Hi everyone…

**AMBULANCE VISIT:** we had lights and sirens in the school yard this week—fortunately, all in the cause of learning and not responding to an emergency! Prep-2 students had the chance to find out what’s on the inside of an ambulance, without first having to be ill or injured.

The presenter did a very good job, sharing aspects of her work with the children and talking to them about how paramedics and ‘ambos’ go about saving lives and helping the community.

**WE’RE ALL BECOMING ‘HOT SHOTS’:** Thanks to a successful application to the ANZ Hot Shots program by Wendy Martin, we received some great sport resources that have allowed all the children to have a go at developing their tennis skills. The kit included t-shirts, racquets, nets and balls. Students have been using the equipment during their weekly PE sessions.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** It has been great to see almost all children wearing correct school uniform this week. Please ensure all items of your child’s clothing are named clearly so that if misplaced, they can be returned to them easily. A lost property hamper is located in the corridor near Room 7.

**ALADDIN TROUBLE— Grade 5/6 Production:** There is a meeting in the staffroom today, at 3.45pm, for anyone interested in helping with props or costumes for this upcoming production. Students took a letter home with a brief outline of items that could be worn for the crowd scene characters. Individual students will be given more detail about their costumes for main character roles during music sessions next week.

**‘HOT HOUSE’ PERFORMANCE:** WARNING—SMALL PARTS: Yesterday, all students attended this performance at school. We were able to subsidise the incursion due to a grant applied for by Beth Roseby which reduced the cost. There are still a number of families who have not returned their application form for the ‘Camps, Excursions, Sports Fund’ (eligible Health Care Card or Pension Card holders). Please do this during the week as they must be processed at school by the end of the term. This fund provides $125 per eligible child (primary school) to the school to pay for attendance at things like performances and incursions. We do need to sight, and copy, your health care card to be able to process the application.

**CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER:** THANK YOU!!! to the families who have already sold a carrier and returned the money to school. Some are onto their third box. PLEASE return any unsold chocolates and money to the office BY 19th June—next Friday.

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** Friday, 17th July.

**MARK THE DATE - GET YOUR ‘BRAINS TRUST’ TOGETHER!**

Tables of 8, $10 per person. More details next week.

**AND FINALLY...** We have been advised that the Minster for Education, James Merlino, will visit our school on 11th August. He is only visiting three schools in the Northern Network, and we hope it is a chance for us to make the case for an upgraded office/admin/staff facility, to provide a more user-friendly ‘front door’ to our school.
District Cross Country

Cool conditions for the week were still with us as our 18 Grade 3-6 students tackled the District Cross Country course held behind the Barr Reserve and along the river, last Friday.

The day began with the 9/10 year old girls and boys, running over the 2km distance. Caleb Gilbert and Xavier Pitt both ran very well placing in the top 15 in their event, which qualifies them for the Regional Championships to be held at Broadford next Wednesday, 17th June. Caleb placed 6th and Xavier 11th. A great effort from both boys as Caleb went in to the event with a recently injured ankle and Xavier is bottom age, which means he will compete in the same age group next year. Tayah Martens (22nd), Emily Cooper (26th), Emma Vickery (34th), James Thewlis (32nd), Ryan Breerton (34th) and Tristan Fletcher-Blake (64th) all acquitted themselves very well amongst the large number of participants. Tayah, Emily and James are also Grade 3s running against students at least a year older than them.

The first of the 3km events was the 11 year old girls. We only had two participants in this race and both qualified for the next event. Kelly Hirschmann placed 11th and Hannah Snowdon ran in at 14th position. In the boys’ event Caleb White matched the girls’ efforts, also advancing to the regionals by placing 13th. Other participants in this age group were Ryan Battin (20th), Jayden Skretsek (35th) and Deegan Kennedy (43th). In the final age group we had two more participants who ran well and placed in the top 15 in their respective events: Annika Flanagan and Charlie Townsend both placed 8th, Damien Witting (26th) and Jesse Hurley (36th).

Congratulations to all of our participants and all the best to Caleb G., Xavier, Kelly, Hannah, Caleb W., Annika and Charlie (36th top 15 in their respective events: Annika Flanagan and Charlie Townsend both placed 8th, Damien Witting (26th) and Jesse Hurley (36th).

Thanks to Mr Kerlin and the many family members who were able to attend the event and support each of our students. Your encouragement to all of our runners was certainly appreciated.

Nihongo News

It was a very brief week in LOTE, with only the littlies and one Gr4 class on Tuesday. At least Gr4R got to mark their kite themed hiragana word searches. Jordan G & Alex K were the only two to get all 12 of the hidden words. Both boys also found bonus words amongst the jumble of hiragana symbols. Yokudekimashita. Ryan B came very close, but for one small error. The Prep~Gr2s did some hiragana recognition games and then worked on their animal words.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

No winners again for the razonazo? It was so easy, too. Two JP words that have at least two separate meanings could have included Hana = Nose or flower (Ask your child about the hana joke.) or Hashi = Bridge or chopsticks. For this week’s razonazo, tell us the JP words for at least one 4 legged animal and for at least one 2 legged animal. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

Moving Right Along - Quest Celebration

On Wednesday, 24th June from 11:30-1:30pm the Prep, 1 and 2 students will be celebrating their transport quest by creating different types of transport from recycled materials. Parents, grandparents and friends are more than welcome to join us. If you have any recycled boxes, containers, lids etc can you please send them to school with your child prior to the day.

