Hello everyone - Autumn term begins…

BIKE EDUCATION: Grade 5/6 students have started their Bike Ed program this week. Later in the term, students, parents and teachers will take to the roads on the annual bike hike out to Glenrowan. The children are challenged to work towards this event, and to do some extra bike riding in the weeks leading up to it so that they can build their stamina and road safety skills. Please ensure your child has an approved, fitted helmet for this activity and that their bike is in good road-worthy condition, ready for the 13th May.

THE A.P.P.L.E PROJECT CONTINUES: There have been some further developments relating to the senior students’ Term 1 Quest. Rob Mitchell has worked hard over the holidays, seeding and watering the bare-earth areas behind the BER to establish some grass. Trent Delahunty and the team from Sessions Asphalt did a great job of remarking our court lines and also designed a giant chessboard and added some extra ‘downball courts’. Then, we had a very pleasant surprise when Jimmy Rebuffo from the Savoy Bocce Club turned up at school to donate a bocce set in response to a letter sent by Ryan Battin & Logan Wright last term. THANK YOU, Jimmy, Trent & Robert!

The chessboard has been in use each lunch time this week. Once the new grass is established, students will have the chance to use the APPLE area for their learning and play.

LOTS OF ACTIVE LEARNING: Children in Grades P-4 are enjoying honing their tennis skills using the equipment provided through the Hot Shots program. Also as part of their Sport program this term, Grades P-4 will enjoy 5 sessions of gymnastics at the Barr Reserve. This is a great program that gives children confidence, skills and helps to improve their agility, balance and flexibility. Thank you to the parent helpers who attended the first P-2 sessions yesterday.

WELCOME ABOARD: Linda D’Agostino has been volunteering in our classrooms for most of last term. This week she commenced working with identified students in Grade 1/2; providing some intensive reading and writing sessions in a modified ‘Bridges’ program to give these children a boost in their literacy learning. Carol Mata was working with a number of children last term, offering this additional assistance and we are very pleased to be able to maintain this support through our ‘Gonski’ bucket of money.

COMPASS INFORMATION SESSIONS: NEXT WEEK
THURSDAY EVENING 6.30-7.30pm or FRIDAY 9.30-10.30AM (after assembly)
These two sessions will be offered for parents who would like to access Compass and to find out how to use the functions available to parents. The content will be the same at each session. Heather Foster & Nicole Godde will help you log on, find out how to record an absence, to approve an excursion, to read your child's reports and to access the newsletter. The sessions will be in Room 17 in the BER. ALL WELCOME!! If you need child-minding for either session, please let me know by Tuesday next week.
This term we have the 3/4 classes creating the ships from the First Fleet. We are looking for some cardboard rolls from the centre of bolts of material. These are about 1.2metres long and are quite sturdy.

Other items which we would treasure:

- Large cardboard boxes
- Cardboard rolls from the centre of wrapping paper
- Calico
- Clean plastic containers – margarine, yoghurt, sauce etc

All children need an art smock to participate in our art program. Please make sure your children have one at school. An old shirt or t-shirt is fine.

With thanks
Heather Foster

PREP OPEN MORNINGS: FRIDAY 9-11am, SATURDAY 9-12pm

Tomorrow morning, and on Saturday morning, our Prep rooms will be open for parents of 2017 preps to visit. Heather and I will be available to do tours of the school and to chat to parents who are making the BIG decision about where to enrol their pre-school child.

If you have friends or neighbours who have a child in kinder this year, please encourage them to come along during these sessions, or to contact the office to arrange a tour of the school.

Our school has so much to offer, and we need you to be out there spreading the word. The enthusiasm for learning and the behaviour of children in our classrooms is excellent, as is the quality of our teachers and the care they have for each and every child at our school. I am always very proud to show new families around and to talk to them about what we can offer their child.

REMEMBER CURRICULUM DAY 26TH MAY: There is no school for students on this day. Just Kids will be open. Teachers will be working on student reports on this day. The school office will be open.

ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING: Staff completed their annual training session on the treatment of Anaphylactic reactions yesterday after school. If your child has a diagnosed condition like asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis, please ensure we have a current action plan, signed by your doctor, provided to the office. Julie will be in touch next week to remind any families who need to update their child’s plan.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY—May 2nd. Envelopes with order forms were sent home today. If you would like a family photo (school children only), please get an envelope from the office. Please send your completed order back to school by Friday, 29th April.

