Hi everyone

CURRICULUM DAY—Advance warning: Next term, we will have a Pupil Free Day on Monday, 31 October (the Monday before Melbourne Cup Day). Students will not attend school on this day. Staff will be here working on the new Victorian Curriculum; particularly in the areas of Digital Learning and the new Capabilities (Critical & Creative Thinking, Personal & Social Competency, Ethical Understanding and Intercultural Capability). We have a whole school curriculum plan that outlines how we teach the core learning areas through our Literacy, Numeracy & Quests programs. This new Victorian Curriculum is closely aligned with our current practice in most of the core areas but introduces explicit teaching and assessment standards in the capabilities listed above. Teachers will look at how we adjust our plan to work within the new Victorian Curriculum. Just Kids will open on this day if there are sufficient numbers.

SWIMMING PAYMENTS: All students will participate in the Swimming program during the first few weeks of Term 4. Grades P-2 start their sessions in Week 1, while the Grades 3-6 students have their lessons starting in Week 2. Please ensure you have paid for your child’s participation ($60 per student). This amount covers the cost of entry to the YMCA, swimming teaching and the bus to and from. Children will need their bathers and a towel (P-2 Wednesdays—weeks 1-5, 3/4s Tuesdays & Fridays—weeks 2-4 5/6s Mondays & Thursdays—weeks 2-4).

5/6 QUEST EXPO

WHERE IN THE WORLD?
It was a hive of activity in the Grade 5/6 areas this morning with children showing off their learning from this term’s Quest. Each team had developed information displays, games or quizzes and many had food specialities from their country. It was very interactive and students were very keen to share their knowledge about why their country was as liveable as Australia.

IF YOU CAN’T STAND THE HEAT...
Grade 3/4 students showcased their Quest by demonstrating science experiments that have helped them to understand the changes in Matter caused by heating & cooling. There will be a repeat demonstration at assembly tomorrow morning.

SLEEPOVER TONIGHT...
The Prep-2 children are excitedly looking forward to their sleep-over tonight at school. Straight after school, they will get to have the run of the playgrounds. After a snack, they will get together for some organised ‘camp’ activities. Following Spaghetti Bolognese for dinner, there will be indoor games and possibly a night walk. Then, after a good night’s sleep and breakfast at school, they will have a special program tomorrow (including the Footy Pie Lunch) to finish off the term.

ANNUAL EVENT... Given the state of our oval, the traditional Staff v Grade 6 game will be played on the netball courts tomorrow at 12.55pm. Parents are very welcome to come along and cheer on the teams.

AND FINALLY.. Have a great holiday, everyone! Hopefully we will get some sunny weather. Attendance Awards for the term will be presented at assembly tomorrow at 9.00am. School finishes at 2.30pm.

Upcoming Events

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Music News

This year’s choir has been a great opportunity for so many kids. Four of the choir members were in Boite which is a great opportunity for all kids to come together and sing like one big family. If you would like to join the choir come to see Miss Hicks if you’re in grade 3 or up. In choir we are learning new songs that the choir members have suggested and some cool old songs Miss Hicks has taught us.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

- Fridays 8.45-9.00am in the canteen.

Fruit Roster 16th September:
Kristy Mitchell & Bree Campbell

HOURS OF SUPERVISION: Our onsite supervision policy covers the school day between 8.45am-3.55pm. Parents should ensure that children are not at school too early.

Looking for Things to Do in the Holidays?

Just Kids has places available in the School Holiday Program. Lots of activities and craft. Excursions to the Cinema, Mansfield Zoo & Bounce Away, Wodonga. Booking sheets available at the office or www.appinparkps.vic.edu.au or contact Gina at Just Kids - 5721 4799. Centrelink Childcare rebates are available.
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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

PC Sam McIntosh for making great improvement in his knowledge of the letters and sounds of the alphabet. Keep up the excellent effort, Sam!
P/1B Keira Wohlers for being a helpful class member who is always looking out for others and helping where she can. Great work, Keira!
1/2E Brodie Robinson for being a great member of Grade 1/2E this year. Your contribution to class discussions has been outstanding. We wish you all the best at your new school, next term. Have a wonderful time.
2R Charlotte Marshall for the excellent reading and writing she does at school.
3/4G Bridget Garraffo for fitting into our class seamlessly since she arrived. She has been successful in forming friendship groups, following our class routines and participating actively during classtime. Good work, Bridget!
3/4S Skye Pirret for putting more care and effort into spelling challenging words more accurately.
3/4V Lucas Ormand for the great effort and understanding he displayed when completing our Quest assessment. Well done!
5K Matthew Bell for always displaying fairness and co-operation when playing lunchtime footy and allowing anyone to join in and play the game. Nominated by the students in 5K
5S Baylea Young for the creativity, leadership and teamwork she has displayed on her Quest journey this term. Congratulations, Baylea!
Flynn Twyford for the enthusiasm and leadership he has shown during his Quest journey this term. Flynn was able to overcome many challenges and really celebrate his assigned country in many creative and engaging ways. Congratulations, Flynn!
6A Bronte Huggins for working well on a variety of tasks during term 3 and making an excellent contribution to her Quest group project. Well done Bronte. Keep up the great work in term 4.
6G Dylan Stubbs for being an excellent student and learner who is self motivated and always wanting to improve. Dylan uses his initiative to better his work by taking it home to finish it to a much higher standard. Well done, Dylan.

APPIN STAR AWARD

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Walk to School

Throughout the month of October our school is participating in the Walk to School event which is conducted by VicHealth, as a part of a Victorian Government incentive for living a healthy lifestyle.

We would like to encourage all of our students to be more active when coming to and leaving school. Walk, ride, scoot your way to school. Travel with friends and enjoy their company and hopefully some warmer weather. If students travel by bus, they can be counted as being active if they walk or ride to their bus stop. For those students who get dropped off at school, maybe you could find a safe drop off point and walk the last block or two to school. Let’s all get involved and perhaps start the new term with a new habit.

School Athletics

After 2 postponements we are trying for 3rd time luck for our annual school athletics sports. Tuesday 4th October (first week back) will hopefully see the school converge on the Appin Street Athletics Sporting Complex. A program and information will be forwarded home on the first day back. Once again we are asking for parent helpers for any of the sporting events or to walk around with an age group. Please let Mrs Martin know if you are able to assist.

Wangaratta Show Colouring Competition

The Wangaratta Show Society is holding a colouring competition for Primary School and Kindergarten children. There are 4 groups - kinder, grades 1&2, 3&4 and 5&6 and prizes of $10 for 1st and $5 for second in each category will be awarded. The picture is available from the school office. Entries close 4th October.
Would you like to advertise your business in this space?
Call in to the office for more information.