Hi everyone:

PRINCIPAL GROUP VISIT: This morning a group of colleagues visited the school and joined me on a ‘learning walk’ around our classrooms. The principals of Rutherglen High School, Melrose and Wodonga South Primary Schools, along with Mandy Smith from WHS, were here as part of the ‘community of practice’ approach to school improvement. As a group, we are all focussing on an element of the new Education State initiative around ‘Building Practice Excellence’. Appin Park PS is well along this journey and we are very happy to share our knowledge with other schools. Phil, Clint, Mandy and Kellie were interested to observe, and gave very positive feedback about, the way we have developed such a consistent and high quality instructional model at APPS. They heard teachers and students Prep-6 speaking the same language about our reading, writing and numeracy work. They were also impressed by the Quest model of learning, and how this style of learning prepares students for problem-solving and creative thinking. They noted the very high standards of behaviour within our classrooms and playground. All four commented on the way ALL children were actively engaged in the learning tasks and that students they spoke to could clearly explain what they were doing and why.

As a parent at APPA said on Monday, there are so many things we should be proud of at Appin Park. It is very affirming to hear these very positive perspectives, of ‘fresh eyes and ears’; particularly from other school leaders who have such a basis for comparison.

A BIG THANK YOU!!! To Bree Campbell who came in and expertly pruned the roses during the school holidays, and tidied up some garden beds this week; adding some new colour and removing pesky weeds. Thanks, Bree! Robyn Dykes, some months ago, planted the beautiful camellias along one wall of the Multipurpose Room. It will be lovely to see these bushes blooming as we head towards the end of winter (hopefully, in time for the Fete).

SICKNESS AND ABSENCES: A number of children have had days off recently due to a range of viral bugs. Colds, sore throats, gastro and high temperatures seem to be the main symptoms. As much as we aim for high levels of attendance, PLEASE keep your child at home if they are not well. This limits the spread of illness to other students and staff.

OLYMPIC SLEEPOVER: Grade 5/6 students are excitedly looking forward to their night at school next Thursday. The students will have some fun ‘Olympic Games’ before enjoying a pizza dinner and settling in to watch the highlights on TV into the wee hours. Teachers are generously giving up their family time to share this special night with the students.

FETE MEETING: NEXT MONDAY—6pm. If you are running a stall or playing a big part in the activities, please try to attend this meeting on Monday evening (in the staffroom). The committee will be seeking volunteers to do some ‘letter box drops’ of our promotional leaflets around town, starting from next week. If you are able to help out in your neighbourhood, please let Nicole know which streets you are happy to cover. The leaflets are available at the office.

PREP OPEN SESSION: Fiona Carson and Jo Beattie opened up their classrooms again this afternoon to offer an extra orientation session to any prospective 2017 Preps who were able to attend. We notice that a number of younger siblings don’t yet have a completed enrolment form. Once we get your form, you start to receive the information about transition dates and other mail-outs.

23 SLEEPs UNTIL THE FETE: Keep the coins coming in to fill the Kiss the Pig tins!!

Wendy Larcombe
**Literacy News - Book Fair**

The enthusiasm our students and families have for reading was certainly on display at Appin Park last week, with the annual Book Fair taking place in the school library. The library was buzzing, both before and after school, as students and their parents came to browse the wide selection of books on offer for purchase.

Due to your wonderful support over $3000 worth of books were sold. This enabled us to purchase over $1000 worth of books for our school library. These included picture story, fiction and non-fiction titles. Once catalogued, they will be available for borrowing.

A huge thanks must go to the team of parents who gave up their time to help out - Mandy Mullens, Margie Moore, Merrin Henderson, Karlee Ryan, Trudi Reynolds, Alison Sessions, Grace and Charlotte Mullens, Karen McIntosh, Bree Campbell, Vanessa Luscombe, Kristy Buck and Kristy Mitchell.

Appin Park students also gave their support in helping out too, with Harvey and Isaac Moore, Samuel Mullens, Millie and Flynn Carson, Robbie Sessions, Sarah Henderson, Miles Lovett, Kade Reynolds, Judd Ryan and Caitlyn Delaney lending their support.

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**After creating a “Mind Map” about their house, here are some of short stories created by students in Grade 3/4G!**

**Kira**

I open the door and see the dining room! I take four steps and then I see my kitchen. Walking through my kitchen, I put a foot in the lounge room. Round the corner and up a step, I look down my dark hallway. Up the first steps I see Kayla’s bedroom. Another 2 steps I look into the spare room. I’m getting deeper in the hall and it’s getting darker. Next I see the laundry, toilet and bathroom. Another few steps I walk into my BEDROOM!

