Hi everyone

MATHS AFTER DARK: Following the success of our Library after Dark sessions, we will hold a ‘Maths after Dark’ evening next Wednesday. This will be in the BER building; with games, puzzles and activities to test your numeracy skills. We hope lots of you will join us for this hour of family fun, starting at 6.30pm.

GREAT RESULTS: This week we received the results of the Department of Education’s Student Attitudes to School survey which Grade 5/6 students complete each year. The data sets show that our students feel very safe at school, that they appreciate their teachers’ skills and the relationship that they have with them, and that they feel connected to their friends and to the school. These outcomes closely reflect the results from the recent simple online survey we offered parents, and also reflect what we see and feel in our classrooms and around the yard. Our scores are well above the state average in the variables of Classroom Behaviour, School Connectedness, Stimulating Learning and Teacher Effectiveness and Teacher Empathy. Almost all scores put us in the top 15-20% of schools around the state. The Three Year Trend Data sets also indicate continuing strength and improvement.

THANKS: To the Wangaratta Veterinary Clinic (Jo & Adam Williams) for their generous donation towards our Fresh Fruit Friday program. If your family or business would like to support this program, please contact Nicole at the office.

ENROL NOW: If you have a pre-schooler, ready for Prep next year, please collect an enrolment form from the office and get it in soon. We have received a number of these already. Once enrolled, parents will receive information next week about our dates and times set for the orientation program. Fiona & Jo are offering another ‘come & try’ session for parents and pre-schoolers this term on Thursday, 11th August—2.15-3.15pm. This will be during ‘Investigations Time’ and your child will be able to join with the Preps in choosing an activity or game. Please pass this information on to other kinder parents who may not see our newsletter, and encourage them to come and have a look at APPS.

REMINDER: PLEASE RETURN FAMILY INFORMATION FORMS. It has been amazing to see how many parents have provided changed mobile numbers and other contact details on the returned forms. Thank you to those who have already sent them back as this really helps us to ensure we have accurate information and up-to-date numbers to contact you on if necessary.

CAN YOU HELP?? All oldest-in-the-family students will have a form in their bags today, giving you the chance to offer support for our School Fete which is on 3rd September this year. Please return these forms to the office. We will collate all the details and the person responsible for each part of the fete’s organisation will be in touch over coming weeks. This is a BIG school community effort and we have raised significant funds at the past two fetes. Also, your children really enjoy the day, and the anticipation leading up to it.

ZONE WINTER SPORTS EVENT CANCELLED: Unfortunately, the state of the grounds and uncertain weather forecast have caused tomorrow’s fixture to be cancelled. I know students will be very disappointed. There has been lots of netball practice going on at recess and lunchtimes, and I am sure we would have fielded very competitive teams on the courts and footy ground. There will be information about a new date once we know the details.

BUILDING WORKS: If you’ve been at school recently, you will have seen the work going on to repair our veranda. The tradie team have been very considerate by doing most of the noisy work either after school or on weekends. They have kept going despite some very ordinary weather. The construction phase should be almost all done by Monday, with a major paint job scheduled for the next school holidays. Fortunately, we have been able to secure Department funds for this work, rather than having to pay from school resources.

AND FINALLY… Congratulations to Matilda Paxford, Alex Pitt, Lachlan Newton, Cameron Lovett and Baylea Young, who recently performed on stage alongside Opera Australia stars in ‘The Marriage of Figaro’. What a great opportunity, and one which they made the most of through their very positive attitude and hard work.

Wendy Larcombe
Numeracy News
Grade 5 students have seen the fun in fractions by using yummy food to help them develop an understanding of how fractions can be used in our everyday lives!

“I didn't know a lot about fractions before, but now I know how to read fractions and make them fun using food. Fractions aren't boring!”
Baylea Young

“T’ve really enjoyed learning about equivalent fractions. Now I can look around the room, I can see lots of fractions in everyday things”.
Flynn Twyford

Literacy News
It is great to hear of so many students reading over the holidays, it really helps them to maintain the confidence and enthusiasm they have built for reading during semester one. Keep up the support at home!

Students in Grade 3-6 have begun looking at poetry in their writing workshops. They are having lots of conversations around what they think poetry is and what it looks like. As the term goes on they will have the opportunity to read and write a variety of different poems some of which they may publish.

Students in the Prep-2 are reading between the lines (inferring) and using our prior experiences to connect with a story. In writing students are trying to use different words to start sentences in the Prep and Prep/1 room and writing 'mighty middles' in the Grade 1 and 2 rooms.

Appin Park Primary Presents...
Maths After Dark

Test your knowledge on Kahoot!
Can you solve the murder mystery?
See if you can find the location of the various planets in our solar system!

Can you build the largest 3D shape?
Will you be the winner of our Bingo game?
Correctly guess the amount of jelly beans in the jar, for your chance to win them all!

Wednesday 27th July 6.30pm - 7.30pm
In the BER Building
Would you like to advertise your business in this space? Call in to the office for more information.