Hi everyone

STRAIGHT BACK INTO IT: Students have settled very quickly back into their class routines and programs. Grade 3/4 children will be conducting experiments and learning all about chemical change during their Science quest this term. Prep-2 students will be able to predict the weather and describe different clouds and weather patterns due to the learning they will do in their quest. Grade 5/6 students will be researching and forming opinions about the ‘live-ability’ of other countries in comparison to Australia.

As part of their Health & PE program, each grade participated in a session on First Aid today. The presenters talked to them about what to do in an emergency, and how to keep themselves safe while assisting others. The two presenters commented very positively on the children’s active listening and good manners—naming how students had greeted them with a smile and friendly hello, and rushed to hold doors open for them as they arrived. Other specific feedback was that the students were able to have a joke and respond to questions, but then quickly ‘check back in’ and listen attentively. This makes us so proud of your children! We regularly receive this feedback from presenters who work in other schools - APPS students are so very receptive and respectful. As a staff team, we all hold very high, consistent expectations of behaviour at this school so children are ready to engage in learning and know what it takes to be a good learner and classmate.

At Staff Meeting last night, we were discussing how we ensure these expectations are maintained, and how we can value-add to our successful teaching & learning program over the period of our next four-year Strategic Plan.

COMING UP: We have our Fete on Saturday, 3rd September. Next week a form will come home for you to indicate how you can contribute to this major fundraising event. The children really enjoy the day, and all the anticipation and excitement leading up to it. Your interest and involvement will make them feel even more part of it.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY: Recently, I conducted an online survey to gather some up-to-date data for our School Self-Evaluation (the document that frames our School Review). The responses have been looked at by School Council and staff, and help us to consider our direction going forward over the next 4 years. THANK YOU to the parents who took the time to do this.

However, it is now time for the annual Dept. of Education (DET) Parent Opinion Survey. 40 randomly selected families receive this survey each year in the mail. If you’re one of the lucky ones, PLEASE fill it in and return it to school. The information is collated by DET and forms part of the key performance indicators that are used to evaluate the school against state benchmarks.

PARENT CONTACT & FAMILY INFORMATION: Today your oldest APPS child will have a copy of the current information we hold regarding your contact details, employment status and other demographic information. The Department uses this data when allocating funds to the school; particularly funds from the ‘Gonski’ bucket. It is REALLY important that these details are correct and up-to-date before the upcoming August census. Please complete all the details carefully, including the level of education attained by each parent, check that the contact details are still correct and return the envelope to school with any alterations noted.

WELCOME: On Tuesday, we welcomed Chloe Smith to Grade 2R. Chloe has joined us from St Pats and has quickly settled into her new class and school.

### Upcoming Events

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**HANDYPERSON WANTED:** We are looking for a person to complete minor repairs and gardening work around the school on an ‘as needed basis’. This would probably be about 5 hours a fortnight. It is a paid position, and we seek someone who can work reasonably independently, and who has the skills to carry out odd-job type maintenance and repairs. It would certainly suit an active retired person. A current Working with Children Check is required. If you know of anyone who fits the bill, please ask them to contact me at school, as soon as possible, on 57221326.

**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY—CAN YOU HELP??** This program, where children in Grades P-2 have a platter of fresh fruit & vegetables to share each Friday morning, has been generously supported by donations from APPA and a number of families so far this year. However, we have used up the available funding. If you, your family or business would like to contribute, it is a cost of $40 per week. The fruit & vegetables are sourced locally and children really appreciate this special weekly treat where they get the chance to share a snack with their classmates, practise their manners, and try new ‘healthy choice’ foods.

**BARR RESERVE PROGRAM:** This special 5 week program starts tomorrow for the Grade 5/6 students. It is a great opportunity for them to use the facilities at the YMCA complex, and to try out new sport activities. There is a break in the program next Friday, due to the Zone Football and Netball Competition next week.

**STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS:** Braeden Marjanovic, Xavier Pitt and Caleb Gilbert represented the school in Cross Country at the state level today. This is a very advanced level of competition, and despite the pretty awful weather, the boys put in a great effort and ran in the top 70 in each of their age groups. Congratulations, boys!