From The Chaplain…Tips For Stepfathers

As mentioned a few weeks ago parenting a stepfamily can present quite a challenge. Here are a some suggestions for stepdads from the ‘Stepfamilies Australia’ website.

- If there is an older stepson in the house, be sensitive to a possible clash with him as he may feel upset that his position of ‘man of the house’ has been taken over. With your partner’s assistance help your stepson develop a satisfying position in the new family structure.
- Don’t compete with the biological father or try to buy your stepchildren’s affection. Find a different role such as friend, mentor, coach etc.
- Don’t automatically expect a close loving relationship with your stepchildren. This may not happen for many years and different stepchildren will treat you differently. Both your past history and theirs can affect their ability to form a strong relationship.
- Get support - read books, attend stepfamily courses, talk to others who are familiar with stepfamily life, and, if necessary, get outside help from a counsellor who is familiar with stepfamily dynamics.

Chaplain Beth

Fruit Roster
Monday 15th June
Kellie Robinson, Bec Fedltmann, Barb Webster & Margie Moore

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Fridays 8.45-9am in the canteen.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly.

PF  Jyden Hines for the way he has quickly settled into Prep F. Congratulations on a great start at Appin Park.
P/1S  Faith Mayer Young for being a fantastic participant and listener during our Ambulance Victoria visit. Congratulations, Faith!
1B  Cameron Sgarioto for remembering to change his reader on a more regular basis and for being a caring member of our class. Well done, Cameron.
2E  Lucy Kiely for finding a “just right” spot during read to self and being focused on her book for the whole time. Well done, Lucy.
2M  Connor Webb for the great control he displayed with his racquet when practising his tennis skills.
4R  Caleb Gilbert for the effort and enthusiasm he displays during every PE session and the fantastic result he achieved at the zone cross country. Congratulations, Caleb!
4V  Harvey Moore for the informative PowerPoint he is making about the endangered vaquita. Well done, Harvey!
5K  Emma Crawford for the great job at running the clothes store in Earn & Learn. Her partner and her are managing a profitable business.
5S  Toby Crawford for doing great work in class and for always having a big, friendly smile.
6C  April Twyford for making the extra effort to look for similes and metaphors in her home reading novel, then sharing them with the grade. Well done, April.
6M  Shanay Desmond for the quiet and diligent way she approaches her tasks. She is more confident to attempt challenging activities, particularly in the area of maths.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Appin Park Primary School

Library After Dark

Wednesday 17th June
6:30-7:30
All Welcome

Entering Absences on Compass

- Click on Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Hover over + Add; click on Parent Approval
- Use the drop down menu in the Reason box to select the type of absence; add comments if necessary
- Select the start & finish dates and times as appropriate
- Click Save in the bottom, right corner.

You can enter dates in advance. If you are unsure if you have provided an approval, click on the Unapproved tab where you can also add parent approvals.

Please feel free to come into the office or call Nicole if you would like help or a lesson on using Compass.

School Holiday Classes at Dangerang

Create Your Own Cushion - Make a cushion for your bed or chair and then use bead, button or embellishments to glue on and create your own unique look. Monday 29th June, 1-2.30pm  Cost: $20.00

Winter Craft - A fun couple of hours creating autumn and winter craft Monday 29th June, 10-11.30am  Cost: $15

Fun with Beads - This class is just a casual one where children can come along and make beaded jewellery. The beads, wire, elastic etc. is all supplied. Monday 29th June, 1-2.30pm  Cost : $15

Winter Crosswords, Wonderwords & Puzzles - Great fun for those who love doing puzzles. Tuesday 30th June, 11-12.30pm  Cost:$15

Knitting & Crocheting with ladies from the CWA - Bring along your needles and wool and let the ladies give you some tips and help with either learning to or increasing your skills in knitting & Crocheting. Tuesday 30th June, 10am – 12.00 noon  Cost:$10

Kids Cooking - Come and make Hot chocolate & Pita Bread pizza then enjoy eating. Wednesday 1st July, 9.30-10.30am  Cost: $10

In this class we are creating Penguin cookies & Meatball Subs, then sampling of course Wednesday 1st July, 11-12.00noon  Cost: $10

Yoga - The stretching & vitality of yoga with the calming & tranquility of meditation. Thursday 2nd June, 10.30-11.15am  Cost: $10

Zumba - Great chance for the kids to have some fun dancing & getting some exercise, great music and movement. Thursday 2nd June, 9.30-10.15am  Cost: $10

Fairy Bop - Music, games and fairy dance. Fun & imagination for the younger children (ages 5-7) Thursday 2nd July, 9.30-10.30am  $10

Jazz/Hip Hop - A fun class for children to come and learn some basics, learn some rhythm and enjoy the music (7yrs & over) Thursday 3rd July, 11.00-12.00noon  Cost: $10.00

Book now as numbers are limited. Courses must be paid with enrolment forms completed before end of term

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Alex Kay for the kindness he always shows to others and for trying to do his best in all learning tasks. Great effort, Alex!