Hello everyone...

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL??

CLEAN UP, FIX UP: Grade 5/6 students have been working VERY hard on their landscaping project behind the BER building. Students designed some garden features, seating, activity areas and other ideas which they negotiated through a planning process including School Council members and teachers. They have sent letters to a number of organisations and businesses to source materials and permission to proceed. The area is really coming together and the students are very proud of their efforts.

THANK YOU to - Jo & Leigh Stubbs (Wangaratta Paint Place), Trevor Gilbert (Mawson’s Quarry), David & Alison Sessions (Sessions Asphalt), Brad Wright, Dean Semple, the Twyford Family, Mandy Mullens, Kel Vincent, Kev Feldmann and Clyde Hawkins (Fitzweld Engineering) and the Long Family for their generous donations.

HARMONY DAY - 21st March: On the last Monday of term, all children will be in multi-age activity groups and will move around the school, participating in four different ‘cultural’ activities. We aim to have a whole school morning tea on the courts, and then from 2.20pm there will be a showcase of the day’s learning, with performances by the children. We invite all parents and family members who can make it to come along to this performance. Please send a plate of food to share for morning tea on that day (one per family).

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY. PREPS COME ON WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK.

ICY POLE SALES: These will continue until the end of term, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. PLEASE ensure your child only brings 50c or $1 ($2 on Slushie Fridays), as the parent volunteers aim to limit the number of icy poles being purchased to 2 icy poles per customer. Some children are bringing larger amounts of money and ‘shouting’ their friends, or coming back to buy more than the limit.

THANKS APPA!!: At their meeting on Monday evening, APPA approved the purchase of some new digital cameras to be used by senior classes, some games that help students practise their spelling strategies and they have provided funds to support the Harmony Day special activities. The committee work hard to raise this money and we really appreciate the support of our school families for their efforts. They do have the Hot Cross Bun orders on the go at the moment, and then next term it will be time for the Mothers’ Day raffle. We will also have the school tea-towels for sale. These are printed with little portraits of each child in the school and make a great memento for the children and a gift for family members. More details soon.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM: All parents are welcome to attend the AGM which will be held in the Library, on Monday 21st March, starting at 6.30pm. At this meeting I will present the annual report to the school community, and we will elect office bearers for the coming year.

OPEN DAYS - PREPS 2017: Our Prep rooms will be open to visitors on Friday, 15th April (9-11am) and Saturday 16th April (9-11am) to give parents of 2017 Preps a chance to have a look around and to meet the teachers and me. If you know anyone making the big decision of choosing a school for next year, please encourage them to come along to these sessions or to contact me for a tour on another day. Fiona Carson & Jo Beattie visited all the preschools in town yesterday and dropped off fliers advertising these dates.

Wendy Larcombe
On Friday 18th March all students can come to school in casual clothes. Students need to bring a gold coin if they decided to wear casual clothes to help raise money to purchase items such as mulch, soil and nails for the Grade 5/6s quest, The Garden Fix up, Clean up!

Regional Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday Brodie Watson and Alex Pitt travelled to Shepparton to compete in the Regional Swimming Carnival. After placing in the top four at the recent district carnival the boys were pitting the skills against the best swimmers in our region.

Brodie was competing in the 11 year boys age group in both the backstroke and breaststroke; Alex in the 12 year boys age group in both freestyle and breaststroke.

Both boys swam well in their heats and their times qualified them for the finals in each of their events. Although not placing in the top three, which would have allowed them to qualify for the State Championships, they swam well and were competitive with the majority of the field.

Well done to both Brodie and Alex for their achievements in swimming at this level. Hopefully, if they persist with swimming they can both continue to have success.

What’s Happening in the Prep Room?
The Preps have been very busy in the afternoon session over the last few weeks. They are working together to explore and share in a range of activities that have helped them learn each other’s name and a little bit about themselves and the environment around them. Last week we set up a medical corner for the dolls and teddies. This week we have built a “Fishy Aquarium” that we would love you to come and visit.

Fruit Roster 11th March:
Kirsten Haugh, Stephen O’Grady & Kirsty Mitchell

2nd Hand Uniform Shop Fridays
8.45-9.00am in the canteen.

University of NSW International Competitions for students grade 3 to 6
Once again this year we are offering to hold these tests for students at Appin Park Primary School if parents choose to enter them. ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3-6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. The subjects tested are: Mathematics, English, Writing, Spelling, Science and Digital Technologies. All students who enter receive a certificate and an individual Student report.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows.
- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

Entry forms are available from the school office. Online practice tests are available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
The Appin Park Community congratulates you. Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

PC  **Sam McIntosh** for being a happy and enthusiastic member of our Prep class, and being able to act like a school boy. Well done, Sam!

P/1B  **Colleen Muir** for being kind and caring to other students when they are feeling lonely or unsure. Well done Colleen. It is lovely to see!

1/2E  **Brodie Robinson** for settling well into Grade 1 and for the enthusiasm he shows towards his learning. Well done Brodie.

2R  **Mitchell Feldtmann** for the enthusiasm he is displaying during Writers’ Workshops. He is using fantastic word choice to engage and entertain his audience. Awesome work, Mitch!

3/4S  **Jack Gambrell** for being a great helper around the school. He is helping to keep our gardens well watered.

3/4V  **Mitchell Vincent** for always being organised and ready to begin his learning activities. Well done!

5K  **Emily Mitchell** for showing a desire to improve and always challenging herself. Emily has worked extremely hard in learning all her times tables and is continually asking to be tested.

5S  **Ryan Corrigan** for an outstanding week of learning. Ryan has used his time wisely, asked for help when needed and given tasks his best efforts. I’ve loved seeing you with a smile on your face, Ryan!

6A  **Kelly Hirschmann** for her positive attitude, application to her work and willingness to help out around the classroom. Kelly has also represented the school well recently by placing in the 2km fun run. Well done, Kelly. Keep up the great work.

6G  **Emma Crawford** for her excellent planning and designing skills in our “Clean Up, Fix Up” Quest. Emma’s Minion design is neat, colourful, labelled and well thought out. We can’t wait to see the finished product, Emma!

**SPORTS AWARD**

*Ryley York* for displaying a very good understanding of strategies required to be successful when playing games and being able to utilise his skills to have a positive impact.

*Ben Feldtmann* for displaying skills of a high level in game situations and for showing an awareness of his teammates and being able to apply appropriate strategies when dealing with a variety of skilled players.

**Artist of the Week**

*Cayden Jackson* for his outstanding work in completing his self portrait. Cayden’s efforts are remarkable. He has listened to the strategies and advice on drawing a self-portrait and is showing some real talent during his art sessions.

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**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**
at Wangaratta Library

**Arty bubbles** - Wednesday 30th March at 10.30am. Ready, set, BLOW! Using paint, soap and bubbles you can create your own colourful masterpiece! Parents be aware this session will be messy! Please wear appropriate clothing.

**Wangaratta Reading Warriors** - Monday 4th of April at 2.30pm. Our first ever junior book group comes to life with stories and bookish activities. Talk about new books and create stories using Legos. Remember to bring your library card to take some great books home. Ages 8-12 years old.

**Get SLIMY** - Wednesday 6th April at 10.30am. Using items you can find at home, you can make your own fun goopy gak! Pop in for some gooey fun. Parents be aware this session will be messy! Please wear appropriate clothing.

**A-mazing fun** - Friday 8th April at 2.30pm. Using straws, cardboard and more you can create and escape mazes in this fun filled activity. Bookings are essential.
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