Hi Everyone

PLANNING 2016: There will be a number of changes to our staff team in 2016. We have been working on recruitment during the past couple of weeks. The information below is mostly ‘set in stone’ as I do want to give teachers and parents some certainty about our plans for next year. I will keep you informed if any further changes happen.

RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS & TRANSFERS: After many years of dedicated and passionate teaching, Ros Janas will be taking long service leave and then retiring in 2016. Ros has taught Art at the school to hundreds of children and made a huge contribution through her work in this area. Next year, Heather Foster will teach Art. We also await the outcome of an application to host an Artist in Schools program here during Term 3 to add to the learning for children.

Sarah Foster, who has taught here for 7 years, and who is regularly commuting to Melbourne to spend time with her partner, has been appointed to a school in Sunshine and will leave us at the end of the year. Sarah has been a real contributor to the junior school team since joining us in 2009 as a first-year out teacher, and it has been very rewarding as we watched her develop her very high level skills.

Carol Mata will be back for Term 1 next year and then will retire after 40 years of teaching. Carol will use her experience and knowledge of Reading Recovery and teaching reading/writing to offer some intensive, individual or small group remedial programs in Term 1, to selected students. This is supported by the additional ‘Gonski’ funds that we were allocated in our indicative budget.

Peter Sunderland will finish his contract at the end of this year. Peter is a great advocate for learning a second language and he has offered students a high quality languages (Japanese) program. It will be difficult to replace Peter and this is still very much a work in progress.

Celine Muir has decided that her business, Crystal Valley Music, is now such a commitment that she is unable to continue in a teaching role. Celine has brought music to our ears at APPS and her dynamic program has really given students the chance to shine in their performance and confidence. We do intend for Music/Performing Arts to continue to flourish at APPS (see below). The private tuition program offered by CVM will remain available at our school.

Sam Brendel has worked as an aide in our classrooms since 2007 and will finish her contract this year. Sam is a highly valued part of our team and she has worked hard to support students with disabilities, and their classroom teachers. Sam’s current students are in Grade 6 and will head to Wang HS next year.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS: At this stage, Specialist programs for 2016 will be PE/Sport, Art and Performing Art/Music. Wendy Martin will resume her role as our PE specialist teacher and she will continue to coordinate the excellent sports, camps and excursions program that we offer your children. Wendy will also work in one of our Grade 6 classrooms in a grade share arrangement with Jackie Gardner. As mentioned, Heather Foster will take on the Visual Art role. Carolyn Hicks has accepted a contract here for a two-day per week Music/Performing Arts program. Caroline has been teaching Music at Wang PS and other local schools for some time and, like Celine, is very creative and committed to offering children the chance to develop their skills in performance and in producing music.

MORE NEW STAFF: Richard Arnold has been appointed as a classroom teacher for 2016. Richie is a Wangaratta-local who has recently graduated as a teacher and who is currently working at Chiltern PS. Andrew Grant will also join our staff team as another recent graduate. He comes from the Mallee area and is keen to settle in Wangaratta. The selection panels have been pleased by the calibre of applicants for our vacancies—it was a really difficult job to choose between them, so we are very pleased to welcome Andrew & Richie to the team.

PREP GRADES 2016: Fiona Carson will teach our Prep grade next year, with Jo Beattie working alongside her in the Prep/1 composite. We will be observing the incoming preps during their transition visits, talking to their kinder teachers and contacting parents as we group them for next year. Like this year, the two groups will work closely so that they can form friendships within and between their grades. The Grade 1 students in our current P/1S class have also had a number of opportunities each week to work or do sport with their Grade 1 group.

With the additional Gonski funds in 2016, we can maintain P-5 grade sizes of 20-22, with our Grade 6 classes at 23-24.

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CUP DAY FROLICS: There was a very wide range of costumes on display on Monday. Thank you to those families who supported this event and helped to raise funds for our World Vision sponsored child. Sarah Handley & Ebony O’Donohue did a good job of organising the disco at lunchtime which had almost all children jiving under BigM.

Girls’ Night Out!! On Wednesday, 25th November (7.00-9.00pm) we hope that lots of our mums and grandmas will come along to school at 7.00pm for a girls’ night out. Drinks and nibbles will be provided and we will also have some fun raffles along with a small number of party-plan stalls there to provide some pre-Christmas shopping opportunities and the chance to buy yourself a treat!

