Hi everyone… School photos were distributed today, please check your child’s bag.

CHANGES IN TERM 3: There will be some staffing changes next term with our Chaplain, Beth Davies, retiring and Sandra Makin (Business Manager) taking long service leave until the end of the year. Beth Roseby and Robyn Elliott will also take a period of long service leave in the first 5-6 weeks of the term, and Trudee Seymour will have a period of leave.

Nicole Godde will take on the Acting Business Manager role, while Robyn Dykes and Carole Mann will fill in for Robyn & Beth in Grades 2E & 4R. I am currently working with ACCESS Ministries to recruit a new Chaplain to fill the big shoes that Beth Davies will leave. It has been a pleasure working with Beth as she has grown in this role. Her pastoral care with individual & small groups of children, the work she does in classrooms and her organisation of the playgroup are highly valued. We will farewell Beth at our end of term assembly (Friday, 26th June).

AFL TICKETS - LAST CHANCE: We have a voucher for four reserved seats at an AFL 2015 home & away match (either Etihad or MCG) for this season. The value of these tickets is $240. They are available to the first person to present at the office with $150 by next Thursday. They cannot be used during the finals games but are eligible for any of the other matches in the remaining rounds. Please contact the office if you are interested.

CYBERSMART INFORMATION: The recent evening session for parents was really informative and I know those who attended all went away with new information and ideas about how to ensure their family’s digital footprint was kept secure and ‘smart’. There is a huge amount of information and advice on the ACMA (Aust. Media & Communications Authority) website, and this site (http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/) is constantly updated to keep pace with emerging trends and new products.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: APPS, like most other schools, has a compulsory uniform policy. I have noticed quite a number of children wearing non-uniform items to school. The correct school uniform for winter is:

**GIRLS:**
- Navy blue trackpants or pants, navy skirt or pinafere
- School shirt—emerald green with navy collar & logo
- Navy skivvy can be worn under the school shirt
- Emerald green windcheater
- Emerald green/navy bomber jacket or navy polar fleece with school logo
- Plain coloured socks or navy tights, Black shoes or runners

**BOYS:**
- Navy blue trackpants, shorts or trousers
- School shirt—emerald green with navy collar & logo
- Navy skivvy can be worn under the school shirt
- Emerald green windcheater
- Emerald green/navy bomber jacket or navy polar fleece with school logo
- Plain coloured socks, black shoes or runners

There are items available at our APPA Second Hand Uniform Shop on Fridays after assembly - or you can ask at the office. Steers Clothing & the Work Locker stock our school uniform.

**COMPASS - PARENT LOG IN:** In your child’s school bag, there should be a letter informing you of your log-in details for our new school ‘student management system’. If you have a child at WHS, you will be familiar with this. The Compass portal allows you to book your parent teacher interview, enter absence details and see a limited amount of information about your child. We will expand these functions over coming months.

If you do not have internet access, bookings for parent teacher interviews can be made at the office.

### Upcoming Events

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PRINCIPAL: Wendy Larcombe
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**SCHOOL PRODUCTION:** Grade 5/6 students are now in the throes of learning their dance steps and songs for *Aladdin Trouble* - the script offers a large number of speaking parts and lots of humour. We are now on the hunt for props and costume items. Can you help with any of the following:

- Policeman helmet and/or truncheon
- Small cane ‘shopping’ baskets that can be carried over the arm
- Colourful silk/similar scarves (long rectangular ones are best)
- Glittery fabric
- Costume jewellery (we need ‘treasures’ for the marketplace and for some costumes)
- Plastic fruits and bowls/goblets/kitchen items (Please name clearly if to be returned)
- Middle-eastern costumes: fez hats, brocade, sequined or braided vests, harem pants, kaftans

If you are able to donate or loan anything, please send it to the office. **Thank you!!** We did circulate a note earlier asking for any interested parents who would like to help with props or costumes/make-up etc. A small group will meet at the staffroom next Thursday from 3.45pm. If you would like to help out, please come along.

**GRADE 5/6 STUDENTS WILL BRING HOME A NOTE ON TUESDAY ABOUT COSTUMES.**

**BIKES AT SCHOOL:** At some stage of the day on Tuesday a student’s bike (orange ‘Giant’ boys’ bike) was taken from our rack near the back car park. This is REALLY disappointing (and costly for the family involved). Please ensure your child has a working bike lock and always uses it when parking their bike at school.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** These will take place on Tues. 23rd & Wed. 24th June (3.40-6.30pm) Bookings can be made through the Compass portal or by calling into the office. **No notes will be sent home.** Your child’s report for Semester 1 will come home on Thursday, 18th June.

**AND FINALLY:** Welcome to Jyden Hines who has joined Prep F this week. Like the other new students we have enrolled this term, Jyden has quickly settled and made friends.

