Hi everyone...

Parent Opinion Survey – Mean Factor Scores – 2016 - Appin Park Primary School (5207)

School means plotted against Primary School means

PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2016: The graph above shows the recently-released data from the Parent Opinion Survey that some families completed last term. As you can see, the levels of satisfaction across all variables exceed the means for primary schools. This is a very affirming result for our staff and School Council, as this data is collected by the Dept. of Education as a key indicator of school improvement. Our recent School Review recognised the positive feedback the school has received from students and parents; particularly around the teaching & learning programs and the ‘tone’ of our school (student safety, wellbeing, attendance and engagement).

WEAR RED DAY: Tomorrow we hope everyone will turn up wearing something red to raise awareness of the challenges some children face in their learning due to dyslexia. As Liam Colin described at assembly last week, dyslexia means you learn in a different way, and literacy activities are particularly difficult for most children with this learning disorder. It can make them feel left behind in their learning. Our teachers at APPS are trying a number of strategies to help children with dyslexia to find the right way for them to experience success in their learning.

GRADE 5/6 CAMP 2017: School Council has approved the 2017 Urban School Camp (Melbourne) for our Grade 5/6 students in early March. The cost of the camp is $310 per student. There will be information sent home in coming weeks, including a form to indicate your child’s participation and the opportunity to pay a $50 deposit to confirm their place.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH: This week, the James family took home the YMCA’s fresh fruit & veg bag. Ned & Abby regularly walk or scoot to school—usually with their Mum, Kirsty. Each grade is recording the numbers of children walking to and from school on a chart. These results will be tallied to enter the competition run by the YMCA. In the last couple of years, students have earned a special event at the Barr Reserve due to their participation in this event.

DISCO FEVER: We hope to see as many students as possible supporting APPA’s disco tomorrow evening. Prep-2 children can come along from 5.30pm. Please do not arrive early as the team will still be setting up. We have done a deal with Just Kids to allow for the start time to be at 5.30pm. If you are collecting children from Just Kids after 5pm, they will be in the Library, or outside playing. A note will be on the door to let you know.

Upcoming Events

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APPA AGM: The APPA committee will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday, 7th November, in the staffroom. All parents are very welcome to attend. The election of executive positions will be held at this meeting. Nomination forms for these positions are available at the office. The committee would really like to see some new faces, and to welcome new members—please don’t be put off by thinking you’ll end up as president!!! It is a great way to be involved in your child’s learning and to make new friends with other parents.

WANGARTTA HIGH SCHOOL BAND: We are looking forward to a performance by the WHS Concert Band on Wednesday, 9th November at 9.30am. The students in the Concert Band are year 9 & 10 students who play instruments such as: flutes, clarinets, oboe, saxophones, trumpets, French horn, trombones, euphoniums, tuba, bass guitar & percussion. They will perform a 45-60 minute program. The music will be a range of TV/Movie themes and easy listening popular songs arranged for this ensemble. They will also demonstrate each of the instruments.

Parents and preschool children are very welcome to come along and be part of the audience on that morning. We will either be under Big M or in the BER, depending on the weather. The high school offers students a wonderful instrumental music program from Year 7 onwards.

STUDENT VOICE TEAM & CHOIR AT THE KINDERS: I was so proud of our students who visited the children at Nurture One and Goodstart kinders last Friday. The APPS students were so friendly and confident with the kinder kids that they were immediately welcomed by the children. Both kinder teachers commented on how much the little children were enjoying the chance to listen to the older APPS students as they sang or read stories, and then went off in small groups to play with them.

PLANNING 2017: We are currently working on our grade structures and placements for 2017. If you have a specific request for us to consider, based on educational or wellbeing grounds, please drop a note into the office or email me at larcombe.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au before the end of October. School Council discussed this on Monday evening and were pleased that we are planning with the aim of small class sizes and the best arrangement for children. If you are yet to enrol a Prep for 2017, please do so this week as we are starting the optional orientation sessions in early November.

Friday 4th November 5:30pm-7:00pm. Official Opening 6:00pm.
Saturday 5th November 9:30am - 2:00pm.
Come and join our school community for drinks and nibbles and to see the range of work created by your children. Vote for the People’s Choice Award.

“Arty” donations for the raffle will be gratefully received.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

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

PC  **Liam Cooper** for trying really hard to be brave and have a go at new activities during swimming lessons. Well done, Liam.