APPA is hosting this event and providing the refreshments. It is a chance to get together, to relax and to take some time out for yourself. See you there!

REMINDER: CURRICULUM DAY, 19th NOVEMBER. No school for students on this day. Just Kids will be open.

PREPS 2016: Over two weeks, we are welcoming our new 2016 Preps and their parents to Investigations Time. The children have confidently tried new activities and been well looked after by the current Prep students. There is a two-hour transition session on 26th November and then the state-wide Transition session on Tues. 8th December.

REMEMBRANCE DAY—11th November: Students in the senior choir group, School Captains and the Student Voice Team will head to the Cenotaph next Wednesday to be part of the RSL Remembrance Day service. The RSL has made a point of inviting our choir to perform for three years now, which is very affirming for the children and for Celine. They will travel by bus to and from the venue; leaving school at about 10.15am and returning after 11am. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact me.

AND FINALLY... The APPA Annual General Meeting is on this Monday at 6.30pm. APPA committee members work very hard for our whole school community; raising funds and organising special events, but they also have some fun along the way, and get to have input into the school’s decision-making process. There will be an election for office-bearers at this meeting. If you would like to be on the committee and to be part of APPA, please come along to the AGM. There will not be pressure on new members to take on executive roles.

PLAY GROUP—Every Tuesday morning, in the Multipurpose Room. 9.30-11am. Come and join Chaplain Dave and a group of friendly mums, dads, grandparents and carers.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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

**PF**  
Brady O’Keefe for being a wonderful buddy to the 2016 Preps. He was patient and kind when assisting them with their activities. Great work, Brady.

**P/1S**  
Riley White for his improved fluency and expression when reading non-fiction texts. Your reading is outstanding, Riley. Congratulations!

**1B**  
Thomas Schreiber Pearson for making great choices in the playground. Thomas has formed new friendship groups with his peers and enjoys playing lots of different games with them. He is being a great friend!

**3G**  
Lizzy Moffat for working really hard to learn her times tables. She has had outstanding success on her tables challenges and is in 7 “Tables Clubs”.

**4R**  
Bella Weimer for always being a happy and helpful class member who continually tries her best to improve her learning. Keep up the great work, Bella!

**4V**  
April Shimura for the excellent attitude she displays when completing all her work. April always tries her best and this is reflected in the high standard of work she produces. Well done!

**5K**  
Thomas Ballard for the continued reading and reflections he has been completing in his diary each week. Well done, Thomas.

**5S**  
Deegan Kennedy for being a much quieter worker in the class and for showing more self-control.

**6C**  
Angel Mendoza for the positive attitude she displayed throughout her swimming lessons. Angel listened well and took on the feedback given to her by the instructor, always with a smile on her face.

**6M**  
Luke O’Connell for displaying an enquiring mind and a great willingness to solve problems that require persistence and a higher level of thinking. His positive manner makes him a standout in the classroom.

Aiden Bartlett for his determination to improve his swimming skills. He listened carefully and keenly undertook every task to the best of his ability and with great confidence. Well done, Aiden.

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**Artist of the Week**

Tahli Hutton for the very creative Christmas tree with blue sequins and colourful decorations. Well done, Tahli!

**Musician of the Week**

Chenoa Nash for doing such a great job learning the Sticks and Stomp Grade 4 drumming dance routine.  
Sarah Henderson for doing such fantastic work with your recorder book. Keep it up.

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YMCA Aquathon  

Last Thursday evening the local YMCA held their annual Aquathon event. The primary school event consisted of a 1km run, 100m swim and finished with a 500m run. This could have been completed as a team or as an individual. We had 21 students from Grade 1 through to Grade 6 participate in the event.

Grade 5 students, Braedan Marjanovic and Alex Pitt, entered as a team and were strong enough to take out second place. Braedan completed both run legs and Alex took on the swim stage. Other team competitors were: Xavier Pitt and Caleb Gilbert, Millie Carson and Kelly Hirschmann, Damien Witting and Charlie Townsend, Emily Mitchell and Sarah Henderson, Zack Watson and Jesse Hurley, Harvey Moore and Samuel Mullens, Hannah Snowdon and Sarah Long, Ruby Snowdon and James Long, Georgia Long and Corey Marjanovic and Logan Wright.

It was great to see so many of our students participate in an event that raises money and supports local recipients through the YMCA Open Doors program. It was a real pleasure to watch them show their running and swimming skills against so many other students of varying ages, and to do so with great positiveness and smiling faces. Well done to everybody for supporting this event.

