Hi everyone…

ALADDIN TROUBLE—Students in Grade 5/6 are now well into rehearsals for this major production which will be the centrepiece of our Appin Park Spectacular on Friday, 28th August. The show has a great script with plenty of puns, lively choreography and catchy tunes. Tickets will go on sale at Wangaratta PAC next week, and will be available either on their website (wangarattapac.com.au) or at the box office. There will be a matinee performance, and then the evening performance. All students participate in the concert, with Prep-4 children also working on their items during their music sessions this term.

Grade 5/6 students should be organising their costumes by now. I would like to see all costumes on Monday if possible. If your child has a part and has been told that a costume will be provided, please send $10 to the office to help cover the costs of materials, if you have not already done so.

The Props & Costumes team meets this afternoon at 4.45pm—all volunteers welcome. We will need some extra help with make-up & face paint on the 27th (daytime), and on 28th August. Please let me know if you can help.

THANK YOU & WELL DONE!!! Our School Council Trivia Night on Friday was a huge success with all tables full and lots of friendly rivalry on show. The eventual winners (the obviously misnamed ‘Clueless’ team) have bragging rights. Ross Moore (MC), Paul Carson (Quiz Master), Andrew Lovett (organiser), Tanya Camplin (publicity) along with our other councillors did a great job putting this event together. Special thanks also to the staff who helped set up and clean up the venue, and to all who supported the event. Silent Range Estate (Lisbeth & Tim Long), Kel & Tammy Vincent, Andrew Lovett & Olivia Stuart donated prizes for the raffles and lucky draw prizes, and Kay Andrewartha also sourced some prizes for us. We raised around $1400 towards school resources and this was an added bonus, as our main aim was to offer our school community the chance to enjoy a good night out.

THE EDUCATION STATE: Minister for Education, James Merlino, is calling for community feedback to help shape the next phase in pubic education in Victoria. A community forum will be held tonight at Wangaratta HS (admin building), starting at 6pm. All parents, grandparents, and others with an interest in public education are welcome to attend. The questions posed for feedback will be:

What does your child need to be successful in their education?
What does the term “Education State” mean to you?
How can we achieve this and what are the barriers to achieving this?

If you would like to be part of this discussion, please be at the main office at Wangaratta HS at 6pm to join the forum.

PUPIL FREE DAY: School Council has approved Monday, 31st August as a Pupil Free Day for professional learning. Each year, schools have four possible pupil free days (or Curriculum Days). We have used two so far this year (first day of Term 1, report writing day in Term 2). This day in August will be used to work on our major focus of improved teaching of Writing. Just Kids will be open on this day. Registrations & bookings can be made by phoning Gina on 57214799 (after 3pm each school day).

THANK YOU SO MUCH to Kel Vincent who spent many hours over the school holidays, repairing our guttering and completing some other maintenance jobs.

AND FINALLY... A number of Parent Opinion Surveys have already come back to the office. If you were one of the randomly-selected families to receive this survey—please fill it in and send it back to school. We really value your feedback. The survey will be collated by the Department and we receive the results later this term.

Wendy Larcombe

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The Lunch box sessions - Food fact #8:
Did you know that you can have any kind of junk food you like, as long as you make it yourself?
Homemade cakes and muffins and jams and cordials obviously contain sugar, but they are free from additives, flavours, and chemical ingredients (numbers) that send children hyper and make them sick. Home made lemon cordial is also a nice thank you gift for helpful teachers. Here is a recipe for homemade lemon cordial. Have it with hot or cold water.

- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
- 2 teaspoons grated lime rind
- 3/4 cup lemon juice
- 3/4 cup lime juice
- 1 teaspoon citric acid (see note)
- 1 teaspoon tartaric acid
- 1 1/2 cups caster sugar
- 3 cups boiling water

Place lemon rind, lime rind, lemon juice, lime juice, citric acid, tartaric acid and sugar in a heatproof bowl. Add boiling water. Stir until sugar has dissolved. Strain into a heatproof jug. Pour into hot, sterilised bottles and seal. Refrigerate until chilled. To serve: Use 1/3 cup cordial to 2/3 cup chilled sparkling mineral water or iced water. Serve with thinly sliced lemon and lime.

State Cross Country Championships
Last Thursday Grade 4 student, Caleb Gilbert, travelled to Bundoora Park in Melbourne to compete in the State Cross Country Championships. This is an event for the best runners from across every school in Victoria. After his win in the regional event Caleb was racing against some highly skilled and professionally trained young athletes. Thankfully there was no rain to contend with, it had been and gone. The course was a little slippery in patches but had held up well to the earlier weather. The wind that blew was extremely cold but that had no effect on Caleb and the rest of the field of runners.
The pace was very quick and the large number of participants meant that there was a lot of jostling for position from the start. Even though Caleb was not at his healthy best, this was not going to stop him from doing his very best. He ran well to place 65th overall. A very solid effort and a great experience for Caleb. Hopefully he can continue to perform at the highest level. Well done, Caleb!

Enrolments for 3 & 4 year old Kindergarten in 2016 are being taken at the following Kindergartens - Appin Park, Christopher Robin, Glenrowan, Moyhu, Violet Town, Wangaratta West and The Hub. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the NERPSA web site www.nerpsa.com.au, collected from the Kindergartens or NERPSA. Forms need to be returned to NERPSA, 1 Handley Street, Wangaratta 3677 by Friday 24th July.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

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