Hi everyone…

ALADDIN TROUBLE: The Grade 5/6 students auditioned for parts in this production during their music sessions this week and I can tell you, APPS really does have talent! The script and the songs are funny & catchy and I’m sure the audience will be very entertained by the show. There are some ways you can help: gathering and making costumes, painting and creating props and signs, loaning us some brass instruments (cornet, trumpet etc), If you’re interested in being part of this, please let me know.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: The photographers will be here on Monday. All children will be photographed, whether or not they are ordering a pack. Please ensure your child is in neat, clean and correct school uniform on that day. PLEASE also ensure your child is at school BY 9.00am as these photos are taken according to a pre-set timetable and being late may mean that your child is not in their class group photograph.

CYBERSMART SESSION FOR PARENTS: The information session on Tuesday evening (19th May) is about how parents can support their children to be confident and positive users of digital technology. Knowing how to minimise risk and developing an understanding of the ‘digital footprints’ we leave when we are online, is vital for all. The material provided from ACMA has the following definition of being ‘cybersmart’:

A Cybersmart digital citizen is anyone with the skills and knowledge to effectively use digital tools to participate in society, communicate with others, and create and consume digital content.

The benefit of attending this session is that you should leave feeling empowered as a parent to set ground rules and have conversations with your child about their internet use. Hearing the same information, from the same source (Grades 4-6 students will have had their session in the afternoon), and using the same language can be very helpful. It will also give you the chance to talk to other parents about how they manage these tools in their home.

Child-minding is available on the night. It would be VERY helpful if you could let the office know how many children will be with you, by Friday 15th May.

LIBRARY AFTER DARK: TONIGHT 6.30-7.30pm
All welcome! Come along and share the joy of reading stories with your child.

MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE: Thank you to families who have supported this APPA raffle. The draw will take place tomorrow. PLEASE return all ticket stubs and money to the office by 9.00am. Children also have a second opportunity tomorrow to buy their Mothers’ Day gift if they forgot today.

GYMNASTICS IS GREAT!! The Prep-2 children are loving their gym sessions at the YMCA. There are lots of budding acrobats practising tumbling and balancing each lunchtime at school.

HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS & NANAS!!

Wendy Larcombe
Annual School Cross Country

On Thursday 21st May, we will hold our cross-country event. The event will be held around the paths and tracks behind the school, but this year the course has changed a little. We will be running across the new suspension bridge joining the Collyndale and Arlington Park Estates and back towards Yarrawonga Rd. All grades have walked and run the course before the event. It would be great if you could find some time to take them around it again before the day. All students are expected to be involved.

The organisation for the day is as follows:

11.40 am: Grade 3/4 children (& Grade 5 children who turn 10 this year) 2km
12.00 noon: Grade P/1/2 children 1km
12.20 pm: Grade 5/6 children 3km

(Please note that these times are approximate only.)

When the students are not participating they will be with their class and teacher in their designated area. When they have completed their race they will meet their class teacher and return to their area. It is important for the participants to have encouragement and support as they are running. When all events have been completed there will be a brief assembly to acknowledge the first placegetters from each year level, before heading to a sausage sizzle that APPA will be organising. Again we are having a sports team event. Everybody who completes the course will gain points for their team:

1st - 10th place = 10 points
11th - 20th place = 9 points
21st - 30th place = 8 points, etc.

These results will hopefully be announced at the assembly and will be added to the House Cup tallies.

The senior grade children, who qualify, will be given the opportunity to attend the District Cross Country at the Barr Reserve, which will be held on Friday 5th June. As already stated it is expected that all children will run/walk the required distance unless they have a note for illness or injury. For the children who are asthmatic please ensure they have any required medication with them.

All children should wear appropriate running shoes. We also suggest that they have a change of clothing - to add to the atmosphere it would be fantastic for all children to wear the colour of their sports team. (This is not compulsory - please do not feel as though you must buy a new shirt for the event.) All new children have been informed of their Sports team and colour. Prep children who have an older brother or sister currently at school will be in the same sports team.