**Samia**

When we first moved into our beautiful new house, I didn’t really feel at home. It had lots of rooms and it was a two storey house. I had never lived in a house this big! I had no idea where to go and I was really confused but when I first took my first couple of steps in there, I felt safe and cosy. I thought I was going to fit in fast and I did! It’s been four years now and we’ve fitted in just right!

**Taydan**

My house has four bedrooms; - mine, mum’s, Justine’s and a spare room. My lounge room has a TV and furniture. The TV is loud. My kitchen is busy - mum’s cooking on the stove. Justine is waiting for the kettle to boil and I’m watching the stove. My dog is waiting for the microwave to go “bing!” We can hear the fridge and the freezer and especially the washing machine.

**Miles**

My house has lots to do like TV, bedrooms and just lying down. I really like my room because it has Lego, toys and my iPad. Me and my brother like to play soccer on the trampoline outside. I always love to make mum a cup of tea or coffee on Saturday. I take it to her bed and she loves it!

**Karla**

My house can be a great place to curl up on a cool winter’s morning and get cosy and warm. All our visitors are greeted and warmly appreciated and treated the same way as everybody else.

**Lily**

In a humble quiet court surrounded by blooming flowers, is my special house. I was raised in it. It’s laid with brown, reddish bricks with a beautiful cream tin roof. My house keeps me safe from the thrashing rain. I sleep toasty and cosy in my silky, soft bed. I wake to birds chirping and the sun blazing in through the tinted window. I run in the soft luscious grass. I wriggle my toes in the flowing liquid of my pool. I pick daisies to create wonderful, colourful daisy chains.

**Coby**

I love my house. It makes me feel safe. It makes me happy. It’s not very big but if you decorate it, it becomes a home. Not many people come to my house. We’ve lived at my house for five years.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Appin Park Community congratulates you. Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

PC Max James for the great improvement he has made in recognising and making two digit numbers. You’ve worked very hard, Max.

1/2E Brodie Robinson for engaging enthusiastically in class discussions. He contributes to topics with interesting facts, listening to others and giving appropriate responses. Well done, Brodie.

2R Tahli Hutton for working independently when learning her new spelling words.

3/4G Coby Gedling for completing tasks in the set time and working to the best of his ability. Keep up the great work, Coby!

3/4S Kai Hochfeld for putting more care and effort into improving his handwriting. Hayden Corrigan for being able to write good summaries.

3/4V Mitchell Vincent for the excellent effort he is putting into improving his handwriting. Keep it up!

5K Harvey Moore for the improvement he has shown in using his manners and participating in group activities more effectively. Keep it up, Harvey.

5S Rory Cooper for the positive manner she has shown when taking part in group tasks. Rory has used leadership, respect and fairness which has been wonderful to see. Keep it up, Rory!

6G Aiden Tracey for showing great problem solving and computer skills in our ICT lessons. Aiden enjoys the challenge that computer science, coding and programming presents him. Keep up the great work, Aiden.

APPIN STAR AWARD
Xavier Sheldon for being a happy and confident member of our class. He puts in 100% effort when completing learning tasks and never gives up even if he finds something difficult. Keep up the great effort, Xavier. You should be very proud of your achievements!

SPORTS AWARD
Caleb Gilbert and Rieley Grattan for showing initiative, demonstrating great sportsmanship and encouraging their team mates to improve their skills in athletics.

Artist of the Week
Taydan Corker Walker for his creative use of melted crayons. Well done, Taydan.

FRUIT ROSTER 12TH AUGUST:
Danielle Wood & YuChing Chan

2016/2017 Little Athletics Season
All registrations to be completed online at www.lavic.com.au before attending. Registration Portal opens 12th August
Sept 26th- 10am-12noon; Oct 5th, 10th, 19th- 4.30-5.30pm
Bill Eaton Reserve on Appin Street
Membership fee: (early bird prices)
One child $105
Two Children $195
Three children $285
Four children $375
Uniform $35
No cash accepted. Eftpos available.
Season commences Friday, 7th October.
Proof of age for new athletes: Birth certificate/Passport
Keep up to date by visiting FaceBook, website, Team app or Instagram.
Any queries contact: Maree Johnston (Registrar) 0418 377 057

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