**MEANWHILE, AROUND THE SCHOOL ON A TYPICAL THURSDAY MORNING....**

**Preps 2017—Enrolments Open**
Forms available at the Office or on the Website.
Enrol by July 31.

**Art Room News**

Congratulations to everyone on the amazing art work which is on display around the school. For some, the work has been challenging and it’s great to see it completed and up for everyone to see.

Some of the Grade 3 – 6 students have had work selected which is on display at North East Health Wangaratta until the end of term. If you happen to be visiting the hospital, have a look in the corridor leading to the Medical Ward (ground floor – turn to the right after going through reception).

The following students’ work can be seen at the hospital:
Grade 3 & 4: Jacinta Magee, Johnnie Wohlers, Sophie Morris, Emily Cooper, Lizzy Moffat, Flynn Carson, Lily Knox, Bailey Ballard, Ruby Snowdon, Harry Bannon, Gemma Nolan, Denvey Harris, Xavier Pitt.
Grade 5 & 6: Coby Jannenga, Emily Mitchell, Matthew Bell, Grace Gregory, Georgia Long, Flynn Twyford, Simon Moffat, Lachlan Newton, Justine Corker, Braeden Marjanovic, Andre Roleff

Thanks to the people who drop boxes and other recycled items into the art room. I rarely see anyone actually drop off these items as they just appear on the bench but they are used for all sorts of things and are gratefully received.

Heather Foster
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

*Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly*

PC  Logan Webb for having a go at his holiday writing on his own. Well done, Logan!

P/1B  Jyden Hines for the excellent effort he put into writing about his school holiday adventures.

1/2E  Dean Balfour for focusing on his class work and for contributing positively to all class discussions. Well done, Dean.

3/4G  Bailey Walch for always approaching learning tasks in a positive manner and giving one hundred percent. Keep up the good work, Bailey!

3/4S  Skye Leatham Pirret for putting more care and effort into her handwriting and the presentation of her work.

        Emily Prior for always trying to do her best work and always having a friendly smile.

3/4V  Flim Janthaon for the effort he is making to improve his reading and spelling. Keep it up!

5K  Briana Roberts for settling back into the class routine quickly and showing a focused and positive attitude. Keep it up, Briana!

5S  Samuel Mullens for the creativity and determination he displayed when cutting up his sandwich into 128ths! Awesome work.

6A  Simon Moffat for showing great initiative and taking responsibility for his learning. Simon has made a big effort to ensure he is positioning himself for success by being free of distractions and always using his FM system. Well done, Simon!

6G  Taylor Marshall for having exceptional ICT skills and sharing her knowledge with her teachers and peers. Taylor has introduced us to many new computer programs and ideas including coding. Awesome work, Taylor.

**SPORTS AWARD**

*Emma McAuliffe* for her concerted effort to master the skill of triple jump and to continue to improve with each attempt.

*Lenny Campbell* for his enthusiastic approach to the variety of activities undertaken in PE. He willingly completes each task with great commitment and enjoyment.

*Jasmine Harris* for her enthusiastic approach to the variety of activities undertaken in PE. She willingly participates in all activities and does so with a smile on her face.

**Artist of the Week**

*Kai Hochfeld* for his creative interpretation of his scribble drawing.

Kai came up with some great art work. Well done, Kai.

*Johnnie Wohlers* for always looking for different and new ways to build on his art room knowledge and skills. Johnnie works hard during art sessions and comes up with some great pieces. Well done, Johnnie.

**COMING SOON:**

*THE ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 1ST-5TH AUGUST*

Watch this space for further details!

**CHOCOLATES**

Please return money and/or unsold chocolates to school ASAP.

**Fruit Roster 15th July:**

YuChing Chang & Amy Waide

**WANTED:** Second hand kids books for 3/4V’s book stall at the Fete. Please bring any donations to Room 16 in the BER.

**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.

On Wednesday 27th July APPA will be holding a Hot Dog lunch day. Order forms are being sent home with students today and need to be returned by Friday 22nd July.