Hi everyone

AROUND THE SCHOOL:
As I walked around classrooms this week, I found P/1B engrossed in their ‘Read to Self’ session, 12E busy practising correct punctuation in their Writers’ Notebooks, and Prep C improving their soccer dribbling skills on the asphalt.

Meanwhile, Grade 5s were excitedly planning a holiday during their Maths session; calculating distances, travel options and accommodation prices. Grade 6A was in the Library, enjoying some recreational reading, and the Grade 34s were also reading quietly and completing summaries of their recently-read books in their Readers’ Notebooks.

GALEN YEAR 11 BAND PERFORMS: A few weeks ago, past-student & 2011 school captain, Sam Paterson (far right), approached us on behalf of the Galen College Year 11 Band; offering us a performance. The Prep-2 students enjoyed this event in the multipurpose room on Tuesday afternoon.

It is great to see our ‘graduates’ show such initiative and maturity. Sam’s organisation of the visit was exemplary; with clear communication and the band’s punctual arrival. We often hear very positive feedback about our past students as they progress through their respective high schools, acknowledging the groundwork done here at APPS.

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### Upcoming Events

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Next Thursday, 9th June, School Captains and the Student Voice Team are holding a Biggest Morning Tea for the Grade 5/6 students, to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Senior students are asked to bring a small plate of homemade food to share.

All children Prep-6 are invited to support the event by dressing up in yellow clothes. A gold coin donation is requested. Please remember to wear warm clothing that is appropriate for normal school day activities.

REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: End of semester reports will be issued on Thursday, 16th June. Parent Teacher interviews will be held the following week, after school on Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd June. You can book your interview time by logging into Compass, or by calling the office. Please take this chance to meet with your child’s teacher and to set some new learning goals for Semester 2.

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION: There is a very simple questionnaire to which I would appreciate as many parents’ responses as possible. It will help with the writing of our School Self-Evaluation document and allow you to have some input. The link to the survey is on Compass and you should have received a second email (after the newsletter link). It should only take a couple of minutes to complete. The web address for the survey is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRFDBCK

Thanks in anticipation...

Wendy Larcombe

Lucky Jar Casual Casual Dress Day - Friday 24th June (last day term 2)

Start preparing your lucky jars for this year’s fete. Ideas for jars include:

- Hairclips, marbles, bouncy balls, pencil/crayons/textas, seed, wrapped lollies

Prize for the class that brings along the most filled jars on the last day of this term!

District Cross Country Event

Today 25 Grade 3 - 6 students represented our school at the District Cross Country event held behind the Barr Reserve. These children earned their place on our team through their efforts at our own cross country event held earlier this term. The day saw many students from a large number of schools across our zone pit their running prowess and endurance against the best in their age group. The weather was perfect for the event, fresh and mild, with the sun shining over the course.

All of our students performed extremely well, completing their race with strong finishes. The top 15 students from each race qualified for the regional event which will be held on 15th June at Broadford. Twelve of our students ran strongly to gain a place in the top fifteen in their age group, qualifying them for the next competition. There were two more runners who placed in the top 20, just missing out on being eligible to compete at Regionals.

In the first race, the 10 & under girls, Tahlia Hurley ran strongly to place 6th, followed immediately across the finish line by Tayah Martens. Grade 3 student, Bailey Walch also ran well placing 11th overall. In this race there were 109 runners. In the next event Xavier Pitt placed 5th, with James Thewlis running 12th. This was the largest field having 127 participants. Unfortunately Grade 3 student, Johnnie Wohlers injured himself in Sport, prior to leaving for the event, and was unable to take part.

Emily Cooper ran 4th in the 11 year girls event. This was an exceptional effort as she only found out the day before that she had to run a greater distance due to her age. Emily Mitchell was only just behind her in 6th place and Emma Vickery just missed the cut by running in 17th. There were 64 girls running in this race. Caleb Gilbert put everything into his event and was in a three way photo finish, placing 2nd in the 11 year old boys’ event. The rest of our boys ran strongly to place in the top half of the field, out of the 90 runners.

Kelly Hirschmann, ran 12th in the 12 year old girls’ event, and Hannah Snowdon also qualified for the regional event, placing 15th. Lily Donald ran her own race and focused on her efforts and place 22nd overall out of the 68 participants. In the final event, for the 12 year old boys, Braedien Marjanovic (3rd) and Logan Wright (8th) both ran strong races to qualify.

Other competitors were: Ruby Snowdon, Josie Donald, Max Bihun, William Petersen, Denvey Harris, Judd Ryan, Harvey Moore, Tristan Fletcher-Blake, Ryan Brereton, Caleb White and Alex Pitt. Each student’s endeavour and determination to complete their own race to achieve a personal best time was evident as was the positive feeling that they had when they successfully accomplished this goal.

Well done to all our competitors. It was great to see the efforts of everybody. To compete against the best students from across the district in an endurance event is a great opportunity. Congratulations to all our students and best of luck to those who have qualified to participate at the next level of competition.

Fruit Roster 3rd June:
Margie Moore & Kim O’Brien

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.

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

PC Cassidy Roberts for the creative and colourful drawings she has completed for her first Prep story about dinosaurs.
P/1B Giovanni Shaw for making a great start at Appin Park Primary School. He always comes to school with a smile on his face and is ready to try his best. Welcome to Appin Park, Giovanni!
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APPIN STAR AWARD

Jacinta Magee for the positive attitude that she shows towards her learning and her efforts to always work to the best of her ability.

Artist of the Week

Lizzy Moffat for using salt wash to create an amazing representation of the ocean. Lizzy was a great listener, incorporated many of the suggested techniques and came up with a stunning background for her art work.

SPORTS AWARD

Braeden Marjanovic for his great leadership and support that he shows for other students in PE Academy, particularly through his actions and commitment to every task.

Glenn Gratton for his determination and application to all activities in PE class and PE Academy sessions. He is showing some great focus and is willing to push himself to get the best out of himself.

Hayden Corrigan for displaying a good understanding of game strategies and having the ability to apply defensive pressure and intercept passes to put his team in an attacking position.

From The Chaplain… Let go of trying to be the perfect parent.
In my work here at school, I speak with a number of parents on matters concerning their children. One theme that continually comes up in conversation is that of parents blaming themselves for their perceived inadequacies as a parent. Whether it be berating themselves for not spending enough time with their child, to generally just feeling like a failure when their children aren’t turning out the way they wanted, the overriding message is coming across loud and clear: I’m not a perfect parent, and I’m disappointed in myself because of that. Well, the reality is that nobody is perfect. Not you, not me, not your children. And so it’s important that we don’t beat ourselves up because of that. And acknowledging our imperfections is a great step to actually improving our parenting.

Here’s how: Acknowledging your imperfections to your children, role models to them how to handle mistakes and failures. Your child will never be perfect, because they’re human. So having a perfect parent would be a terrible role model. If your child sees you as perfect, they’ll feel worse about themselves, since they know they’re not. Instead, what your child does need is a role model for how to graciously acknowledge when we make mistakes, how to apologize, and how to make things right. Modelling that honesty builds trust in your relationship with your child. They know you’re not perfect, but that you are very resilient and forgiving when you acknowledge such. So learn to accept your imperfections as a parent. Your children will be better off because of it.

Until next time,
Chaplain Dave
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