Hello everyone -

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION: The school was well-represented by a group of students marching in the RSL parade on Monday. Our children, again, were notable by their respectful behaviour. Thank you to parents who supported this event. It is of real benefit to children to understand the importance of community, of ceremony and of respect for tradition. By participating in such activities, they absorb some of the history of their ‘place’, they are exposed to role models and people who serve the community, and they better understand the expectations and rituals that most adults take for granted. Thank you also to Heather Foster, Jo Beattie & Fiona Carson who marched with the students and supervised them during the ceremony. We were pleased to see other APPS students marching with the Guides, Scouts and other community service groups.

EARLY ARRIVALS—DUTY OF CARE: There are increasing numbers of students arriving at school well before the time that we start yard supervision. It is a clear expectation that any students who are here before 8.30am must sit quietly on the veranda. Our yard duty teacher begins supervision at 8.45am, and we finish our on-site supervision when the last bus has departed at about 3.55pm. Between 8.30 and 8.45am, there are staff available at the office if children or parents require assistance, however, this is definitely not a supervision time. While we’re happy to know that students can’t wait to get here, please do not allow your child to head off to school too early.

Teachers who are at school before 8.45am are using their own, unpaid time for preparation. They are not here to provide before-school care. Just Kids would open before school each morning if there were sufficient enrolments to make this viable. Please contact me if you would like to enrol your child in before-school care. A minimum of 10 regular attendees will be required before this service can operate.

NAPLAN TESTING: Students in Grade 3 & Grade 5 will participate in this national testing regime on 10th, 11th & 12th May. They complete a Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar, and Mathematics test during the week. The results of these tests do not come back to school until August. They are administered to take a ‘national snapshot’ of our state education systems, and also can be used as a measure of school performance. Getting enough sleep and having a healthy breakfast helps to set your child up for the concentration and thinking required when they complete these tests. If you have any questions, please contact me or your child’s teacher.
THANK YOU!! Thank you to Tammy Vincent, Fiona Carson and Bec Feldtmann who were able to join me yesterday evening to discuss development of healthy fundraising guidelines. There will be further information and consultation around this following our next School Council meeting on 16th May. Also, thank you to Angela Corker and Suzanne Marshall who have both been helping out organising our art room and library this week.

CONGRATULATIONS: Andy Grant attended his formal university graduation ceremony in Bendigo yesterday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Reminder—these photos will be taken on Monday morning. All children will be in the group photos and will have an individual photo taken, regardless of whether they have an order form. PLEASE ensure your child is neatly dressed in correct school uniform, has their hair tidy and neat and they are at school on time. Excess jewellery, non-uniform headbands or make-up are not permitted under our Uniform Policy.

AND FINALLY... Our first 2016 Fete Committee meeting will be held next Monday at 6pm in the LIBRARY. ALL parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to help organise a stall or offer some good suggestions, please come along. We will put out a reply form in coming weeks to call for volunteers for specific jobs so if you are unable to be at the meeting, you will still have that opportunity to ‘dob yourself in’. Each class usually takes on responsibility for a stall or activity, and this is another way you can contribute to this major fundraising effort.

WORKING BEE: Saturday, 7th May 1.00-4.00pm — more details next week.

Wendy Larcombe

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**Things I like about school:**
- **Friends** – They help you
- **Maths** – It’s a good challenge
- **Sport** – It’s really active
- **Recess** – I get to play with my friends
- **Lunch** – The same as recess
- **Bowling** – I get to try to beat my record
- **Our Garden** – We worked really hard on it
- **Athletics Day** – It’s my 3rd favourite day
- **Cross Country** – It’s really sporty
- **Buddies** – They chase me around.

Ryan Brereton 5S

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**Library After Dark**

**TONIGHT!**

6:30-7:30pm

in the School Library

Our library will be open for families to come and spend time together reading and sharing stories. Read your favourite book together. A story will be shared around 7:20. Mum, Dad, Nana, Grandpa, an older brother or sister. All welcome.

The borrowing desk will be open.

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**Fruit Roster 29th April:** Ender Topuz & Amy Waide

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**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 Mia Gambrell** for always listening carefully and getting organised very quickly. Mia is an excellent role model in our Prep classroom. Well done, Mia!

**P/1B Isaac Moore** for thinking outside the box when completing our problem solving tasks in maths. Great work, Isaac!

1/2E **Aston Lau** for always trying his best to complete tasks in class. You have settled well into Appin Park and always come to school with a happy smile.

2R **Ella O’Brien** for her very caring nature and the support she gives to others in the classroom and the playground.

3/4G **Miles Lovett** for conducting great online research on the First Fleet. Well done, Miles.

3/4S **Chelsea Hoffard** for working hard to complete an interesting persuasive text about school holidays.

3/4V **Ashlee Carmody** for always being a positive participant in class discussions. Keep it up, Ashlee!

5K **Alex Kay** for the great improvement he has shown with the 4 operations in maths. Keep it up, Alex.

5S **Caleb Gilbert** for the effort and improvement he has shown when solving addition, subtraction and multiplication equations. Congratulations on the persistence you have shown, Caleb!

6A **Thomas Ballard** for his great work on his ANZAC Day project. Tom has applied himself well to his work and as a result has produced an excellent Prezi presentation. Well done, Tom. Keep up the great work!

6G **Dylan Stubbs** for the quiet way that he approaches his work. He is aware of others and shows great consideration towards his peers. He is a valuable member of our classroom.

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**APPIN STAR AWARD**

Emma Vickery for always taking pride in her work and having a positive outlook towards school.

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**SPORTS AWARD**

Jack McGowan for showing a great awareness of and consideration towards others when completing bike ed sessions.

Samuel Mullens for showing initiative and leadership when completing bike ed sessions. He has a very mature approach to the tasks and is aware of everybody else and their skills and rides accordingly.

James Thewlis for showing a great attitude when completing his beep and strength tests. He pushed himself to his limits and was able to achieve exceptional results.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

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**3rd Little Duck**

Catering 4 Kids

**TERM 2 2016 SPECIALS**

*Continuing the Aussie spirit*

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**SEASONAL SPECIALS:**

- Chicken Teriyaki ricepaper roll (GF) $2.50
- Avocado rice paper roll (V, GF) $2.50
- Pine Raspberry Calippo (no Lemon) $1.30
- Soups will replace rice paper rolls in May (tomato and pumpkin with roll)

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**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

Bring the family for the screening of Dr Seuss’ *The Lorax* presented for World Environment Day. This fun-filled movie is suited for all ages and focuses on the message of caring for our environment.

**FRIDAY 3 JUNE 2016**

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM
MOVIE STARTS 7.00PM

GOTAPE Auditorium, Decker St Wangaratta.

Tea, coffee and light supper available after the movie.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE**

Tickets are available for purchase from the Wangaratta Environmental Centre. Tickets are limited so be quick.

**TICKETS:** They are a true, limited event. Purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.
Would you like to advertise your business in this space? Call in to the office for more information.