing a wonderfully positive attitude to school every day. Angel commits 100% to everything she does and her smile lights up the room.

**6M** Damien Witting for his friendly, helpful nature and his great ability to work quietly and independently.

**APPIN STAR AWARD**

Sophie Morris for always trying her best and being a kind friend to others.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

**EXPO & LEARNING FAIR**

- SEAL INFORMATION NIGHT
- OVERSEAS CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE
- ACADEMY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT - digital game design
- DOMAIN ACTIVITIES
  - Music/Art/Science/Maths/English/Technology
  - Phys Ed/Humanities/Languages; sister school
- QUALITY LEARNING information & activities
- LA TROBE UNIVERSITY stand
- PARENTS AND FRIEND’S ASSOCIATION

**Fruit Roster Monday 20th April**

Kellie Robinson, Nicole Snowdon, Estelle Corrigan & Vanessa Luscombe

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Monday 20th April

5.30-7.30  M & Senior building

Wangaratta High School

Please call 03 57230500 to confirm attendance

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Attention Grades 5 & 6 students

**Want to play footy?**

The Wangaratta & District Junior Football League Under 12 competition is for kids in Grades 5 & 6.

If you are keen to play and haven’t been allocated to a club - let us know!

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