Hi everyone…

**ANZAC DAY - LEST WE FORGET:** The front of the school looks magnificent with the art installation on the front fence. Every child has created a poppy during their Art session, and on Tuesday, Ros Janas, some parent volunteers and the Grade 6 students installed the display.

Last week, the School Captains attended the unveiling of the new memorial wall near the Cenotaph. Thank you to Tracey Clough who assisted with transport.

Tomorrow, students will lead a special assembly to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings. All parents/grandparents/family members are welcome to attend this assembly in the BER building at 9am.

We hope to see lots of families at the RSL march on Saturday morning. We will gather in Reid St, just up from the roundabout, at 10.30am.

**SHADOW MINISTER VISITS:** We were pleased to welcome the Hon. Nick Wakeling and our local MP, Tim McCurdy, to school yesterday afternoon. Nick is the Shadow Minister for Education. We discussed our aim of having the staffroom/office area upgraded to provide a more fit-for-purpose and accessible space. The previous government had committed to this as a pre-election pledge. We hope that Nick & Tim can continue to advocate on our behalf as the current government formulates its budget. Thank you to Tanya Camplin who represented the parent community and School Council during this meeting.

**WELCOME BACK CAMPERS:** Our Grade 3 and 4 students returned last night from Camp Wyuna at Queenscliff after enjoying three days exploring the beach, visiting the lighthouse and learning about the creatures who make their home on the coast or in the sea. Thank you to the dads who attended: Stephen McDonald, Tim Long and Iain Still and the staff: Jackie Gardner, Chris Vescio, Beth Roseby, Heather Cross and Trudee Seymour.

**AND FINALLY…** Welcome to Abhi Shaastry (P1S) and Jayden Skretsek (5S) who have joined our school community this week.

Please note: TODAY’S STUDENT AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT NEXT FRIDAY’S ASSEMBLY (1st MAY).

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**Upcoming Events**

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Every student at Appin Park made poppies in art to remember the solders that went to war. We made the poppies by painting them on sheets of plastic. They are now on display at the front of the school. Thanks to Ashlee’s mum, Sam, Helen and Tracey Clough for helping hang the poppies on the front fences.

**Nihongo News**

Week 1 went well and it was great to see that most of the kids were straight back into good work habits and already had their brains switched to JP mode. Gr5/6 started their unit of work on the geography of Japan. The kids will learn heaps and acquire useful language along the way. Gr3/4 were away on camp, so they’ll have to wait until next week to find out their theme for the term. Prep-Gr2 did hiragana games and the winning teams in each grade were: Prep F Chloe M & Aimee P; Prep/1S Faith M-Y & Lilly M; Gr1B (3 Equal winners) Connor G & Tahli H, Ryder H & Seth S, Corey M & Cameron S; Gr 2E Lucy K & Bailey W; Gr2M Samia M & Ailie W, Miles L & Denvey H.

**Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips**

No winners for last week’s nazoenzo. The proper JP word for cherry blossoms is sakura. For this week’s nazoenzo, another horticultural theme. We know that bonsai is all about miniature trees, but tell us what the word bonsai actually means. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

**TRAFFIC SCHOOL VISIT**

Next Monday, 27th April, all Prep-2 students will be visiting our local Traffic Safety School as part of our Quest this term. Students will be traveling by bus. Tri-cycles and helmets will be provided. There will be no cost for this excursion if the excursion levy has been paid. Please send $5 in a named envelope, tomorrow, if you have not yet paid the Excursion Levy.

**From The Chaplain…Playgroup**

This week we commenced making our Mother’s Day gifts. Mums and Grandmas enjoyed some painting with the children. The children are enjoying their outside play on the equipment and in the sandpit before the weather gets too cold. Next week we will use some autumn leaves to decorate a picture and continue work on the Mother’s Day project. We run from 9am–11am each Tuesday morning in the multi-purpose room at the school and preschool children from birth to school age are very welcome.

**Friends for Life**

Due to the large numbers of children wanting to participate in this program we have split the group into the two grade levels. Grade 5s meet on Monday and Grade 4s on Tuesday afternoon. The Grade 5 group began well, focusing on identifying the range of feelings that we experience and our reactions to those feelings. Next week the focus will be on relaxation.

Chaplain Beth

**Just Kids**

Just Kids will be open from 8am to 6pm on Report Writing Day - Friday 29th May if there are sufficient numbers. Please contact Gina on 5721 4799 for bookings.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

PF Chloe Mizzi for her great measuring skills. Chloe is able to order objects from tallest to shortest. Keep up the fantastic work, Chloe.
P/1S Lilly McIntyre for using her confidence to have a go at classroom activities as well as talking to her class peers. Congratulations, Lilly!
1B Thomas Schreiber Pearson for being a happy and cheerful member of the class who is trying his best at all learning tasks. Well done, Thomas. Keep up the great work!
2E Jack Gambrell for always working steadily and focusing on tasks in the classroom. You are a pleasure to teach. Well done, Jack.
2M Kira Geue for her quiet and independent manner when completing her work.
3G Tyson Geue for being well organised and having a great time at camp. It was a pleasure to take you to Queenscliff.
4R Alex Kay for the fantastic behaviour he displayed on our camp to Queenscliff. He was extremely helpful, courteous and it was great to see him making the most of every opportunity. Way to go, Alex!
4V Emily Mitchell for being a great friend at Camp Wyuna. Emily always had a smile on her face and was a helpful team member. Well done!
5K Rebecca Semple for the great effort she is putting into her addition and subtraction. Top work, Rebecca!
5S Deegan Kennedy for showing a big improvement in his decimal counting.
6C Clara Paxford for the way she has developed her strategies in solving addition and subtraction problems requiring renaming and large numbers. She should be very proud of her efforts.
6M Luke O’Connell for the manner in which he has approached his maths tasks this term. He has shown confidence and has willingly helped others to improve their understanding.

APPIN STAR AWARD
Brodie Watson for always being well organised, highly motivated and determined to do his best work...

Musician of the Week
Aimee Prior for doing such a great job with the Letter “L” song and for always being a fantastic classmate and student in class.
Sophie Morris for being such a kind a generous classmate. Thank you for helping other students to learn the barn dance.

Library After Dark
Thursday 7th May, 6:30-7:30pm in the School Library
Our library will be open for families to come and spend time together reading and sharing stories. Read your favourite book together. A story will be shared around 7:20. Mum, Dad, Nana, Grandpa, an older brother or sister…..all welcome. The borrowing desk will be open.
For more information please contact Fiona Carson - carson.fiona.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Fruit Roster
Monday 27th April
Tanya Camplin, Kirsty James, Sheree Gambrell, Margie

Book Club orders are due back Monday 27th April

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