Hi Everyone

THANKS APPA: Last week at Assembly, Tracey Clough presented the school with a range of cooking equipment purchased by APPA. The funds from their cake stall at the car boot sale contributed to the cost of this equipment, and that money was raised due to the generous donations of cakes and baked goods by our school community. SO—thank you on behalf of the students and staff. This equipment will make it much easier for teachers to incorporate cooking into the program. Currently, teachers have been supplying most of the equipment from their own kitchens.

Thanks also for the generous donation of oranges we received from Mandy Mullens. These were cut up and offered to the students during the Aths Sports and were very much appreciated.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!! You may have seen the article in Wednesday’s Chronicle outlining the additional funds that have been promised to local schools as part of the government’s Education State response. This is finally the advent of some of the long-awaited Gonski money. We will receive an additional amount of about $100,000 in our 2016 school budget. These funds will allow us to be more innovative in the way we support individual and small groups of children in Literacy & Numeracy, and also enable us to maintain our pupil-teacher ratio through good class sizes. There will be a period of consultation with staff and School Council around our budgets for next year, and then I will be able to provide a clearer picture of how this money will be targeted.

SAVE THE DATES: School Council will hold a Dad’s Breakfast at school on Friday, 16th October. This is a chance for every child to invite their dad or the important man in their life to come along, enjoy breakfast and then perhaps to show off their school work and the displays in our corridors. We hope all children will have a special visitor on that morning. There will be more details in our next newsletter (first week of term).

Girls’ Night Out: There are more details to come, and a brief outline in the APPA information - but mark this date too: Thursday, 26th November.

PROUD & DEADLY: This morning I had the pleasure of accompanying some of our students to the local Dirrawarra Network Proud & Deadly Awards Ceremony. Each year, these awards are held to recognise and celebrate the educational achievements of Koorie and Torres Strait Island children in the Wangaratta area. A large number of the local indigenous community supported this event, and there was a performance by a Bangerang dance pair from Shepparton. Pictured are: Brandon Moore, Brodie Ross-Hamilton, Tristian Fletcher-Blake, Alex and Xavier Pitt and Toby Clifford.

AND FINALLY... have an enjoyable and safe holiday! School finishes at 2.30pm tomorrow. Buses will run at this earlier time. It has been a pretty big term; with the production, lots of sporting events, the car boot sale and some pretty nasty germs floating around. Hopefully, the sunnier weather and the break in routine will give us all a chance to ‘re-boot’ and to fire up our energy levels for the last term to come.

Do you have a health care/pensioner concession card? If you have not already done so, please come into the office and apply for the CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund). Eligible students receive $125 to go towards the cost of excursions, camps and sporting activities like the swimming program. Apply by 18th September, 2015.

Wendy Larcombe

Upcoming Events

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APPA HAPPENINGINGS

A quick update from the Appin Park Parents Association:

A big Thank You to the school community for supporting our Sausage Sizzle at Athletics Day last week. Your support is appreciated. We hope to make this an annual fundraiser at this event.

Footy Pie day – remember not to pack lunches tomorrow if you’ve ordered a pie or sausage roll for the kids to enjoy on the last day of term.

Christmas Raffle – School Council and GO TAFE have very kindly donated a Cubby House as our Major Prize for this year’s Christmas Raffle. A big thank you to Kel Vincent who has coordinated and assisted in building the cubby house – APPA are extremely grateful. There will also be a variety of hampers up for grabs and we urge families to start selling tickets early in Term 4 when the raffle books are handed out.

APPA AGM – Monday 9 November at 6.30pm in the school staffroom. Nomination forms for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be available in the school office in the first week of Term 4. All welcome, so please come along.

Save the date for a ‘Ladies Night’ on Thursday 26 November from 6.30-8.30pm. We are hoping to get enough interest to host a ladies night at the school with the aim of having some fun, relaxing and pampering opportunities on offer, including lucky door prizes. This will be a great opportunity to come along and meet other women within the school community. More details to come in the first week of Term 4 – we hope you can make it!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – 3/4 Quest for Term 4

With a huge focus on the 3Rs, the middle unit are asking for the school community’s help with collecting the following items:

- Clean/washed plastic bottles and lids, corks, tissue boxes, paper towel rolls, egg cartons, yoghurt containers, cans (no sharp edges), and old CDs/DVDs.

If you have any of these items at home, could you please bring them to school? We will be recycling them into amazing things!

