Hi everyone

END OF TERM DATES: The following information and key dates are worth noting:

   HEAD CHECK: Tomorrow—volunteers welcome—see below.

   QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—Monday, 13th June

   STUDENT SEMESTER REPORTS: Available on Compass from 3.30pm on Thursday, 16 June. If you require a printed copy, please notify the office before Wednesday, 4pm. Duplicate copies are also available for those families who require this.

   PREP—2 EXCURSION: Departs 7am, Friday, 17th June

   OPEN CLASSROOMS: Tuesday, 21st June 11.30-1.30pm—All Welcome—tell your friends!

   PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: After school on Tuesday, 21st & Wednesday, 22nd June (book on Compass or by calling the office)

   EARLY FINISH: Friday, 24th June. 2.30pm—Holidays until Monday, 11th July.

YOU’RE INVITED!! Our classrooms will be open on Tuesday, 21st June from 11.30-1.30pm. Students will be happy to show off their Quest learning for the semester.

In the Junior School, it will be all about Dinosaurs; with lots of opportunities for you to get involved in the making of an Appinosaurus.

The Grade 3/4 students will have lots of information and knowledge to share about Australia’s settlement by the First Fleet. Meanwhile, in Grade 5/6, students will be proud to show you their ‘Life on the Goldfields’ stop-motion videos and their other work from the Strike it Rich Quest.

If you have friends with pre-school children, please encourage them to come along and see our school in action. I will be around to offer tours and information about enrolling as a Prep in 2017.

SURVEY MONKEY: We have had a really positive response to our one-minute survey. Thanks so much to the parents who have completed this quick online survey. The responses show that overwhelmingly children feel safe, enthused about their learning, and a strong sense of belonging at APPS. Parents also feel very able to approach teachers and me about any concerns they may have. They believe that our specialist programs and our Quest learning engages their child at school. We also have received some very positive comments including:

   I have had 3 children go through APPS and this school has supported them all well. They have had a good grounding in their early years of school, in a safe secure environment thank you APPS.

   We are very happy with the school and the way the teachers and principal know our child.

   This is our first year at APPS after transferring at the beginning of the year. It has proven to be a very good decision for our child and we are absolutely thrilled with the level of teaching and expertise at APPS.

Volunteers are needed for head lice checks on Friday 10th June. Please meet at the school office at 12.00pm if you can help.
SURVEY MONKEY cont...If you have not yet completed this very quick survey, you can find it at the following URL: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRFDBCK
It truly does only take one minute to complete, and we do value your feedback. We will use the results as some of our most recent evidence during the upcoming School Review in Term 3.

YELLOW DAY & THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PC  Xavier Bassett for putting in his best effort when drawing pictures for his dinosaur story. Well done, Xavier.
P/1B  Zach McKenzie for trying his best in the classroom when completing his reading group activities. Well done, Zach!
1/2E  Noah Gambrell for focusing on his work and quietly completing tasks to the best of his ability. Well done, Noah.
2R  Grace Weimer for being an excellent classroom helper and trying her best with all her learning activities.
3/4G  Samia Meloury for making a great start to her imaginative recount on the First Fleet. Good job, Samia!
3/4S  Josie Donald for putting time and effort into editing and revising her convict diary.
3/4V  Connor Webb for his excellent work in numeracy. Connor always displays a positive attitude to all his learning in maths. Well done!
5K  Hailie Keogh & Emma Whitehouse for the excellent effort they put into designing and creating their Quest display.
5S  Josh Sgario & Caleb Gilbert for the effort they applied when working on their start/stop motion movie about the Ballarat Gold Rush. Outstanding effort!
6G  Luke Grady for working extremely hard to improve his ability to use his inside voice when in class. Luke has worked hard to address this by being aware of himself and others within the classroom and always thinking before he speaks. Well done, Luke. This is having such a positive impact on your learning.

SPORTS AWARD

Seth Saunders for being a positive role model and a great team member. He was able to give support and guidance through instructions and feedback, to help all of his team do their best.
Emily Cooper for her fantastic attitude and effort when completing the District Cross Country. She stepped up to run the 3km event for the first time and ran with great determination to finish 4th. Well done, Emily.

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