Hello everyone -

Happy Mothers’ Day to all of our Mums & Nanas on Sunday.
I know your children will be excited about giving you their gifts and handmade treasures on the day.

WORKING BEE—SATURDAY 1-4pm: School Council are holding a working bee this Saturday to do a general garden clean up; along with some bigger landscaping jobs and spreading soft-fall in our playgrounds. ALL WELCOME!!! BYO shovel, spade, secateurs, line-trimmer, broom, wheelbarrow etc. There will be a sign-in sheet near the office. Kel Vincent & Heather Foster will be coordinating the work on the day.
This is a great way to meet other families and to do your bit for the school. Children love coming along too and your efforts towards making the school more attractive will make them feel proud and connected.

GRADE 6 CAMP: On Monday morning, our Grade 6 students will head off to Sovereign Hill. This is a great camp experience and I am sure they will have a wonderful time. It is forecast to be pretty chilly in Ballarat. Sovereign Hill is well set up for wet weather but it is very important that children take a waterproof coat or jacket and warm clothes. The ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ activity is at night and it can be very chilly.

SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS: Yesterday the leadership team met with our Senior Education Leader, Alby Freijah. Alby's job is to support the performance of 22 schools within the Wangaratta & Benalla area. He will play an active role in our upcoming Strategic Review. The staff, parents, School Council and students will all have a chance to offer input to this. Last Monday at APPA, I asked the parents to list things they believe we do really well, and to offer some suggestions for improvement. These lists will be used in our discussions and when I am writing the Self-Evaluation document for the reviewer. I will be gathering more thoughts using the Student Voice Team and a survey for parents in coming weeks.

LIBRARY AFTER DARK: A huge crowd of children, parents and grandparents attended the most recent Library after Dark last Thursday. These events are very popular and we are looking at how we can incorporate some other learning areas into a similar format. Thanks to Fiona Carson, Jo Beattie, Robyn Dykes, Heather Foster & Craig Kerlin who organised and attended this evening.

AND FINALLY... Please make sure all raffle tickets are back to school early tomorrow morning. I've seen the prize and it is well-worth winning.

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Upcoming Events

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

PC Charlie Bell for sharing his knowledge about dinosaurs with our class and being curious to learn more. Great work, Charlie!
P/1B Bethany Perry Heyden for being a great role model to others in our class, especially when learning new songs in our singing time. Great effort, Beth!
1/2E Chloe Mizzi for being enthusiastic and showing continual improvement in her balancing skills at gymnastics. Well done, Chloe.
2R Oliver Williams for being focused and completing his writing on time when we were writing a class story called “Suddenly”.
3/4G Emily Cooper for showing great improvement in the fluency and comprehension of her reading. Good job, Emily.
3/4S Jacinta Magee for always being prepared to join in our class discussion and offer her ideas and opinions.
3/4V Matthew Moncrieff for the independence he showed when completing his spelling activity this week. Well done!
5K Rhys Vincent for the polite and friendly attitude he displays towards teachers and students and the help he offers within the room.
5S Carla Petersen for the consistent effort she puts into her learning. Carla always challenges herself without giving up and should be proud of her achievements this year. Congratulations, Carla.
6A Amber Delahunty for her excellent effort and application on her ANZAC prezi. Amber has produced a fantastic and engaging digital presentation and should be proud of her efforts. Well done, Amber.
6G Emily Doig for the positive manner she has when approaching her work and dealing with her peers in group situations.

SPORTS AWARD

Keira Wohlers for always bringing a positive attitude to each PE session and trying her best at all tasks with a smile. Well done, Keira.

Max James for his great attitude to all tasks in PE. His efforts in cross country training have been outstanding.

Ryan Corrigan for the positive and quiet manner that he brings to PE. He listens carefully and works hard to always work hard to produce his best.

Musician of the Week

Flim J for his efforts and improvement in music, particularly playing the recorder.

Mothers’ Day Stall Friday 6th May
Bring along $4 and choose a surprise for mum from the Mothers’ Day Stall. Mothers’ Day Raffle tickets & money need to be returned to school by tomorrow morning. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow.

Just Kids will be open from 8am to 6pm on Report Writing Day - Thursday 26th May. Places are still available. Please contact Gina on 5721 4799 for bookings.

HOURS OF SUPERVISION
Our onsite supervision policy covers the school day between 8.45am to 3.55pm. Parents should ensure that children are not at school too early.

Fruit Roster 6th May: Kim O’Brien and Bree Campbell

2nd Hand Uniform Shop - Fridays 8.45-9.00am in the canteen.
From The Chaplain…
The reality is that parenting can be challenging at the best of times. Couple that with the fact that children do not come with an instruction manual on how to best parent them, and we have in the making an experience that can drive parents crazy!

Well the good news is that there is help available if you know where to look. One such resource is Parentline Victoria. This is a free telephone service open 8am to midnight, 7 days a week. Parentline provides a statewide telephone counselling service to parents and carers of children aged from birth to eighteen years. The service is staffed by Professional counsellors, who are able to explore a variety of issues that impact on parenting and relationships. They can also provide contact details for community services, and their service respects the confidentiality and right to privacy of all people who call it. Parentline can be accessed by calling 13 22 89

Another opportunity to grow in your parenting skills is through attending parenting seminars. We are privileged this May to have renowned parenting expert Michael Grose in Wangaratta for an evening session where he will share his years of wisdom as a parent, and parent educator. Michael appears regularly on television including channel 10’s The Project, and is a popular and entertaining speaker.

In addition, his parenting blog http://www.parentingideas.com.au has many articles and tips on how to improve as a parent. An evening with Michael Grose is happening on Wednesday, 18 May 2016 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are free, but they do need to be booked on the www.eventbrite.com website. The easiest way to find the correct page on that site is by typing ‘Michael Grose Wangaratta’ into google and selecting the first result. Until next time,

Chaplain Dave