APPIN PARK PS SPECTACULAR
ORDER FORM: DVDS - $10

NAME: ___________________________ GRADE: __________

NO OF DVDS REQUIRED: _________ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_________

Nihongo News

The JP speech Contest was a big hit, again. There were 141 kids representing 14 schools, from Jindera in the north to Jamieson in the south. Appin Park PS had 16 kids at the contest on Sunday. They all performed very well and all of them completed their speeches properly. On top of that great effort, we even had some placegetters. Cameron S was 1st in the Grade 1 Individual. Connor G & Jorja W were 1st in the Grade 1 Pairs. Hope H-W was 3rd in the Gr3 Individual. Josie D & Jacinta McG were 2nd in the Gr3 Pairs. Tayah M & Karla B were 3rd in the Gr3 Pairs. Ben S & Josh S were 1st in the Gr5 Pairs. Madison S was 1st in Gr6 Individual. Aaron G was 3rd in Gr6 Individual. Charlotte M, Simon M, Sarah H & Clara P also deserve congratulations for their effort. Aaron has competed in the speech contest every year since Prep. Well done, Aaron, you should be very proud of yourself.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

Finally, someone to break the T family grasp on the nazonazo. April got her three flight-related transport words, Hikōki, but she has company. Jordan G (4R) also came up with 3; Herikupta, Purēn & Hikosen. You can see (and hear) that JP uses a lot of EN words. English is absolutely full of them. There’s no nazonazo this week, but get your JP brain ready for when we start again next term.

Sayōnara!
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

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

**PF**  **Jin Sato** for settling into Prep F so quickly. Keep bringing your beautiful manners and happy smile.

**P/1S**  **Brodie Ross Hamilton** for the outstanding effort he has shown when learning about halves and quarters and then applying them to division equations. Congratulations, Brodie!

**1B**  **Seth Saunders** for the great effort he has put into writing his story “The Dark Night”. We can’t wait to see the published piece.

**2E**  **Ruby Snowdon** for working independently and always presenting work of a high standard. Keep up the great work, Ruby.

**2M**  **Samia Meloury** for the wonderful descriptive poems she wrote and published for others to read.

**3G**  **Josie Donald** for working hard on holding her pencil correctly and working towards “joined” writing. This has been a real challenge for Josie and she has shown persistence and met the challenge. Well done.

**4R**  **Alex Kay** for the outstanding confidence he is displaying when learning about fractions. He can confidently add, subtract and simplify fractions. Keep up the fantastic work!

**4V**  **Georgia Long** for being a positive and happy classroom member. Georgia encourages her peers and can always see the bright side of life. Keep it up!

**5K**  **Tessa Watson Long** for standing up for other students in our class and for always being nice. She clearly doesn’t like seeing other people upset and tries to make them feel happy. (Nominated by her peers).

**5S**  **Andre Roleff** for always being prepared to speak up and offer his thoughts and opinions.

**6C**  **Layla Elliott** for her dedicated attitude towards her learning and for always offering to help do all those extra jobs.

**6M**  **Sienna Fuller** for the way she has applied herself to her work. Her focus has allowed her to produce work of an excellent quality, especially when completing her Maths Art task; something which she can be proud of.

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**APPIN STAR AWARD**

*Ned James* for consistently putting in 100% effort into everything he attempts. He has a wonderful sense of humour and brings his infectious smile to school each day. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch Ned grow and excel in his learning this year. A huge congratulations, Ned!

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**Artist of the Week**

*Mason Espejo* for working hard to do a great job on the paper mache over his Diddly Bow. He stayed focused and followed instructions well and as a result he has done a great job! Well done, Mason.

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**APPIN PARK FOOTY DAY**

Don’t forget - wear your footy colours tomorrow and bring your coins for the team lines to help YMCA Open Doors. Watch the staff v. student footy match at 12.45pm and enjoy a pie for lunch.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

City Colts CC will be running a Milo Cricket program and a T20 Blast program over the coming months. All children in grades Prep to 6 are invited to come down and participate in the Have A Go program (ages 5 - 7) or the T20 Blast (ages 8-12). Cost of the Milo program is $75 which includes a Milo cricket pack. The T20 Blast is an exciting new concept for children who have participated in Milo cricket before or who want to have a game of modified cricket in a T20 atmosphere. It will be run in conjunction with other local Milo cricket centres and should provide plenty of excitement and fun for boys & girls. Registrations are now being accepted online at:  [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au). Click on the “Where can I play” button and enter Wangaratta postcode 3677 or City Colts Cricket Club, select City Colts and the appropriate program. The programs start on Friday 23rd October.

Enquiries: Ross Moore - 5722 2045 or 0409 186 640.

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**From the Bus Co-Ordinator:** Students are reminded that there is to be no playing with balls, riding scooters/skateboards or running in the bus area.

**Lost Property:** USB stick & a men’s wallet.

**Term 4 3rd Little Duck Specials:**

- Raspberry & Coconut Muffin $1.50
- Chicken Schnitzel Burger with lettuce & mayo $4.00
- Sweet chili chicken wrap $3.50 (gluten free $3.80)
- Raspberry and apple juice $1.80

**SEASONAL SPECIALS:**

- Yoghurt & Berry tub (vanilla yoghurt topped with fresh blueberries, raspberries and strawberries) $3.00
- Chicken Teriyaki rice paper roll (GF) $2.50
- Soy sauce sachets 20c
- Pine Raspberry or Lemon Calippo’s $1.30