Hi everyone

CHESS CHAMPS: Cameron Lovett (Grade 6) and Ethan Perry Heyden (Grade 3) were the grand finalists of the lunchtime chess competition. The boys played off for the Championship on Tuesday, using the new outdoor chess board. It was a really good game to watch with both players using offensive and defensive moves to try to outwit each other. They were cheered on by other chess-mad students. Finally, Cameron cornered Ethan’s King and was able to declare ‘check mate’. Simon Moffat developed the competition; for which a large number of students signed up. They have gradually been eliminated from the draw during past weeks, leaving Cameron & Ethan to compete for the championship.

YELLOW DAY: The Student Voice Team is organising a Biggest Morning Tea for the Grade 5/6 students and staff, along with some invited guests, on Thursday, 9th June - see insert on Page 2. We are going to make this ‘Yellow Day’ and we hope everyone (Prep-6) will come to school wearing something yellow on that day. A gold coin donation will be gratefully accepted and this will go towards the Cancer Council research fund. Children in Grades P-4 will also have a special ‘yellow’ activity during the day in their own areas of the school. School Council parent reps and our APPA committee members are invited to join the senior students in the BER at 10.45am. The Student Voice Team hopes that Grade 5/6 students will bring along a small plate (4-6 pieces) of homemade goodies to share at the morning tea.

UNIFORM POLICY CHANGE: Given the very positive feedback to the proposed new uniform shirt, we have gone ahead and adopted this change to our policy. Both Steer Clothing and the Work Locker uniform suppliers will sell out their existing emerald polo shirt stock at half price, and will also begin selling the new shirt, including a long sleeve version, in coming weeks. School Council has suggested a ‘phase in’ period of 18 months to allow students to wear out (or grow out of) their current shirts.

Grade 5 parents should note that students will still vote for an alternative Grade 6 shirt next year, so it is probably not good economics to invest in the new model shirt at this stage.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: Tomorrow, students will bring home a carrier of chocolates for your family to sell on our behalf. We aim to have the money or unsold chocolates returned by 15th June. There will be a reward for the first 50 families who return their money ($50 per carrier) to the office. If you are unable to sell the carrier - please send it back and we will hand it on to families who can. Thanks in anticipation. This fundraiser contributes to our ability to maintain and improve the school playgrounds.

GRADE 5 BALLARAT CAMP: Students disembarked from their bus yesterday evening, smiling and happy. Thanks to teachers: Renee, Craig & Heather, along with Ross Moore who cared for the children and helped them to get the most out of their Sovereign Hill experience. See photos on Page 2.
LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS: During this term, we are reflecting, as a staff, on the work we have done over the past four years, and on the outcomes for students. This forms the School Self-Evaluation which is an important part of our strategic review process. All state schools are required to complete this review at least once every four years and then develop their next four year Strategic Plan. The plan focuses on areas of Student Achievement, Wellbeing (safety, classroom climate, behaviour, connection to friends and teachers), Engagement (attendance, connection to school, enthusiasm for learning) & Productivity (how we prioritise our resources). The reflection takes into account lots of data sets including NAPLAN, teacher assessments, surveys of parents, students & staff, absence rates and discipline records.

We would like your input. At APPA’s last meeting I asked parents to jot down things they thought we do well at Appin Park, and things that we could improve on, or make our next ‘piece of work’. It would be good to gather more information from parents. Please either email me (larcombe.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au) or drop your ideas into the office by next Friday (3rd June) so they can be included in our deliberations. School Council will have an active role in the review, as will a Department-appointed reviewer.

Wendy Larcombe

Hello Parents!

Appin Park Student Voice Team is holding a Biggest Morning Tea for the Grade 5/6 students and staff on 9th June. We are asking for home-made food donations. All donations will be appreciated. Please note that a gold coin donation is required. Funds raised will go towards Cancer Research. Students are encouraged to wear yellow on this day.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

PC  **Gryffyn Side** for settling in so well to our Prep C classroom. We love having you as part of our team.

P/1B  **Xavier Sheldon** for being a willing helper in the classroom and for showing the Prep students the right way to do things. Great work, Xavier.

1/2E  **Elliott Trim** for displaying more confidence and contributing consistently to class discussions. Your comments are thoughtful and relate to the topic being discussed. Well done, Elliott.

2R  **Hayden Watson** for his friendly and quiet manner in the classroom and always being ready to help when asked.

3/4G  **Coby Gedling** for producing an insightful informational text on sea turtles. Good job, Coby!

3/4S  **Darcy Kennedy** for the great work she is doing at gymnastics.

3/4V  **Gemma Nolan** for the excellent effort she is putting into her Quest poster. Well done!

6G  **Caitlyn Delaney** for being an extremely trustworthy and reliable student who always helps her peers and teachers without complaint. Caitlyn is always willing to go that extra mile to help those in need. Well done, Caitlyn.

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**Musician of the Week**

Jennifer Miller for her enthusiasm in leading the dancing in music and for her dedication in giving up lunchtimes to lead practices.

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**SPORTS AWARD**

Baylea Young for showing great persistence and commitment in completing the day bike ride. She never gave up and worked through times when she thought that she was too tired to continue. Well done, Baylea.

Jade Haebich for displaying a positive attitude towards the day bike ride and completing it; showing great resilience and determination. Well done, Jade.

Montana Allpress for showing patience and perseverance when working with others. She displayed a great ability to give constructive feedback and teaching points to help others improve their skills.

Tristan Fletcher Blake for his commitment and perseverance when completing a physically taxing Top Ride session. He remained focused and modelled very good technique for the entire class.

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**Fruit Roster 27th May:**

Amy Waide & Bree Campbell

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

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In June and July 2016 students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 0-10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchangeorg.au/host-a-student

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