AND FINALLY...We have had a great start to Term 2. Children have come back to school really excited about their learning, and very happy to see their friends and their teachers. It has been a pleasure to chat to children and parents, and to hear their very positive comments about how things are going at school.

Wendy Larcombe
**Artist of the Week**

**Liam Colin** for a fabulous effort at using his new skills to create a 3D illustration. Congratulations, Liam.

**SPORTS AWARD**

**Riley Cottee** for making a positive start to his cross country training. With his great attitude he is already showing improvements in his results.

**Clara Rocchiccioli** for showing a positive attitude when undertaking her initial cross country training. She was able to maintain a consistent effort and complete the task without stopping. Well done, Clara.

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**Celebrating 80 years**

Cock’s El Dorado Gold and Tin Mining Dredge

**Sunday 1st May**

A day of activities celebrating 80 years since the official opening of Cock’s El Dorado Gold & Tin Mining Dredge. Bring a bike and ride our path from the El Dorado dredge through Centennial Park to the El Dorado Museum. There will be lots of activities and fun for everyone. The dredge weighing in at 2500 tons is a significant engineering feature, manufactured in Castlemaine and Williamstown, assembled in El Dorado, the floating monster rests at its final moorings on the outskirts of the town.

- **Official Ceremony at the Dredge**
  - **Sunday 1 May at 11am**
  - **Activities 11am – 4pm**

**2nd Hand Uniform Shop Fridays**

**8.45-9.00am in the canteen.**

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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

- **PC Lenny Campbell** for coming to school every day happy and ready to learn.
- **P/1B Keira Wohlers** for coming to school with a smile on her face and for being well organised and ready to begin all her learning tasks.
- **1/2E Jensen Ackerly** for his positive start to Term 2 and making good choices about his learning in the classroom. Keep up the great work, Jensen.
- **2R Ella Nelson** for her excellent listening skills and the way she completes all tasks quietly and independently.
- **3/4G Kira Geue** for using great emotive language to improve her persuasive writing. Great work, Kira!
- **3/4S Riley Cottee** for his contributions to our class discussions. He is always prepared to offer his thoughts and opinions.
- **3/4V Seth Jannenga** for the positive attitude he has shown towards his learning. Seth has also made a great start to the new school term. Well done!
- **5K Jack McGowan** for the enthusiasm, passion and general interest he has show whilst learning about ANZAC Day and Australia’s role in the World Wars.
- **5S Tahlia Hurley** for her determination and commitment when completing tasks to the best of her ability. Keep it up, Tahlia. Well done!
- **6A Lily Donald** for her determination and application in mathematics. Lily has engaged well with her work, has overcome challenges and in so doing has shown great development. Well done, Lily.
- **6G Flynn Cawood** for a positive and confident start to Term 2. Flynn has started off the term ready and willing to learn and is completing his work with enthusiasm and a smile on his face.

**Book Club orders are due back Tuesday 26th April**

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**High Tea**

Enjoy a high tea experience in the Memorial Hall to the sounds of pianoforte by Kevin Adams.

- **Wednesday 11 May 2016**
  - **10.00am – 11.30am**
  - **Memorial Hall**
  - **Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre**
  - **Cnr Ford & Owen Street Wangaratta**

**ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

**RSVP:** For catering purposes by Friday 6 May to Kerry Craig

5722 0824
0427 883 995
k craig@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

**Cocktails & Inspiration Gathering**

Enjoy light refreshments while networking and sharing your club or organisation’s inspiring volunteering experiences.

- **Monday 9 May 2016**
  - **5.30 – 7.00pm**
  - **Foyer, Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre, Cnr Ford & Owen Street, Wangaratta**

**ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

Volunteering is a legitimate way in which citizens can participate in the activities of their community. Volunteering is a vehicle for individuals or groups to address human, environmental and social needs and is always a matter of choice.

- We would like to recognize our volunteers across all sectors which include: health and welfare; emergency services; arts and culture; heritage; environment and conservation; sport and recreation; education; overseas aid; religious; animal welfare; human rights and youth development.

**The Wanganella Rural City and The Centre’s Volunteer Skillshare invite you to come and celebrate your volunteer contribution and the volunteer appreciation activities we are hosting during National Volunteer Week.**

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**FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE CALL KERRY CRAIN AT 5722 0824 OR 0427 883 995. **

**Club dinner and welcome drinks can be enjoyed at The Centre.**
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