Parents, family members and friends, please come along to encourage and support all the runners. They certainly deserve it. If you would like to join in running with your child you are most welcome. Please note that if the weather is too wet we will hold the event on another date. Hope to see you there.

Wendy Larcombe

Wanted! Boots/Shoes

We are working towards the Wangaratta Stitched Up Festival. This year they have asked us to decorate old boots/shoes in themes such as flowers, maps, badges medals etc. There is a strong emphasis on Anzac history. If you have any, please send them along to school for us to recycle. Odd ones welcome! Just see me in the art room or pop into the office.

Thanks, Ros Janas

Trace your Mate - Thursday 28th May, 10am-12:30pm

On Thursday 28th of May Appin Park Primary School students will be celebrating literacy and numeracy with the theme ‘Trace Your Mate’. Students will work with their buddies or in mixed groups and will complete a numeracy activity from 10-11am, this will be followed by a shared morning tea on the asphalt and then a literacy activity from 11:30-12:30pm. We would love parents, guardians, grandparents and special friends to join us for the whole time (10-12:30pm) or part of the time. If each family could also please bring a plate of food to share for our morning tea that would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PF Abbey Mayer Young for the excellent sketch and sentence she wrote about a banana. Keep up the great work, Abbey.
P/1S Brandon Moore for using the addition strategies - counting on, doubles and near doubles to solve equations fast. Well done, Brandon!
1B Mitchell Feldmann for the fantastic diary he kept on his recent family holiday through Central Australia. Well done, Mitchell!
2E Bailey Walsh for her enthusiasm completing all class activities and for her willingness to assist others in need. Well done, Bailey.
2M Felicity Camplin for the excellent progress she is making with her reading.
3G Shae-Lea Roberts for working hard at being organised, checked in and ready to learn.
4R Flynn Waring for the amazing improvement he has made with his focus and determination to improve his learning and behaviour in the classroom. Way to go, Flynn!
4V Max O’Brien for making sensible choices in the classroom and staying focused on his learning tasks. Keep it up, Max.
5K Lachy Newton for the great effort he puts into his writing and the excellent application letter he typed up for the position of the town Sign Writer.
6C Amber Nield for completing the bike ride to Walnut Grove and back, even though it was a challenging activity. Well done, Amber!
6M Cheyenne Gratton for her determination and display of sportsmanship and very sound netball skills when playing interschool sport. Her defensive efforts and ability to read the play when in an attacking role were very obvious. Well done.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Xavier Pitt for always being ready and willing to learn.
Xavier has a great attitude towards school and is a kind and caring class member.

Musician of the Week

Ollie Dean for being such a fantastic lead dancer in our study of traditional bush dancing.
You have a great attitude and are a wonderful classmate.

Artist of the Week

Flynn Twyford for the fine pinch pot that he made with clay this week. Well done, Flynn.

State Sporting Trials

Over the last couple of weeks four Grade 6 students have been selected to attend trials in a variety of sports, as an initial process of selection for state teams. Morgan Byrne attended both the basketball and netball trials and was successful at being selected to represent the school and our region at the next level. Ebony O’Donohue joined her in the netball trials and was also invited to attend the next trial session. Both Morgan and Ebony headed to Benalla on Tuesday as part of the Wangaratta District netball team where they played games and displayed their skills against 50 other girls. They both played very consistent netball and were selected in the final 16 from the four regions; however they were not chosen in the final cut to attend further trials in Melbourne. Morgan will travel to Melbourne later this term to participate in the second stage for the basketball trials. This session will see her playing against students from across Victoria, which is a very demanding task.

Thomas Clough and Jesse Hurley attended the football trials early last week. Thomas has been selected to represent the Wangaratta District to play against the Wodonga, Seymour and Shepparton sides next week. Unfortunately for Jesse he was not chosen to go any further but he certainly displayed his agility and ability to get the football.

Good luck to both Morgan and Thomas as they attend the next stage of the selection process.

Fruit Roster

Monday 11th May
Kellie Robinson, Kirsty James, Estelle Corrigan & Barb Webster

Just Kids will be open from 8am to 6pm on Report Writing Day - Friday 29th May.
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