**Forgotten Bikes**

There are a couple of bikes that have been left in the shed. Some of them may be from the Grade 5/6 bike program. Any child who has left their bike at school please see Mrs Martin as soon as possible.

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**APPRA HAPPENINGS**

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.
Cryptosporidiosis is a type of gastroenteritis (gastro) caused by the parasite Cryptosporidium. Symptoms can take between one and 12 days to develop after infection. Anyone can become infected with Cryptosporidium parasites. Cryptosporidiosis occurs when the parasites are taken in by mouth. This can happen directly through eating contaminated food and water or, more commonly, from person to person or animal to person. Cryptosporidiosis symptoms may last several weeks. Typical symptoms include watery diarrhoea, stomach cramps, bloating, vomiting, fever. Cryptosporidiosis usually causes mild symptoms. It can, however, be a serious infection for people whose immune systems are already weakened by disease.

Cryptosporidium parasites live in the bowels of humans and in wild, pet and farm animals. People with cryptosporidiosis have the parasite in their faeces. The infection spreads when:

- infected people do not wash their hands properly after going to the toilet. Contaminated hands can then spread the parasites to food that may be eaten by others and surfaces that may be touched by others
- hands become contaminated while handling infected animals or changing the nappy of an infected infant
- people drink contaminated water, unpasteurised milk or swallow contaminated swimming pool water.

Treatment usually involves supporting the person. In severe cases, they may need fluid and electrolyte replacement therapy. You may remain infectious for several weeks after your diarrhoea stops. To prevent the spread of the infection:

- Keep children home from school or child care until their diarrhoea has stopped.
- Wash hands properly, especially after using the toilet, changing nappies and handling animals.
- Use paper towels when drying hands. This is important for food handlers.
- Food handlers, child care workers and healthcare workers must not work until symptoms have stopped.
- Do not swim for two weeks after diarrhoea has stopped.
- Clean bathrooms and other surfaces regularly.
- Filter or boil contaminated water before drinking.

If you think you or your child may have cryptosporidiosis, contact your doctor.

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**Fruit Roster**
**9th November:**
Jaki Burman, Margie Moore & Vanessa Luscombe

**ICY POLE ROSTER**
Fri 6th Nov: Robyn Delahunty & Merrin Henderson
Mon 9th Nov: Tracey Clough & Alison Sessions
Wed 11th Nov: Michelle Webb & Lorraine Prior

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**Appin Park Primary School**

**Library After Dark**
**Tuesday 17th November**
**6:30-7:30**

All Welcome

Christmas Theme Night

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**Nihongo News**

Tuesday’s holiday meant that Prep~2 kids missed out on their JP again. At least the Monday kids got to start some new work. Gr3/4 started a game to practise their animal words. The game involved the kids rolling dice and saying the number they got and the name of the animal represented by that number on a chequerboard of animal pictures. If the kids said the words correctly, they coloured in that animal’s box on the worksheet. Gr5/6 started a hiragana search game based on the terminology used in sumō tournaments. We also watched another episode of the Science of Sumo video. It’s surprising to see how fit the rikishi actually are, considering their physical appearance.

**Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips**

For last week’s nazonazo, the JP word for friend could have been tomodachi, or yūjin. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us two items worn by rikishi. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!
The Lunch box sessions

The crazy season is almost upon us. This can be a time of year where children’s routines are thrown out the window with end of year concerts, parties and longer daylight hours. So how do we ensure that they are getting enough rest to prepare for a busy day at school?

Ensure each meal and snack is as nutritious as you can manage. Eggs on toast or boiled eggs and soldiers for breakfast, fruit and yoghurt for a snack, wrap with ham and salad, after school snack of hummus or guacamole and veg sticks and stir fry for dinner. Nothing fancy and nothing that takes a huge amount of time to prepare but all providing nutrients and minerals for your growing little being to stay focused throughout the day.

Ensure after school activities are kept to a minimum and that bed time is kept to as “normal” as possible. Kids need regular restful sleep. So bedtime routine is great, dinner, bath/shower, quiet time, book and bed. Some kids can struggle to wind down at night. Try a simple meditation where your child lays with their eyes closed and breathes slowly and fully into the pit of their stomach. There are many meditation apps and cd’s that are simple to access on the internet.

Headlice Checks tomorrow.
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