Hi everyone...

PHEW—END OF TERM...  As we wind down to the end of Term 2, it is a good time to look back over the activities and events of the past 11 weeks. The gymnastics program was a real highlight for students in P-4, as has been the interschool sports program for our Grade 5/6 students. The senior grades have really enjoyed their Earn & Learn Quest, and learned a lot about managing money and the costs of living, along with the thrill of applying for jobs and setting up a business. The P-2 children loved their visit to the Traffic School, the look inside the ambulance and they’ve really enjoyed learning about things that move. Grade 3/4 children had a wonderful time at camp in Queenscliff and have worked hard to produce their informative PowerPoints and displays about marine creature features. All students trained hard and tried hard in the Cross Country, and enjoyed the special sausage sizzle provided by our hardworking APPA team. Families have really helped out by selling (or consuming) the chocolates as a major fundraiser. A group of Grade 4/5 students headed off to Camp Woorabinda. Students have had the chance to try their hand at tennis and at pottery this term in PE & Art, while in Music they have been learning songs and routines towards the whole school production next term. In Japanese, they have celebrated Children’s Day and made carp kites. In between all this activity, teachers have done some major assessments and produced reports to you on your child’s progress.

PREP-2 ON THE MOVE:

A big group of parents joined junior students yesterday as they worked in teams to cut and stick lots of boxes and other recycled items together; building very realistic transport vehicles. From a helicopter to a jetski, the children had air, land and sea transport covered. It was great to see them all offering ideas and suggestions, and working happily with others from across the 5 different grade groups. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along and join in the fun.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: At the meeting last week, a couple of parent members reported some speculation in the school community about specialist programs next year. I want to assure parents that, like you and your children, we highly value our specialist programs and the opportunities offered for students to develop their skills and show off their talents in a range of areas. There are no plans for major changes to our curriculum at this stage and we really cannot make any firm decisions around staffing or programs until much later in the year when our indicative budget comes through. Please contact me directly if you have any questions about this, as once people start sharing concerns without any real information, we get unfounded rumours spreading. Rather than expending energy worrying about what might be (and probably won’t be), we should instead celebrate the quality learning your children have access to, every day at our school.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR TABLE FOR THE TRIVIA NIGHT??
LAST DAY OF TERM TOMORROW—EARLY DISMISSAL—2.30pm.
GRADE 34 MARINE QUEST EXPO: There was a huge crowd in the BER building this morning, to watch the Grade 3/4 students perform songs and showcase their learning from this term. They proudly showed off their ‘powerpoints’. There were plenty of oohs & aaahs of amazement at the creativity of the displayed ‘Fruit’n’Vege Sea Creatures’. It was another great Quest!

AND FINALLY… We bid farewell to Sandra Makin tomorrow. Sandra will take long service leave for the remainder of the year and retire in December. Sandra has worked at Appin Park since July 2002. I have really appreciated her quiet efficiency and very diligent approach to the very important work of a business manager. Sandra is looking forward to some travel, the opportunity to indulge her interest in crafty hobbies, and to spending more time with her growing band of grandchildren. Nicole Godde will be our acting Business Manager for the next semester, with Julie Saunders providing some support in the office.

Our School Chaplain, Beth Davies, will also leave us and retire this Friday. Beth began her work at our school in late August 2012. She has helped many students as they manage the feelings and hurt that comes from a family bereavement, a change in their family’s living arrangements due to separation or divorce, or a falling out in their friendship group. Beth has offered classroom programs on being a good friend and getting along, as well as setting up and facilitating our Tuesday morning play group. She leaves big shoes to fill. I will be working with Access Ministries to employ a new Chaplain over the holidays. Both Sandra and Beth will be missed, and we wish them all the best in the next stage of their life adventure.

As mentioned a few weeks ago, Beth Roseby and Robyn Elliott are off travelling during the first few weeks of Term 3. Robyn Dykes will takeover in 2E until 17th August, while Carole Mann will be in 4R from 15th July until 20th August. Carole attended the recent planning day with Grade 3/4 teachers and is really looking forward to being back at APPS. We will also welcome 5 new students on day 1 of next term.

Have a safe & happy holiday everyone!

Wendy Larcombe

Nihongo News
There goes another term. Grades 5 & 6 finished their JP geography related focussed writing this week. Many of the kids made great use of their imagination and their prior learning. Some filled two pages in their work books and a few even decorated their pages with pictures to reflect their writing. Gr3&4 made their kites this week. I hope yours made it home in one piece. The kites are purely decorative, but I fear the temptation to make them fly might have been too great for some. Prep~2 kids practised using adjectives to describe animals. We looked at pictures on the big screen and the children did their best to describe what they saw. They spent a lot of time giggling and came up with some very unusual combinations. Cute crocodiles? Scary chooks?

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
At last, a winner for our last nazonazo. Josh S (4V) is a clever fellow. He knows that 4 legged animals could include Inu (Dog) and 2 legged animals could include Tori (Bird). Keep your eyes and ears open over the holidays for JP facts to share next term.

Sayōnara!

From The Chaplain… Change Table
If anyone has a change table they no longer require our Playgroup would appreciate it for the use of the young children who attend. Please contact the Office if you are able to help.

Farewell This is my last contribution to the newsletter as I am retiring tomorrow. May I just take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have trusted their children into my care whether as individuals or for the group programs that I have facilitated. I have really enjoyed the relationships I have formed with the children – they have enriched my life, and I trust that I have been able to enrich theirs in some way. Appin Park is fortunate to have such a wonderful group of students.

