Hi Everyone

THE EDUCATION STATE: Currently there is much discussion in schools, principal networks and through the media of the roll-out of the government’s plans for the state education system. On Friday I attended a principals’ briefing on the new initiatives included in this ‘blue print’ and there will be further practical workshop activity during this term to ensure things are in place for 2016. Information regarding the improvement focus areas and the vision for this major investment in schools is available by following the link on : www.education.vic.gov.au

DAD’S BREAKFAST: We look forward to welcoming the men in our school community to school tomorrow morning for a cooked breakfast and the chance to spend some time with their children or grandchildren at school. Breakfast will be available from 7.45am, with bacon & egg muffins for the dads, and sausage sizzle for the children. School Council, with support from APPA and the staff, are putting on this breakfast. Classrooms and our corridors will be open from 8.20am so that children can show off their art work and other class work.

GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT: At the APPA meeting last Monday evening we discussed the planned evening event for the mums. This will now be on Wednesday, 25th November (7.00-9.00pm), in the BER building. The idea is to have a relaxed get together with some ‘party plan’ shopping and products for you to look at, and drinks and nibbles to share. We hope all mums will mark this date, organise someone else to look after the children, and come along on the evening.

WALK TO SCHOOL IN OCTOBER: It is good to see so many children walking, scooting and riding to school each day. This form of physical activity is promoted particularly during the month of October. Each day, teachers keep a record of the number of children participating and this will be totalled at the end of the month. Last year, our participation in the program earned us some free end of year swimming activities from the YMCA. We are fortunate with the number of safe walking and cycling tracks leading to the school, and where school crossings are not provided, most streets in Wangaratta have designated ‘safe crossing points’.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING: On Monday evening, we will have representatives from the Dept. of Education here at school to run a training session for school councillors on Governance and the Role of School Council. If you are interested in joining school council in the future, this would be a valuable opportunity to find out more about the role and responsibilities involved. The session starts at 6.30pm, in the library. If you would like to attend, please let Nicole know so that we have catering and materials available. All welcome.

REMINDER: The weather is definitely warming up—please ensure that your children have their hat at school every day, and that all their clothing items are clearly named.

AND FINALLY… Best wishes to the 13 students participating in the Regional Athletics Sports tomorrow—it will be a hot day: stay hydrated and do your best!

Wendy Larcombe
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 or little boxes, paper towel rolls (sorry no toilet rolls), egg cartons, yoghurt containers, cans (no sharp edges), ice cream containers, magazines and old cds/dvds.
If you have any of these items at home, could you please bring them to school? We will be recycling these into amazing things!

Nihongo News
Gr 5/6 started their new unit of work this week. This term, they'll be learning about the traditional JP sport of sumō. There's a lot more to sumō than the perception of it just being two fat guys fighting. Gr 3/4 also started their new unit of work this week. Theirs is about animals and family pets. Prep-Gr2 also did some work on animal words this week. They played the card whacker game and the winners in each grade were: Prep F Axel K, P/1S Imogen W, 1B Abby J, 2E Claudia T, 2M Miles L. Yoku dekimashita.

Monoshiri Sensei's Culture Tips
Not even the famous team of Flynn & April T cracked last week's najazonazo. To make JP baby animal words, you just need to add the prefix Ko before the usual animal word. For example, Koneko, Koinu, etc. For this week's najazonazo, tell us what is traditionally buried in the centre of a sumō dohyō. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

Book Club orders are due back Wednesday, 21st October

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

We Remember – 11 November 2015 7pm - 9 pm
Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre/Holy Trinity Cathedral Forecourt
This special Remembrance Day event will honour the service and sacrifice of local Veterans and the community during World War 1. Please join us for WW1 image projection onto WPAC beginning at nightfall; The “We Remember” documentary in the Alpine MDF Theatre; the “100 Voices” Commemorative Choir; a community BBQ; displays of historical equipment; an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia; short films.

For more information contact the Rural City of Wangaratta’s Cultural Development Officer, Justine Ambrosio 5722 0847
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PF Karlee Sadik Hardwidge for achieving all her Semester 2 learning goals. She now knows all the letters of the alphabet and can read and order the numbers to 20. Congratulations, Karlee.

P/1S Montana Allpress for the positive manner and commitment she displays when undertaking a set task. Congratulations, Montana!

1B Hayden Watson for settling quickly into Appin Park. He has adapted quickly to the new routines and rules and is having fun with his new friends. Welcome to Appin Park Primary School, Hayden!

2E Sam Mitchell for choosing a “just right” spot for learning and focusing on his ‘read to self’ book for the entire session.

Bailey Walch for continuing to improve her writing by expanding on ideas, with interesting word choice and voice in the Writers’ Workshop. Great writing, Bailey.