P/1B  **Charlotte Walker** 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, Charlotte!

1/2E  **Sousuke Keast** for his great start at Appin Park. He has settled well into Grade 1/2E. Well done, Sousuke.

2R  **Jiushian Side** for the improved confidence he has shown with his swimming.

3/4S  **Josie Donald** for her clever narrative idea titled “Mars, Moon and Milky Way”.

3/4V  **Aaliyah Haugh** for being a kind and humble classroom member who always tries her best. Well done, Aaliyah.

5K  **Max O’Brien** for his improved confidence in rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Keep it up, Max.

5S  **Chris Carmody** for showing leadership and initiative when offering to help those around him. Thank you, Chris!

6A  **David Vescio** for making a fantastic transition back to the classroom after a challenging absence. David has had no problem finding his school rhythm once more and is already making an excellent contribution to the class. Well done and welcome back, David.

6G  **Liam Colin** for showing a positive attitude to his learning and being prepared to attempt all tasks to the best of his ability. Also, for stimulating our school awareness towards National Dyslexia Empowerment Week and what it is like for people who have dyslexia.

**APPIN STAR AWARD**

**Georgia Long** for her great attitude to all learning tasks and consistently completing them to a very high standard.

**Yard Duty Award**

**Liam Colin** for alerting teachers to a mess in the yard and then offering to clean it up. Thank you for your help, Liam.

**Artist of the Week**

**Matilda Paxford** for her vision and determination in applying the skills she has learnt during her water colour classes. Matilda knew how she wanted to apply her skills and has demonstrated a real flair in this area.

**SPORTS AWARD**

**Lacey Sessions** for showing a preparedness to endure pain and difficulties to enable her team to be successful.

**Thomas Solimo** for showing strong thinking and a variety of strategies to assist his team to achieve success.

**Musician of the Week**

**Keira Wohlers** for her efforts to sing the correct lyrics in music. Well done, Keira.

**Fruit Roster 21st October**

Kim O’Brien, Lisa Bell & Colleen Perry-Heyden

**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.
School Athletics

I hope that all families have pencilled in our fourth attempt to hold our Athletics Sports Day on Friday 4th November. This is a full day program where the students will meet at school and then walk down to the athletics track, to participate in at least 8 different events. To make this day run smoothly we need the support of parents and friends to help with each of the events, or to help with supervision of individual age groups. Please let Mrs Martin know if you are available to help in any way.

Regional Athletics

Last Friday we had 13 students compete in the regional athletics carnival held in Albury. This event is for the best students in Grade 4/5/6 from the Seymour, Shepparton, Wangaratta and Wodonga areas.

The day was perfect for everybody to produce some great results; great track, warm weather and very little wind. The day started well for our students with Xavier Pitt, Caleb Gilbert and Logan Wright all running 2nd in their respective 800 m events. Xavier backed up to win his Discus event with a personal best throw in excess of 28m. Both Caleb and Logan also completed their individual events with strong wins in their 1500m races. Alex Pitt won his Discus event with a personal best throw of 30.94m and placed 2nd in Shot Put. 12 year old Braeden Marjanovic produced his best results in both Long Jump; winning the event, and his 100m final where he held off some strong finishers to place 3rd. Xavier Pitt won his Discus event with a personal best throw in excess of 28m. Both Caleb and Logan also completed their individual events with strong wins in their 1500m races. Alex Pitt won his Discus event with a personal best throw of 30.94m and placed 2nd in Shot Put. 12 year old Braeden Marjanovic produced his best results in both Long Jump; winning the event, and his 100m final where he held off some strong finishers to place 3rd. Tristian Fletcher-Blake won his Triple Jump with a personal best effort and placed 2nd in Shot Put. Tahlia Hurley jumped extremely well to win her way through to the next competition in Triple Jump and ran 6th in the Hurdles final. All of these students will now compete at the State Championships, which will be held in Melbourne next Monday 24th October. This competition will be made up of the two best students from each of the 8 regions across the state: a very strong competition.

Our other individual competitors were: Emily Mitchell (4th in both Long Jump and Hurdles), Josh Sgarioto (8th in 200m and 6th in Hurdles) and Kelly Hirschmann running a personal best time in her 100m race.