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**Nihongo News**

Gr5/6 had *hiragana* activities again this week. Some of the kids are getting very good at it and we have a few who can read almost all of the 46 individual characters of the *hiragana* syllabary. It was boys vs girls this week and, overall, it was the girls dominating the winners’ circle. Gr6M was the only victory for the boys. Gr3/4 had lots of kids away on camp, so it was a good chance to catch up on some book work. Prep–Gr2 also did boys vs girls *hiragana* games, but there was so much giggling and yahoing that I can’t be sure who won. Maybe it was a victory for JP education. Dylan T (Prep), Tom W (P/1S), Clara R (1B) Ethan P–H (2E) and Mitchell V (2M) were the star performers this week.

*Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips*

There were no winners for last week’s *nazonazo*. Russia is only about 6km from JP, but the country which is the furthest away is Uruguay, at around 18,500km. For this week’s *nazonazo*, tell us two JP words that have at least two separate meanings each. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

*Sayōnara!*

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**Art Room News**

Yesterday we had a very interesting visit from Silla Taylor, who is one of the founding members of Appin Park Parents Association. Both her children went to Appin Park in the very first year of its existence. I invited her to bring along a ceramic poppy that was part of the amazing art installation around the Tower of London last November. She told the students in Art academy and Six C the story of the Poppy and allowed them to have a hold of it. She was very impressed with the ceramic poppies that our Art academy students have made, as they are very close in size and looks just like hers. We were thrilled at see that we have done a great job and cannot wait to glaze them with red.

**WANTED:** Any old boots for us to paint & decorate! Any bits of fabric in colours of blue sky or rainbow. We plan to strip them and use the strips for a fence weaving activity for the Wangaratta Stitched Up Festival.

PS: Did you see our school yarn bombed tree in this years’ Stitched Up Festival Brochure?

*Thank you,*

*Ros Janas*
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you.
Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

PF  Xavier Sheldon for the great sentence he wrote about his dog. He used spaces between his words and a capital letter. Keep up the great work, Xavier.
P/1S  Jackson Bell for his great writing this week. He has been sounding out his words to help him with his spelling. Great work, Jackson.
Abbey Waide for always trying her hardest when completing learning activities, especially with her writing this week. Keep up the great work, Abbey.
1B  Zac Grace for the fantastic effort he is putting into his reading during our Readers’ Workshops. He is improving all the time. Well done!
2E  Aaliyah Haugh for listening carefully and joining in on discussions in maths, about fact families. Well done, Aaliyah.
2M  Mitchell Vincent for the excellent progress he is making with his literacy skills and using his comprehension strategies in reading.
3G  Dylan White for showing a more responsible attitude towards school. Dylan is arriving at class on time, contributing more to class discussions and is on task more often.
4R  Carla Petersen for the positive attitude she is displaying towards all her school work. Well done, Carla!
4V  Glenn Gratton for the excellent effort he has shown when completing all his learning activities this week. Keep it up, Glenn!
5K  Justine Corder Walker for the excellent approach she has to her writing tasks. Justine is always focused and loves writing about new topics.
5S  Maddison Corder for her good manners and for her wonderful smile that brightens up our classroom.
6C  Thomas Clough for the responsibility he has taken on, in organising the footy team for interschool football games this term. A great effort, Tom!
Cameron Ackley for the organisation he has displayed in setting up the Lotto Shop for Carson City. A very well run business, Cameron!

APPIN STAR AWARD
Brady O’Keefe for his excellent attitude to learning and for his outstanding behaviour.
Brady, you are a pleasure to teach.

Musician of the Week
Ella Bihun for being so fantastic in production rehearsals. Your focus and enthusiasm is fantastic to see.
Deegan Kennedy for participating so well in the production rehearsals. Keep it up, we are loving working with you.

Artist of the Week
Xavier Pitt for the very colourful painting he has done on his sea creature.
It will be wonderful to see finished. Well done, Xavier.

From The Chaplain…MINDFULNESS
Last week I attended the annual Chaplaincy Conference in Melbourne. One of the presenters was Janet Etty-Leal who works in the area of mindfulness for children. Mindfulness as practised by Janet allows the children to relax in a quiet atmosphere and focus on the inner world of their breathing and their body. It creates the opportunity to develop balance and learn about what’s going on ‘inside’. The ability to self-calm and focus is a very helpful skill in enabling children to feel better about life and themselves. It also leaves them more able to concentrate, problem solve and manage their stress. As with any skill, mindfulness is most beneficial when there is an ongoing opportunity to engage in ‘mindful’ activities. For interested parents, Janet’s book titled ‘Meditation Capsules, a mindfulness program for children’ is available. It comes with an excellent CD of mindfulness programs to use with children or adults. www.meditationcapsules.com
Chaplain Beth

Fruit Roster
Monday 9th June
Nicole Snowdon, Estelle Corrigan, Kirst James & Vanessa Luscombe

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
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