Hi everyone

FINAL TERM BEGINS… For our Grade 6 students, this is their final term of primary school, and a busy, exciting time. Their teachers and I have talked to them about maximising their opportunities to be the ‘big kids’ before they make the step up to high school, and about positively contributing to every social and learning activity between now and the last day, as they will remember these forever. We have very high expectations of students at APPS, and each year we are very proud of the way our Grade 6 students conduct themselves during their last few weeks at school.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 31st October: CURRICULUM DAY—Pupil Free
- 5th December: Graduation Dinner
- 6th December: Orientation—all 2017 Year 7s at their high school
- 7/8th December: Wangaratta High School Step Up program
- 13th December: Family Night
- 15th December: Graduation Assembly—9.15am
- 16th December: Last whole school Friday assembly—9.00am
- 20th December: Term 4 ends—1.30pm

IT’S SWIMMING SEASON!!!

Prep-2 students have enjoyed their first swimming session this week. The students get so much out of these lessons; skills for safety and confidence in the water, along with development of their independence in managing their belongings and being organised.

WELCOME: The following students have joined our APPS community this week and we are very pleased to have them as part of our school: Charlotte Walker (P/1B), Sousuke (12E) & Kenshin Keast (34G), and Toby Ahne (34S).

TREE PLANTING: A group of Grade 5/6 students, along with Richie Arnold & Craig Kerlin, headed off in bright sunshine to plant trees in the Lurg area today. Each year our students support the Regent Honeyeater Project that aims to reinstate native habitat on farmland around the district. It is very hard work, but so rewarding at the end of the day when you look back at the long rows of seedlings that have been planted.

COUNT US IN EVENT: On Thursday, 3rd November, school children from all around Australia will stop and join as one in singing this year’s ‘Count Us In’ song, Let it Play. This annual event is a great way to celebrate music and singing. Grade 5 students will join with Wangaratta PS students at Riverside Place on that day (12noon) to perform the song and then have their lunch with students at WPS.

AND FINALLY… We have all been disappointed by the repeated postponement of the Athletics Sports Day. We know that for many children and parents, this is a highlight of the year. At staff meeting last night we set a new date of 4th November for our carnival. Fingers crossed for perfect weather and a fun day of competition and participation. Parent helpers are needed on the day. Please contact the office if you can help.

Wendy Larcombe

Upcoming Events

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**Sports News**

**Athletics Sports**
For the fourth and final time - a new date for our school Athletics Day. Hopefully the rain will start to ease and the sun will present itself, to help dry out the grounds over the next couple of weeks. We are waiting until the first week of November before we try again - **Friday 4th November** is when we hope to be able to conduct our Athletics Sports, Once again I am asking for assistance on the day. Any parent that is able to help with either an event or with an age group, please let Mrs Martin know as soon as possible. Further information will be forwarded home closer to the date.

**YMCA Aquathon**
Every year the Wangaratta YMCA conduct an aquathon, which helps raise funds for the Open Doors Program (which helps out people/families within our own community). Over the years our school has had many students get involved in this community event and they have been quite successful in their respective categories. This is an event that an individual can enter, or a group of people can enter as a team. In the Primary School section the event is a 1km run, followed by a 100m swim, finishing with a 500m run. This will be held at the Wangaratta Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre (Barr Reserve) on Thursday 27th October. Final details are yet to be confirmed, so hopefully we can have some more information to forward on next week. Hopefully we will, once again, have great representation at this event - put it in your diaries.

**Numeracy News**
Ready to try something new? Below are two websites that you and your child may like to explore at home to help further develop a range of mathematical concepts and most importantly, have fun doing it!

**Khan Academy** is an educational organisation created with the aim of providing a "free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere". The organization produces short lectures in the form of YouTube videos which are easy to follow.

**ABC Splash** is packed with thousands of videos, audio clips, games and interactive tools. All resources are free to watch and play at home guaranteed to spark discussion and promote curiosity.

Happy learning!

**Literacy News**
**Library After Dark** - **Tuesday 8th November, 6.30-7.30pm**
A celebration of Roald Dahl Stories

**Music News**
**Count Us In** - 3rd November, 12pm
Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative. In 2015, more than 550,000 students from over 2,100 schools participated nationwide. Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration of music and music education. In 2016 we celebrate the 10th anniversary! This year Appin Park Primary School are celebrating by participating as a school and our grade 5 children are joining the Wangaratta Primary School Choir in a public performance at the Riverside Square in Faithful St. Look out for details in the Wangaratta Chronicle.

**Assembly Performances:**
- 7th October: Tristan & Josh
- 14th October: Grade 3/4S
- 21st October: Grade 3/4G
- 28th October: Grade 3/4V

**WANGARATTA SHOW**
Prep C and Prep/1B have been hard at work preparing their entries for the Wangaratta Show. There will also be a display of some of the wonderful student art works at this year's show.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

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

**PC**  **Lenny Campbell** for bringing some great photos of his cows to use for holiday writing ideas. Lenny put in an excellent effort at writing his holiday recount. Well done, Lenny!

**P/1B**  **Chadd Williams** for being very well organised for his first swimming lesson this week. He quickly got himself changed and organised his belongings independently. Well done, Chadd. Keep up the great work!

**1/2E**  **Reagen Harris** for trying very hard to improve his reading. His home practice and attitude towards learning is very pleasing. Well done, Reagen.

**2R**  **Ella Nelson** for the excellent way she helps her classmates with their learning.

**3/4G**  **Emily Cooper** for challenging herself and continually putting in the extra effort required to improve her reading and times tables.

**3/4V**  **Ethan Perry Heyden** for the outstanding effort he displays when reading and monitoring his comprehension. Keep it up!

**5K**  **Grace Gregory** for showing an improved knowledge of prime and composite numbers and her determination to improve her understanding of factors.

**5S**  **5S** for the wonderful start you have all made to Term 4. You’ve shown you’re ready to make the most out of your last term as Grade 5s. Congratulations!

**6G**  **Jarrod Bell** for writing three exceptional memoirs about his school holidays. Jarrod’s memoirs were heartfelt and expressive as he used strong descriptive words to reflect his thoughts and feelings.

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**APPIN STAR AWARD**

**Ryley Miller** for being a passionate learner who always shows a willingness to learn new ideas and concepts. Ryley also has an exceptional general knowledge and loves to share his thoughts and feelings with the class.

**Braeden Marjanovic** for being a model of consistency this year; modelling an excellent approach to his study for his peers. Braeden is a pleasure to teach and enhances not only the learning of others around him but also the enjoyment of those he interacts with. Well done, Braeden.

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**Artist of the Week**

**Taylor Marshall** for her excellent focus and concentration during our session with Linda D’Agostino, artist in residence. Taylor showed great development in a variety of skills with her use of water colours. Way to go, Taylor.

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**Musician of the Week**

**Liam Delaney** for his attentiveness in class, his great bass guitar playing and for playing with confidence.

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**SPORTS AWARD**

**Tessa Watson Long** for approaching activities with great positivity, which encouraged her peers to participate with the same amount of enthusiasm. This set the scene for an enjoyable and productive session.

**Alex Kay** for displaying great encouragement and support to not only his team members, but the opposition players as well. His positive comments and thoughtfulness are often observed during each PE and Sport session.

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**Fruit Roster**

**7th October**

Anyone available to help

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**Book Club orders are due back Tuesday 18th October**

For Issue 7 there is a bonus offer for families who order and pay by LOOP. Please see scholastic.com.au/LOOP for more details.