Hi everyone…

PROUD PRINCIPAL MOMENT: The special ANZAC Commemoration assembly, led by our School Captains & student leaders last Friday morning, was one of those heart-warming moments that make me so proud of the students at APPPS. Throughout the entire service, the children in the audience were very respectful and attentive, while the student leaders presented their part of the ceremony with quiet confidence and dignity. I am sure parents and grandparents of these students also felt great pride in their delivery and leadership. Our Grade 6 singers performed their song beautifully, and it was a really lovely touch to have all children and the guests singing along in the chorus - thank you, Celine! We were privileged to have Chris Keast, the Wangaratta High School Symphonic & Stage Band director, play the Last Post & the Rouse on his trombone. Tim McCurdy, MP, recited the Ode. Well done to Regan, Ebony, Thomas, Ashlee, Charlie, Kayla, Annika and Anthony.

It was great to see our students marching in Wangaratta on Saturday morning. Thank you to parents who supported this. It was unfortunate that the wet weather arrangements meant the children were inside the PAC, while many other attendees were outside. Our School Captains again represented us by laying our wreath.

CYBERSAFETY INFORMATION SESSIONS: I hope all parents will be able to attend the upcoming session on safe and responsible use of social media/internet on the evening of 19th May. Students from Grades 4-6 will have a session during the afternoon, and staff will also attend a workshop after school. These sessions will be presented by ACMA (Aust. Communications & Media Authority). They are highly recommended and we have been on a waiting list since the middle of last year to secure this for our students, staff and parents. There is no cost. Child-minding will be provided during the evening session.

LIBRARY AFTER DARK: Another opportunity to come along to school, out-of-hours, is on next Thursday evening. The Library will be open from 6.30-7.30pm and we hope to see lots of families there; sharing books and reading together. See P3 of this newsletter for more details.

DISAPPOINTING MEDIA REPORTS: Many of you, during the past few days, will have seen reports of the misuse of substantial amounts of Education Department funds. Like other school leaders, I am absolutely appalled at the corrupt practices of those senior bureaucrats and a small number of principals, who have conspired to misappropriate money that was meant to support schools and children’s learning & wellbeing. I assure all parents that Appin Park Primary School has very diligent financial management through our School Council and the Finance Subcommittee, the internal controls in place, and the very proper and transparent processes used by Sandra Makin (bus. manager).

CLUSTER NEWS: We were informed last week that our Wangaratta Learning Community schools, as one of only five selected clusters from across the state, have been invited to participate in a project around removing ‘professional barriers to successful transition in Literacy & Numeracy Years 6-7’. Our cluster’s selection for this program is due to the innovative and collaborative work we have done over the past 3-4 years; developing consistent Prep - Year 10 approaches to the teaching of Reading, Writing and Maths. I will attend a briefing for principals in Melbourne tomorrow to find out exactly how the project will develop during the year. A recent Auditor General’s Report into Education examined the plateauing or drop-off of achievement for students as they move from primary school into secondary education. Given our history of working closely together, the WLC schools are being asked to provide some insights into how improvements can be made to try to remediate this.
From The Chaplain… What do emotionally intelligent parents look like?

Emotionally intelligent parents listen more and judge less. They try to assess what is going on rather than clamping down on their children’s behaviour or closing them down with well-meaning advice.

Emotionally intelligent parents accept strong emotions. They realise there is nothing so bad that a child can’t give voice to it in a family while still understanding that there are behaviours that are not acceptable.

Emotionally intelligent parents use rules rather than their moods to determine discipline. This makes for predictable, consistent parenting.

Emotionally intelligent parents develop a language around feelings thus enabling their children to develop a range of words that will help them to accurately describe how they feel. This helps develop healthy relationships later in life at work and in their own families.

Chaplain Beth
Caitlyn Delaney for the great effort she puts into all classroom activities and the excellent attitude she has towards her learning.

Musician of the Week

Cameron Lovett for his commitment to the initial process of putting on a stage production. Keep up the great work and enthusiasm.

Artist of the Week

Pearl Neary for her excellent work with clay making a coil pot. Well done, Pearl.

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

The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May

Bring along $4 and choose a surprise for mum from the Mothers’ Day Stall.

Mothers’ Day Raffle tickets & money need to be returned to school no later than next Thursday, 7th May

Green Slushies for Green Day! $2

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