Hi Everyone: 15 sleeps till Christmas!

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: Welcome to MORA (Museum of Recycled Art), read the sign at the door of the BER building. Grades 3/4 had their Quest expo last night in the form of an exhibition. Parents and family members were very impressed by the ingenuity and creativity of their creations, made completely from recycled products. They have spent the term learning about waste reduction strategies and designing their 'sculptures'. The displayed exhibits included a huge range of ideas: marble runs, dioramas, use-able tools and beautiful art works.

The students in Grade 3/4 have been assisting with our school waste reduction: encouraging all classrooms to use their new green ‘organics’ buckets and big green-lidded bins efficiently.

GRADUATION DINNER: Grade 6 students, parents/carers and staff came together on Monday night for this very special event as we celebrate the growth and development of our students who suddenly turn from children into almost teenagers. The students were very well-groomed for the event and did themselves proud in their behaviour and their obvious care for each other.

At the conclusion of the dinner, we announced recipients of the Mary Baldwin Achievement & Effort Awards and the Walter Bob Harris Citizenship and Commitment Awards. Aaron Gregory & Sienna Fuller, along with Sarah Long & Mitchell Nolan will have their names on these respective honour boards and will accept their awards on Tuesday at Family Night.

We will also present the Athlete’s Foot Sportsperson of the Year award, the Artist of the Year award and Ian Ward Memorial Outstanding Achievement Scholarship at Family Night.

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES: Students from our current Prep-Grade 5 classes had a chance to work in their new area of the school, with the teachers who will be in that area, on Tuesday morning. Andy Grant (Grade 3/4G in 2016) and Richie Arnold (Grade 6A 2016) joined us for the morning and had the chance to meet the children and staff with whom they will work next year. Our 2016 Preps also spent the morning working with Fiona Carson (Prep C) and Jo Beattie (Prep/1B) during that time. We were very pleased with the number of our new Preps and their families who came back to school for the BBQ tea, despite the ominous weather!

FAREWELL: Our school Chaplain, Dave Reeks, will also be finishing at the end of the year. He lives in Albury/Wodonga and is seeking other opportunities closer to home. Dave has really grown in this role and we are sorry to see him go. I will work with ACCESS Ministries to recruit a replacement over the holidays. Dave’s last day will be next Wednesday.

Wendy Larcombe
House Shield

Last week the House Shield was awarded to the House team that had earned the most points across the year. These points were accrued in unit sporting events, tabloids, the cross country results as well as the athletic sports day results. Fraser (Blue) were the eventual winners with a score of 14780. The other three teams were very close in the final scores:
- Clarke (Red) 13783
- Bradman (Green) 13257
- Freeman (Yellow) 13058

Morgan Byrne and Dakota McAliece accepted the Shield on behalf of their team. Congratulations to all Fraser team members.

Nihongo News

The littlies got into the sumō action this week. They battled it out for the title of their grade's Flea Weight Champion. The winners were: Prep F (Big Fleas) Brady O defeated Dylan T (Hey, those two fought it out last week for animal words champ); (Little fleas) Kai def. Jin S. P/1S (Big Fleas) Brandon M def. Tom W; (Little Fleas) Abbey W def. Noah G. Meanwhile, in the professional league, the Gr5&6 kids held their finals. As you’ll see from the results, there was a good mix of boys and girls in the finals. The Class Champions are: Gr5k Janie P defeated Emma C; Gr5S Bronte H def. Andre R; Gr6C Riley M def. Layla E; Gr6M Kayla P def. Zack W. Ask your child to show you how to play carpet sumō and you can hold your own family championship at home.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

Sugoi! The ink was still wet on the newsletter when Flynn T (4R) handed in his nazonazo answer. He knows that the JP word for school lunch is Kyūshoku. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us four JP words that are be put after a person’s name to be polite. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

Fruit Roster 14th December:
Margie Moore, Bec Feldtmann & Vanessa Luscombe

APPA is supplying fruit for the whole school for the last three Mondays of term. If you can help out please come to the canteen at 9am.

ICY POLE ROSTER

No Icy Pole Sales Friday 11th Dec
Mon 14th Dec: Nicole Snowdon & Tracey Clough

There are a number of ‘user pays’ instrumental, vocal and drama programs that your child has access to when attending Appin Park Primary School. Programs begin again 4th February. Lock in your children’s place and avoid disappointment. Nothing to pay until 2016, however an early bird discount is available. More information available at the office.

Netball

At last week’s assembly we were able to reveal new netball dresses that have been purchased, thanks to the support of APPA who funded the acquisition of 20 dresses and 2 sets of bibs. This will mean that our Grade 6 girls, along with some of the Grade 5 girls, who play netball in the Saturday Morning Junior competition will now look even more professional. A very big thank you to APPA for supporting this purchase and allowing our players to look and feel special.

Wendy Martin
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PF PF for their amazing first year of school at Appin Park. You should all be incredibly proud of your achievements. It has been a pleasure teaching you this year. Best wishes for your future.

P/1S Brodie Robinson for the enthusiasm and positive attitude he has shown towards his learning tasks this week. Congratulations, Brodie!

1B Cameron Sgarioto for being kind and considerate to others during our transition sessions. He was helpful to others when they were unsure of where they had to be and what they had to do. Well done, Cameron!

Mitchell Feldtmann for staying focused on his learning tasks and trying to put in a little extra. Well done, Mitchell. Keep up the great work!

2E Lucy Kiely for her fantastic effort on her spelling tests. Your increased bank of words will be of great assistance in your writing. Well done, Lucy.

Aaliyah Haugh for her improvement in spelling throughout the year. Keep working hard. Well done, Aaliyah.

2M Chelsea Hoffard for her fantastic imagination and creativity with her writing.

3G 3G for their outstanding work during this term’s Quest. Everyone produced a wonderful, creative piece of recycled art. Great effort, 3G!

4R Emma Vickery and Emma Whitehouse for the amazing double storey house they made using recycled materials. They worked well as a team and showed commitment and creativity.

4V 4V for the creativity and ingenuity they all demonstrated through their work for the Museum of Recycled Art. Well done!

5K Thomas Ballard and Ryan Still for the excellent work on their motorised car and electrical garage. You’ve worked really hard and the final outcome is great.

APPIN STAR AWARD

Lachlan Newton for his excellent work ethic and attitude towards school. Lachy takes great pride in all the work he completes and has improved in all areas this year.

Amelia Weimer for always doing the right thing in class and having a positive attitude to school. Amelia is a caring and friendly member of 5K who contributes in her own unique way.

Riley White for an outstanding year of success. You have shown you can accomplish any challenge you set your mind to, Riley. Congratulations on a year you can be very proud of!

Annika Flanagan for her outstanding academic achievement throughout primary school. Annika has a positive attitude to her learning and this reflects her excellent results. Congratulations, Annika!

Appin Park PS Community Award

Anthony Greco for the committed and thoughtful manner that he has shown towards his role as Flag Monitor. He has always been reliable and shown great respect to the flag and its significance in our society.

Nominated by the Students of 6M in recognition of Anthony’s dedication.

Artist of the Week

Max Bihun for the very cute painting of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Well done, Max!

APPA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets to be returned by Monday please

First prize in this year’s raffle is a cubby with thanks to Go TAFE. Raffle tickets need to be returned by Monday 14th December.

The raffle will be drawn at Family Night on 15th December. Thank you.