Hi everyone...

SNEAK PEAK AT WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL: This morning our Wangaratta Learning Community Principal Group met at WHS and had a look around the new Year 7/8/9 building which is now completed, ready for 2017. The building is very innovative, with open learning spaces similar to our BER building, along with break-out rooms and withdrawal rooms. It is a huge improvement on the building that has housed the Year 7/8 classes previously. Our Grade 6 students will have the chance to work in this space during their Step Up days in December.

CHOIR DOINGS: This Friday, and in coming weeks, members of our choir will visit the Goodstart Kinder group, St John's residents and also perform at our special Remembrance Day assembly on 11th November. We will have a member of the local RSL at this assembly to talk to students and we will do an observance ceremony during the assembly. Later that day, the School Captains, Student Voice Team and I will attend the ceremony at the Cenotaph at 10.40am. Poppies and badges will be on sale at school in coming days.

REMINDER: PUPIL FREE DAY—Monday, 31st October. Just Kids will open on this day if there are sufficient bookings. Please contact Gina or Nicky on 5721 4799.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH: It is great to see so many families getting on the move and encouraging children to walk all or some of the way to school. I see a number of children being dropped up at the Williams Rd corner each morning so that they can walk the rest of the way to school. It’s also good to see families doing the walk (ride or scoot) together. The YMCA provided a bag of fresh produce for us to offer to a family who regularly do this. Skye McKinnon Burman and her Mum, Jaki, walk to school everyday, all the way from the other end of Appin St, so they certainly qualified for this special treat.

SPORTS NEWS: Wendy Martin has provided a very comprehensive report on the recent District Sports. Well done to our representatives on the day, and congratulations to the 14 students who will progress to regional level.

AND FINALLY: Yesterday in the Library, 34G and I shared a new picture storybook called: The Fabulous Friend Machine by Nick Bland. It tells the story of a chicken who is very friendly and loved by the animals in her farmyard. She finds a device that allows her to make new friends by text messaging. As she gets more caught up with her online friends, she forgets about her real ‘live’ friends, and invites these new mates to tea. However, as it turns out, they are not really who she was expecting… It is a great story to use to start a conversation about being eSmart online. Thanks to APPA who have generously supported our purchase of new library books this year.

Wendy Larcombe

ALL IN THE SWIM!! All grades have now started their swimming lessons and students are enjoying their visits to WISAC.

With 270+ drownings every year in Australia, it is so vital that all children learn to be safe in and around water, and know some skills to use when helping others who are in difficulties in the water.

Upcoming Events

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District Athletics

Last Friday 32 Grade 4/5/6 students attended the District Athletics Sports. Even though we have not yet held our own Athletics Day, our students acquitted themselves very well. The day started well with Caleb Gilbert and Logan Wright comfortably winning their respective 1500m races. Caleb was overtaken within the last 300m but he showed his true grit to challenge again and pull well ahead to finish strongly. Both these boys backed up in the 800m, where Logan continued to show his strength in the distance events, winning again and Caleb running in second place.

Grade 4 student, Xavier Pitt, won both his Discus and 800m events. Older brother, Alex, won his Shot Put and Discus events. Braeden Marjanovic won his Long Jump on his first jump, just shy of his personal best and backed it up with a good run in the 100m where he placed second. Lachlan Newton won his heat in the 80m Hurdles and finished 4th in the final. Josh Sgarioto won both his 200m and Hurdles heats and finished second in both the finals events. Tristian Fletcher-Blake was another of our boys to do well on the day, winning his Shot Put and jumping to a second place in Triple Jump. Caleb White joined Alex, Braeden and Lachlan to run a tight contest in the 12 year old boys relay event, where they ran a close second. Caleb, Tristian and Josh joined with Judd Ryan to win their 11 year old boys relay event.

Our girls weren’t to be outdone. Tahlia Hurley finished first in triple jump and second in her Hurdles final. Emily Mitchell placed second in the Hurdles and third in Long Jump events, and Grade 6 girls, Kelly Hirschmann and Amelia Weimer, both placed fourth in their 100m and Hurdles races, respectively.

All of the above competitors have earned the right to compete at the Regional event, which will be held in Albury this Friday.

Other participants were: Felicity O’Connell, Josie Donald, Jacinta Magee, Emily Cooper, Denvey Harris, James Thewlis, Fiml Janthaon, Chloe York, Emma Vickery, Grace Gregory, Flynn Waring, Ryan Brereton, Rebecca Semple, Lacey Sessions, Maddison Corker, Hannah Snowden, Bronte Huggins and Lucas Paola.

