Hi everyone:

BUSY, BUSY BOOK FAIR!!
Students are loving having the opportunity to browse and select special treats at the Book Fair this week. A large crowd surged around the library on Wednesday morning, carefully comparing prices and looking for that perfect book or activity to buy. **THANK YOU** to Mandy Mullens, Merrin Henderson, Carly Ryan and Margie Moore who are our Scholastic Book Club team—and to Kristy Buck who stepped in to ‘man’ the very busy cash box on Wednesday, and to the students who are helping out each morning: Flynn, Miles, Millie, Harvey, Samuel, Sarah and Isaac. Thanks also to Fiona Carson, who, as Literacy Coordinator, puts in a lot of extra time and effort; ensuring that our wonderful Library is maintained and well-looked-after.

FETE COUNTDOWN!! Only **31 sleeps** until the Fete on 3rd September. If you have not yet sent your form in, nominating the ways that you can help out, please do this as soon as possible. Spare forms are available at the office, or by downloading the form through your Compass log on. Let’s all keep our fingers and toes crossed for some more perfect drying weather so that our oval and grassed areas are good to go!!

PARENT SURVEY: Of the 42 sent out, we have received 24 responses to the Dept. of Education annual Parent Opinion Survey. **THANK YOU** to those who have returned their completed survey. If yours is still stuck to the fridge or on the bench, please fill it in and send it back tomorrow morning. We need to post the survey forms back tomorrow.

STRATEGIC REVIEW: On 15th & 29th August we will hold our review meetings. This important process usually happens once every 4 years in schools and offers us the opportunity to reflect on our work and students’ achievements over the life of the last Strategic Plan. This is called a Peer Review. Schools meeting benchmarks in their various data sets, and who are seen to be performing well undergo this process. Schools that face challenges and have lower than expected results undergo a Priority Review which is a much deeper ‘forensic’ analysis of the school’s operations.

Our panel consists of the appointed reviewer, Graham Bastian along with Senior Education Leader, Alby Freijah, School Council President, Andrew Lovett, members of the teaching staff and me. Also assisting in the process will be two ‘peer principals’. I have invited Jeremy Campbell (Oxley PS) and Craig Johnson (Wang West PS) to be part of the discussion—helping us to frame our next goals and targets for the new four year plan. Jeremy can wear two ‘hats’ in this discussion; as a member of our parent community and as a colleague. Craig brings his experience as past principal of a large metro school, and as a member of the Wangaratta Learning Community. The review report will be presented to School Council and staff following its completion. It will include recommendations for these goals, as well as a summary of the school’s performance over this past four years. We will provide an executive summary to the school community.

### Upcoming Events

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Literacy News

During reading workshop sessions students have been working on making high frequency words with magnetic letters and ordering the alphabet. Other groups have been using Reading Eggs on the computers and working on our letter of the week - “Yy”. We are reminding students to keep reading every night at home. Please keep in mind that these books should be an “easy” read to help build confidence and fluency.

Numeracy News

The 5/6 Unit have been investigating the relationship between fractions and decimals this week. Using a metre rule and fraction cards, students used their knowledge of fractions to convert them into decimals and place them along the ruler to show place value. Grade 5 students were also introduced to Coding this week, which is a program that allows students to program avatars to move within a computer game. Students were required to draw upon their knowledge of location and angles as well as creative thinking skill. Lots of fun!

I liked Coding because we got to use it to move the characters instead of just using basic controls.
Ryan Brereton

I liked giving myself a challenge on something that I’ve never done before. I had to use directions to move my avatar. Sometimes I got the directions wrong which meant CRASH!
April Shimura

Wendy Larcombe

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SOMERS CAMP: Next week 21 of our Grade 5/6 students will head off on a great adventure. They are attending the 9 day Somers Camp experience. Sharing this experience with them are Wendy Martin and Andy Grant. Wendy is the District Secretary for Somers and does a lot of organisational work in the lead up; coordinating students from APPS and a number of other schools and ensuring they are paid up and enrolled properly. Andy Grant will be replaced by Leonie Bourke for the days he is away, and Wendy Martin will be replaced by Fenella Elsom.

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Fruit Roster 5th August:
Lisa Bell & Kristy Mitchell

Tomorrow is the last day of the book fair. The library will stay open until after assembly if any parents would like to purchase books.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

PC  Lacy Solimo for being a creative thinker when looking for an object for the Prep C Show & Tell Box. Well done, Lacy!
P/1B  Dalayla Coyne for making a great start at Appin Park Primary School. She comes to school with a smile on her face and is ready to try her best. Welcome to Appin Park, Dalayla!
1/2E  Kai Janthon for making good choices in the playground when playing with his friends and others. Keep trying hard, Kai.
2R  Max Knox for the growing independence he is showing with all his learning, especially his writing.
3/4G  Alanah Shaw for fitting into our class seamlessly since arriving. She has been successful in forming friendship groups, following our class routines and participating actively in class time. Good work, Alanah!
3/4S  Sam Mitchell for working hard on improving his skip counting.
3/4V  Jessica Annett for the excellent effort she is putting into her learning activities and for being a kind and caring classroom member. Well done!
5K  Rhys Vincent for the commitment and effort he has shown whilst learning about fractions and how to convert them to decimals.
5S  Kade Reynolds for being a very polite and cooperative member of 5S. Thank you for your efforts this week, Kade. Well done!
6A  Brodie Watson for applying himself well to his studies and showing excellent growth, particularly in numeracy where he is excelling. Well done, Brodie. Keep up the great work.
6G  Jackson Stringer for showing creativity and enthusiasm during our poetry writing sessions. Jackson is producing different types of poems that are thoughtful, reflective and emotive. Well done, Jackson.

Felicity O’Connell for the positive attitude that she has towards her learning. She has an amazing ability to stay focused and to listen attentively.

SPORTS AWARD

Darcy Waide for participating in all activities with a very positive and happy attitude. His manner encourages others to engage and do their best. Well done, Darcy.
Charlie Bell for showing a keen interest in discussions regarding the human body and our skeleton. He listened carefully and willingly shared his knowledge with others.

Musician of the Week

Charlie Bell, William Petersen, Tayah Martens & Lucas Ormand for their enthusiasm and effort in music.
Mitchell Feldtmann for great singing in music.

Saturday Morning Netball

Another season has drawn to a close for our young netballers. Games were played under a variety of weather conditions – bright sunshine through to very chilly and damp conditions. Our players certainly enjoyed their games and all showed development and growth in their skills and understanding of the game. A very big thank you to the parents and friends who offered to coach, umpire and score for each of the teams. Without your support our students would not be able to enter the competition and play such a great sport. Could all balls, bibs and skirts/dresses please be returned to Mrs Martin in a LABELLED, plastic bag. Please note: Grade 6 girls – if you are in the netball team to compete in the upcoming schools tournament keep your dress until after that competition.

HEAD LICE OUTBREAK!  Head Lice Check – Friday 5th August

APPA will be conducting a head lice check tomorrow in classes immediately following assembly due to an unusually high incidence of head lice in the student population. Please, if your child comes home tomorrow night with a note to indicate they have eggs or live lice present, fully check and treat their hair before they return to school, as they will be re-checked on Monday.

We respect the privacy of all students, and keep this process as comfortable and light hearted as we can – after all no-one is immune to head lice, but we as a school community can do our best to eradicate the little blighters. Visit www.kidspot.com.au/health/infections-and-diseases/parasitic/all-about-head-lice for tips on treatments.

If you are available to help with the head lice check, please meet at the school office immediately after assembly.
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