2M Samia Meloury for having a go at all swimming activities, even when they are a challenge for her.

3G Felicity O’Connell for producing a wonderfully written and presented piece of writing about her holidays. She used a sizzling start, correct punctuation and strong word choice. It was a pleasure to read.

4R Isabell Best for the fantastic progress and confidence she is displaying during our writing workshops. Keep up the great work!

4V Glenn Gratton for he way he settles to work quickly and quietly. Glenn takes care to produce his best at all times. Well done, Glenn.

5K Ryan Still for his great effort and persistence in working with decimal numbers to the thousandths. Keep it going, Ryan.

5S Jackson Stringer for his interesting talk about his holiday to Sydney. He was able to speak clearly and confidently.

6C Pearl Neary for the determination and positive attitude she displayed at swimming lessons, even though it is a challenge for her. A great effort, Pearl.

6M Shanay Desmond for her positive manner and the way she approached the joint writing task with her younger student. They combined to create an enjoyable non-fiction story.

Anthony Greco for the great manner he has when approaching tasks that he is unfamiliar with. He is able to show growth due to his willingness to challenge himself.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Jordan Gosbell for his cheerful smile, helpfulness in the classroom, excellent behaviour and the way he always completes his learning tasks to the best of his ability. You are a pleasure to teach, Jordan.

APPA HAPPENINGINGS

The APPA AGM will be held on Monday 9th November at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. Nomination forms are now available in the School Office for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Volunteers Needed to sell Icy Poles & Slushies

Icy pole sales will start on Monday 19th October; slushies will only be sold on Fridays. Volunteers are needed to staff the canteen each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.20pm -2.30pm. If you can help please phone Tracey Clough on 0407224667 or return the slip below.

Name: .................................................. Contact No: .........................

Student’s name: .................................................. Class: ..........................

I am available: Mondays Wednesdays Fridays

Or dates: ..........................................................
One day, an expert was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used this illustration. As this man stood in front of the group of high-powered over-achievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a large jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of sand. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

No! The class shouted. Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

No, the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

If I had started with two litres of water, then put in a bucket of sand, then stones, how many of the rocks do you think I would have fit in? Not many, right?

The rocks, the most important things in our lives, have to go in first, or they won't fit in at all.

So what are your rocks, and do you tend to put them in first? Or do you find by the end of your week or month, that there were some really important things that you hadn't managed to fit in?

What do you always make time for? What's non-negotiable in your household and family life? Which things slip in around the edges, if there's room?
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 Grade 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 either 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 all the boys and girls. Registrations are now being accepted online and these can be made at: 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. Any questions can be directed to Ross Moore on 5722 2045 or 0409 186 640.

WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
2015 SPRING COMPETITION

Muster Nights: 14th & 21st of October, Juniors 5:30 p.m, Seniors 7 p.m.
Free Come ‘n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.
Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.
Junior Comp Starts: 21st of October at 5:30 p.m.
Senior Comp Starts: 28th of October at 7:00 p.m.
Where: The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.
(First building on the left side as you enter the main gates).

WANGARATTA BASEBALL SOFTBALL SPORTS CLUB
FREE TEE-BALL SESSIONS

Wangaratta Baseball Softball Sports Club invite all primary school aged boys and girls to play Tee-ball & Coaches Pitch for FREE!!! These games will be played each Wednesday night from 6pm-7pm starting 14th October running for eight weeks with the last session on 9th December. The sports club will supply ALL of the equipment and just ask that your child wear a hat, sunscreen and bring along a drink each week. Each session will be conducted by experienced baseballers and held at Targoora Park, Wenhams Ln, Wangaratta. For information please contact Kevin Pool on 0427195 456

Pangerang Community House
TERM 4 COURSES FOR CHILDREN

Children’s Drawing  This class is for children who already enjoy drawing, it will teach them new techniques and the use of different mediums such as pencil, pastel
5 x Thursdays  15th Oct – 12th Nov  Time: 4.00-5.00  Cost $50.00

Children’s Cooking  This course is for primary school aged children who have an interest in learning about cooking. They will learn basic techniques and recipes that they can go home and share
4 x Thursdays 19th Nov – 10th Dec  Time: 4.00-5.00  Cost $40.00

Children’s Yoga  This is a great children’s yoga class, with the focus on FUN. Yoga helps teach breathing, stretching and relaxation.
Dates: 4 x Mondays  2nd Nov – 23rd Nov  Time: 4.15-5.00pm Cost:$40

Children’s Craft – Xmas Theme  This is a great fun class for children to make some Christmas Craft.
Dates: 4 x Tuesdays  10th Nov – 1st Dec  Time: 4.00-5.00pm Cost:$40

Please contact Pangerang Community House for more information or to make a booking, phone (03) 5721 3813
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