Each of our students participated keenly and put forward their very best effort. What was also evident was the manner in which our students conducted themselves throughout the day. It can be a long day, waiting around for only a couple of events: they supported and encouraged each other and were very gracious in the outcomes of all of their events. Well done to each of them. Thanks to Miss Sayers who supervised and encouraged all of our students and thanks to the number of parents who were able to take some time to come along and support their child along with the rest of our students.

Good luck to the 14 students for the challenge of competition against the best students from the Wangaratta, Wodonga, Shepparton and Seymour areas.

Walk To School

It’s been great to see more people finding an active way to come to school. Now that the weather is starting to warm up, and hopefully most of the rain has moved on, we can continue to have lots of our students walking, riding or scootering their way to school. Don’t forget to mark it off on the classroom charts. The greater percentage of participants puts us in the running for a $600.00 equipment bonus, but more importantly it is a great way to start our day and a great way to keep us healthy.

Aquathon

The YMCA are holding their annual Aquathon event on Thursday 27th October, registering at 6.00pm, with a 6.30pm start. There are two events that are being offered to primary school aged students, one for the younger students and one for the older ones. If you are in the 7-9 year old age bracket, the event is a 500m run, a 50m swim and then another 500m run; the 10-12 year olds will run 1km, swim 100m and finish with a 500m run. Both of these events can be completed as an individual or with a partner. The cost is $10.00 per participant, with all the proceeds going to the YMCA Open Doors program.

Appin Park Art Exhibition

Appin Park’s biannual Art Exhibition is happening on Friday 4th (5.30pm–7pm) and Saturday 5th November (9.30am–2pm). This is a chance to get together with the school community and to celebrate the amazing art work created by your children.

There will be an official opening at 6:00pm on Friday 4th with drinks and nibbles provided. The exhibition will be open for viewing again on Saturday 5th November.

I am looking for some assistance to help make this event a success:

♦ About half a dozen parents at 8.00am on Wednesday 2nd to put up some large screens – muscle power needed
♦ Donations on an “arty” theme for raffle prizes

Please let me know if you can help

With thanks
Heather Foster

Fruit Roster
14th October
Anyone Available

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.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Appin Park Community congratulates you.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

**PC** Khan Kuhne for actively listening to stories and instructions when he checks in on the mat so he knows what to do next.

**P/1B** Connor McIntosh for the great start he has had to Term 4!

**1/2E** Faith Mayer Young for making an effort to improve her handwriting when completing tasks in the classroom. Well done, Faith.

**2R** Charlotte Marshall for the interesting research she shared with the class about the planet Jupiter.

**3/4G** Kira Geue for always being a happy and positive member of our class. Well done, Kira.

**3/4S** Johnnie Wohlers for being a very enthusiastic writer while working on a short narrative for publishing.

**3/4V** Skye McKinnon Burman for working hard to further improve her handwriting, so she can finally obtain her pen licence. Well done!

**5K** Jack McGowan for his great effort and hard work during the grade 5/6 tree planting day. Well done, Jack.

**5S** Flynn Waring for being able to recognise an area of his learning where he felt out of his comfort zone, however through determination and a positive attitude, he was able to achieve success. Great effort, Flynn!

**Tahlia Hurley** for the extra effort she has shown to achieve success in all areas of her learning. It’s great to see you so happy, Tahlia. Congratulations!

**6A** Lacey Sessions for the great start she has had to her final term at Appin Park. Lacey always has a smile on her face and is a positive influence in the class. Keep up the good work and attitude!

**Musician of the Week**

Josie Donald for her demonstrated persistence and concentration when playing the guitar, this resulted in her being able to play all three chords in time with the music.

**SPORTS AWARD**

Chloe York for having a great attitude when competing at the District Athletics. Chloe performed to the best of her ability and showed great team spirit by encouraging and supporting everyone and celebrating their efforts.

Axel Kiely for showing a good understanding of the tasks and being able to adapt to changes. He was very aware of everything going on around him and adjusted his technique and positioning.

**Numeracy News**

Grade 3/4 mathematicians were hard at work this week, solving the area and perimeter of square and rectangle shapes. They turned the activity into a game by rolling two dice and seeing who had occupied the largest area and perimeter. Property development managers in the making!!

**Literacy News**

Free choice writing sessions give students an opportunity to practise the writing strategies that they have been taught during Writing Workshops. They use ideas from their writer’s notebooks, experiences they have had, or observations they have made to create pieces of writing. Students can use different writing tools such as pencils, crayons, textas and gel pens to write with and write on lined and unlined paper, in mini paper books, large posters or writing books to complete their work. Most students enjoy this process as it allows them some freedom in their writing and the chance to be themselves in the creative process. You might like to set up a box of writing materials at home to encourage your budding writers to write more often.

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