The 11 year boys relay team of Judd Ryan, Tristian Fletcher-Blake, Caleb Gilbert and Josh Sgarioto held their nerve to complete the 4x100m event in 3rd place. The 12 year old boys relay team of Alex Pitt, Lachlan Newton, Braeden Marjanovic and Caleb White ran strongly, but were unable to finish in the medal placings, running 4th.

Congratulations to each of our competitors and all the best for the upcoming State Championships. Thank you to the families who were able to go along for the day and support, not only their child, but the others of our small contingent. Your encouragement is appreciated by all. Good luck to our seven students competing at the State Championships - top 16 in the state, in your event, what a fantastic achievement!

YMCA Aquathon - Thursday 27th October

Hopefully we will have a large number of students competing in next Thursday evening’s aquathon event which is to be held at the Wangaratta Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre. There is a section for the 7-9 year olds: run 500m, swim 50m and complete it with another 500m run. For the older primary school students, 10-12 year olds, the event is a 1km run, 100m swim, finishing off with a 500m run.

Either of the events can be completed as an individual or as a team of 2 people. Cost is $10.00 per participant and all money raised goes to the YMCA Open Doors Program, which supports our local community. Registration can be done either online, visit customer service at the Barr Reserve, or on the night, before 6.00pm. The event starts at 6.30pm.
Milo Cricket and T20 Blast is on again!

City Colts Cricket Club will once again be running the Milo In 2 Cricket and T20 Blast program for season 2016/17. Milo In 2 Cricket is for those junior cricketers who are either just starting out or have done only a season or two. As a guide Milo is suited to Preps–Grade 2. It is a fun session where everyone learns the skills of cricket and plays plenty of games. T20 Blast is more game based and is for children who have played cricket for a couple of seasons but are not quite ready for underage junior competition. Both sessions are run on a Friday night from 5.30pm. The first session will be on Friday 28th October. Register via playcricket.com.au, enter Wangaratta as location and select City Colts as the centre, or for more information please contact: Ross Moore 0409 186 640 or rmmoore@esc.net.au

Does your child love to draw?

Our drawing classes teach children new techniques and the use of soft pastel and oil pastel. To celebrate their great work, we will be having an exhibition at the end of the year in the Bainz Gallery of the Wangaratta Library.

Dates: 5 x Thursdays 27th Oct—24th Nov
Time: 4:00pm–5:00pm
Cost: $50.00
Call Pangerang on 03 5721 3813 to book a place

Is your child interested in becoming a Cub or a Scout?

Wangaratta Scout Group is now running a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop!

Cub Pack:
Monday night 5.00 – 6.30pm
For boys and girls aged between 7 & 10½.

Scout Troop:
Monday night 6.30 – 8.30pm
For boys and girls aged between 10½ & 14½.

For more information contact Beryl Bassett on 0428 573 393 or irsglen@mcmmedia.com.au

TEE BALL & COACHES PITCH
FREE SESSIONS

Open to ALL Primary School aged children both boys and girls!!!! Each session is run and supervised by experienced members of the Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Club with all equipment supplied! Just bring a hat and drink bottle.

DATE: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (19th October to 7th December)
TIME: 6pm – 7pm
VENUE: First session will be held on the oval in Donald Street, behind the Wangaratta West Primary School (as the usual baseball grounds at Targoora Park, Murdock Road are too wet at the moment).

Further details please phone Kevin Pool on 0427 195 456

Positive Parenting Telephone Service

This Program is offered to parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our ten week program aims to assist you to:

* Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
* Manage everyday behaviour problems
* Set rules & limits
* Teach new skills
* Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

Interested?
For more information or to enrol phone 1800 880 660
Available all year round

Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime

Appin Park Disco
Come along to the Disco Event of the year!

When: Friday 31st October
Where: Multi-Purpose Room APPS
Times: Prep-3, 5.30pm-6.30pm
Three-Six, 6.30pm-8.00pm
Entry Cost: $5.00

Entry cost includes a soft drink and go stick.
Bring along your dancing shoes for a fun filled time of games, singing and of course dancing!

Fun and prizes for all!

Appin Park Primary School Students Only.

Students will be fully supervised by APPA parents and members of staff. Students must be dropped off and picked up by an adult.

Library
After Dark
Tuesday
8th November,
6.30-7.30pm
A celebration of Roald Dahl Stories
Would you like to advertise your business in this space? Call in to the office for more information.