Hi Everyone

VIP VISITORS: It was a highlight of the week to host James Merlino (Dep. Premier & Minister for Education), along with his colleague, Jaclyn Symes (MLC) and our regional director, Judy Rose, on Tuesday. Kel Vincent, Kevin Feldtmann and council president, Andrew Lovett, joined the group as we showed the minister around the school and talked to him about our hopes for the replacement of our office/admin area. He was very approachable and interested, and he took the time to talk to students during our walk around.

James spoke to our local principal network later in the day. He outlined a number of coming policy and funding announcements that will hopefully have a direct impact on our school budget. The long-awaited ‘Gonski money’ is apparently being allocated in the 2016 school budgets, and this should lead to an increase for all schools, with some schools receiving much greater support. FINGERS CROSSED!

THANKS: We have had a hard working group of volunteers running our recent Book Fair in the library. The school benefits from these sales by being able to get new books for the library. We also get the pleasure of seeing children excitedly reading their new books. THANK YOU to Mandy Mullens, Merrin Henderson, Margie Moore and the other helpers who put in time setting up and selling the items. Thank you also to Fiona Carson and Tracey Clough who are helping to keep our library on track, and to make it a place where children and teachers can readily find resources and enjoy reading.

Wendy Larcombe

ROLL UP, ROLL UP!!

Buy your tickets now - the seats are selling fast!!

Tickets are available at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre Ticket Office or through their website: http://wangarattapac.com.au/box-office/

APPs CAR BOOT SALE - Saturday, 5th September 8am-12noon

Sites for cars, utes, trailers and stalls are available ($20-$30)

BOOK YOUR SITE NOW! - Places are filling fast!

Contact Nicole at the office for information.

We will have a ‘Fathers’ Day Raffle’ on sale in the days leading up to the Car Boot Sale. We already have a couple of prizes but we would appreciate donations of items to put in a hamper as a prize. Packaged food & drink items, small ‘Dad’ type gifts etc would be great - please send these to the office. THANKS!
BAKE A CAKE!

for the APPA Cake Stall at the Car Boot Sale
and help us to continue supporting the wonderful cooking programs at Appin Park Primary School. The money raised will assist in purchasing a fantastic variety of cooking equipment that will be used by all Grades now, and for many years to come!

Donations of cakes and baked goods will be greatly appreciated on the eve of the Car Boot Sale. Watch this space, more information to come . . .

Appin Park Parents’ Association

The Lunch box sessions - Food fact #9:
Did you know that in many countries there is no such thing as a ‘kids menu’? Kids eat adult food, but in smaller portions. Even though Asian restaurants in Australia offer chicken nuggets, chips and ice cream, their children would eat from the main menu, perhaps with a little less chilli. This allows kids to explore wholefoods – rice, vegetables, and even legumes, without craving salty fatty foods.


Sports News

Saturday Morning Netball
Well done to all our young netballers who have been playing in the Saturday morning competition, as well as the Net Set Go program. The season was completed last weekend and finals have been organised to begin this weekend. Two of our teams have qualified for the finals series. The Grade 6 team, Galaxy, playing in Section 2 finished third in their section and the Grade 5 girls, Redbacks, playing in Section 5, finished second on their ladder. Both teams will have some tough competition to make it through to the grand final, however they know that they have played some good netball to get to this stage and will need to continue playing the same way. Good luck. Although our third team, The Nike, did not make it through to the finals, it was great to see the commitment to their team and the enjoyment that they showed playing netball.

A big thank you to all the coaches, umpires, scorers and support that has been given to each of our teams. Without your participation our students would not experience the pleasure of playing netball and have the success that they have. Can all girls please wash and iron their skirts and return them to Mrs Martin as soon as possible.

Annual School Athletics
Our annual school athletics day will be held on Wednesday 9th September, at the Athletics Track in Appin Street. All children are involved and will be competing in a variety of events throughout the day. The children are in sports teams and all results will gain points towards their team being awarded the Meyland Athletics Shield for the year. To add to the spirit of the day, we ask the children to wear the colours of their sports team if possible. If you are unsure of your child’s team please speak to their teacher.

This whole day program requires a great deal of help and support from parents and families. We need help with individual events as well as marshalling age groups. If you are able to help could you please indicate on the form below and return it to school by next Thursday, 20th August. We need help with:

- High Jump
- Long Jump
- Triple Jump
- Shot Put
- Vortex
- Time keeping
- Help with a particular age group (the age groups are based on what age your child turns this year).

Wendy Martin

Name of Child: ___________________________ Grade: ________________

I am able to help with: Event: ______________________ Age Group: __________

Your Name: ______________________________ Phone: __________________
From The Chaplain...

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Yet reality comes crashing down on us when something happens. A relationship suddenly breaks down. Your child starts hanging around with the wrong crowd. A medical condition is diagnosed, caused by the rigours of your lifestyle choices. The list could go on and on and on.

It’s easy to blame ourselves in those situations and start having regrets about the things we should have done. Yet regret doesn’t change the future. And blame doesn’t make the negative consequences go away. Instead we need to focus on what we can do that will make things different. One of my favourite quotes is—“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.” Carl Brand

You may not be able to change the past, but, starting today, you can always begin to create a new future. You can make choices today that will set you up for a wonderful future with the people, and areas that are most important to you. So what are you waiting for? …Your time starts now. Until next time…

Chaplain Dave

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PF Elliott Trim for the great enthusiasm he is displaying in our spelling lessons this term. He especially loves being a detective and finding our new letter sound around the room.
P/1S Noah Gambrell for using his manners and making positive choices when playing with his friends. Well done, Noah!
1B James Long for the fantastic effort he is putting into his reading. He is well organised during Readers’ Workshops, changes his reader every day and reads at home every night. Fantastic effort, James!
2E Darcy Kennedy for the excellent way she helps in our classroom and the art room. She is working really hard to be a good team member. Well done, Darcy.
2M Miles Lovett for the excellent expression he used when performing Readers’ Theatre.
3G Emily Prior for learning her 10 times tables and making it into the “10Times Tables Club”.
4R Flynn Twyford for demonstrating independence and persistence to complete his Quest work in class.
4V Jack McGowan for becoming more resilient and making better choices when faced with difficult situations. Keep it up, Jack.
5K Rebecca Semple for the excellent job she has done in filling out her reading diary and returning this on time.
5S Ryley Miller for settling well into Appin Park and for his enthusiasm during production practice.
6C Reece Weimer for the effort, concentration and support he gave to other students, during Top Ride at the Barr Reserve last week. Well done, Reece!
6M Abbagail Best for her commitment to learning words to perform in her lip sync activity. She showed an eagerness and focus to the task and produced an excellent presentation. Ella Petersen for her dedication to learning her words to perform in her lip sync activity. Her focus and teamwork, when completing the task, was excellent.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Jacinta Magee for her excellent work during reading sessions. Jacinta contributes to group discussions, reads with a passion, listens to instructions and always finishes her follow up work. Her ability to summarise has developed greatly over the past two weeks due to these attributes.

Artist of the Week

Xavier Pitt for his great backstitching on his scarecrow and for being such a kind class member. He is always keen to help others when they need it and help them catch up. Well done, Xavier!

Musician of the Week

Ryley Miller for settling into the production so well and being absolutely fantastic in the roles you have been given. You are a brilliant team player!

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Fruit Roster
Monday 17th August
Margie Moore, Bec Feldtmann, Nicole Snowdon & Kellie Robinson

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