Chaplain Beth

PLEASE RETURN CHOCOLATE MONEY OR ANY UNSOLD CHOCOLATES TO SCHOOL TOMORROW.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

_The Appin Park Community congratulates you._

_Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly_

**PF**  
Chloe Cooper for her excellent behaviour and for always completing her work to a high standard. You are a pleasure to teach, Chloe.

**P/1S**  
Riley White for the continued enthusiasm he has shown when presented with a learning task. He always has a smile on his face and is a pleasure to be around. Congratulations, Riley.

**1B**  
Oliver Williams for trying his best during maths groups. He is becoming more confident and is willing to have a try at tasks he finds tricky.

**Jorja Wells** for being an enthusiastic and helpful member of our class. Jorja is well organised and starts learning tasks quickly.

**2E**  
Jemma McIntyre for trying her best in all activities in the classroom. Keep trying hard, Jemma.

**2M**  
Kira Geue for the excellent work she has completed in literacy this semester.

**3G**  
Taydan Corker Walker for working very hard to improve his subtraction strategies during maths sessions. Taydan is learning how to rename numbers to make subtraction problems easier.

**4R**  
Matthew Bell for always being thoughtful of others and being an active and cheerful learner. Keep up the great work.

**4V**  
Chenoa Nash for the excellent effort and work you produce each and every day. You are also a wonderful class member who leads by example. Well done!

**5K**  
Evie Butler for the great job she has done running the cinema centre and providing her customers with excellent service.

**5S**  
Lucas Paola for always working to the best of his ability and for being a willing helper in the classroom.

**6C**  
Madison Saunders for the excellent attitude she brings to all her learning and the enthusiasm she has shown throughout our Earn & Learn Quest. Well done, Madi!

**6M**  
Ella Petersen for continuing to show a caring manner when working with her peers as well as the younger students. She takes a genuine interest in their welfare and their work.

**Seth Mullens** for making a commitment to attend school every day and apply himself to the best of his ability in all tasks.

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**APPIN STAR AWARD**

Chloe Cooper for her excellent behaviour and for always completing her work to a high standard. You are a pleasure to teach, Chlo.

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**Artist of the Week**

_Dylan Stubbs_ for the excellent glazing that he did on his pottery.  
It looks great. Well done, Dylan.

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**Art Room News**

Take a walk down the post office arcade next week and check out our Flanders Field of woven poppies and the springtime ones too.

Thankyou to Mandy Mullens and Vanessa Luscombe for supplying us with some old boots for the grade six students to work on. These are to be part of our school’s display in this year’s Wangaratta Stitched Up Festival. The boots will also be in the Post office Arcade too, in all their glory!

Take notice also of the great fence weaving that the students have done with strips of fabric. This is an Ephemeral Art piece that will only be on the fence for a short time. What fun we had outside creating it for the Wangaratta Stitched Up Festival.

_Thankyou,  
Ros Janas_
Creative People

At Appin Park
Community Notice Board

TRIVIA NIGHT
FRIDAY 17th JULY 2015

BER Building
Appin Park
Primary School
149 Appin St

Tables of 8
$10 per person
Book & pay at school office
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COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

7pm for
7:30pm start
BYO Drinks and Nibbles
18+ Event

Wangaratta Art Gallery
School Holiday Program
Funky Textile Printing with textile artist
Kerryn Taylor Tuesday 7th July
10am-12 noon Cost $10 Ages 6-11
Create an original design on a foam printing block before printing it on a cotton bandana. You'll also be able to hand paint additional colours into your design if you want to make it super bright!

Textile Art Masterpieces with artist Helen
Hill Thursday 9th July 10am-12noon
Cost $10 Ages 9-14
Visit the Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award in Gallery1 to look at some of Australia’s best textile art. Gain inspiration to create your own masterpiece using paint, collage & fabrics. Take home a finished artwork, learn embroidery, composition & collage techniques.
All materials supplied. Bookings essential - 5722 0761 or exhibitionsofficer@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Pangerang Community House
has lots of classes and activities during the school holidays and after school in Term 3. Visit www.pangerang.org.au or call 5721 3813 for more information.

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Footy Fun in the Holidays!

3rd Little Duck
Catering 4 Kids

3rd TERM 2015 SPECIALS
WINTER WARMERS!!

2015 Term 3 Snack and Lunch Specials:
SNACK: Homemade slice of banana bread
$1.50

LUNCH: Shepherds pie with yummy mashed potato on top!
$4.00

SEASONAL SPECIALS:
Pumpkin Soup with bread roll $3.00
Tomato Soup with bread roll $2.50
3 Chicken Nuggets $1.50

Orders can be placed online at:
www.3rdlittleduck.com.au (payment can be via paypal, credit card, direct debit or cash) or placed into the lunch order box located at the front desk by 9am.

NOTE re seasonal Specials:
Sushi, Calippo’s, Tropical Fruit bowl replaced by the seasonal specials listed above & will return with the warmer weather!

The Lunch box sessions - Food fact #6:
Do you use snacks as an opportunity to get a dose of fruit or veg into your child? If you make one change to your child’s lunch box – this could be it. Fruit and vegetables are the best convenience foods and are not expensive. Pop a banana, apple, mandarin into the box and you have a ready to go meal. Alternatively make some fruit or carrot muffins to use as quick quality snacks. Use these in place of chips, sweet or salty biscuits and you have already increased your child’s nutritional intake and fibre for the day.

Ants on a log: for those who are looking for a really healthy after school snack
Celery – chopped into small ‘logs’
Cream cheese – such as phili cheese
Sultanas
Spread some cream cheese along the indent of the celery. Then place up to 6 sultanas along the cheese. (The sultanas are the ants and the celery the log).

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