Hi everyone...

WELL DONE APPA!! The discos last Friday evening were so well-organised and the children that attended had a wonderful time. The APPA team had created a real disco atmosphere and students responded by getting into the groove and all enjoying each other's company on the dance floor. It was difficult to get photos due to the constant movement!!

Thank you to the APPA team—the discos raised $640 and gave students an added-extra event in the calendar.

WANGARATTA CHILDREN’S WEEK FESTIVAL: Four students accompanied Cazz Hicks and me yesterday as we participated in the festival at Batchelor’s Green. Millie, Braeden, Caitlyn and Andre created balloon animals and encouraged preschool children to try the percussion instruments. They also enjoyed trying out some of the other stalls’ activities!

PUPIL FREE DAY—MONDAY: Students get an extra long weekend with Monday being pupil-free to allow teachers to work on the implementation of the new Victorian Curriculum, and with Tuesday being the Melbourne Cup holiday.

This new curriculum aligns closely with the Australian Curriculum and our most recent-past version, AUSVELS. While much of the content is similar, there are new areas like Digital Technologies that require extra professional learning and a re-adjustment of our school planning to ensure we offer students the best possible programs in all key areas.

JAZZ FESTIVAL ART: The Grade 5 students have got some ‘Jazz Art’ on display in the Co-Store if you would like to go and have a look.

STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: Wendy Martin has written a fuller report on this event (see P2) but I want to congratulate our 7 representatives: Tahlia Hurley, Xavier & Alex Pitt, Tristian Fletcher-Blake, Caleb Gilbert, Braeden Marjanovic & Logan Wright on their achievement in reaching this level of competition, and for their efforts on the day.

WELL DONE!!!

COUNT US IN: Next Thursday, Grade 5s will head to the Riverside stage area in Faithfull St for the annual ‘Count Us In’ music event. The rest of the school will mark the occasion here at 12noon. The Grade 5 students will take their lunch and, following the massed singing with students from Wangaratta PS, will visit that school to eat and have a short play before heading back to APPS. Parents are very welcome to come and watch the performance at school, or at the Riverside Precinct (12noon).

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY: Keep your fingers and toes crossed for a glorious Spring day next Friday (4th) for our school Athletics Day!!!

Wendy Larcombe
Numeracy News

Grade 5 students saw the fun side of learning about 2D and 3D shapes by using their problem solving skills and creativity to design a ‘Shape Hat’. The hats included lots of different shapes including, rectangular prisms, cones and cylinders. They look fantastic!

Literacy News

Don’t forget Library After Dark on Tuesday 8th November, (6:30-7:30) celebrating the stories of Roald Dahl. There will be plenty of activities for you to try, lucky door prizes, stories to read and hear. We look forward to seeing you there.

Below are some writing samples from the Prep room recounting their experiences at the swimming pool.

Floating makes me feel relaxed. When I lie like a sea star it is fun and relaxing.
By Clare Williams

When I dive into the pool. When my face hits the water it feels like a shield, a water shield.
By Charlie Bell

When I jump into the pool and get a sinky.
When I float on top of the water.
By Zeah Nelson

State Athletics Championships

On Monday the State Athletic Championships were held in Melbourne. This is where the best 16 students from their respective age groups, from across the State, converge on the Lakeside stadium to compete against each other. Seven of our students had qualified for this carnival, competing in 12 different events.

Tristan Fletcher-Blake performed solidly, placing in the top 10 in both his triple jump and shot put events. He was 5th overall for triple jump, only 1 cm off placing 3rd. Xavier Pitt finished 9th in discus and 11th in his 800m run. Braeden Marjanovic was able to match his personal best effort at the regional event and jump into 11th place in the long jump. Alex Pitt placed 12th in both discus and shotput, as did Logan Wright in his 800m and 1500m running events. Distance runner Caleb Gilbert also ran in the 800m and 1500m, placing 14th and 15th respectively. Tahlia Hurley was in the 10 year girls triple jump event where she placed 15th overall. Well done to each of our students: a great experience at the best level available to you. Thanks to the families who took the time to attend the event and to encourage and show support to all of the students. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

School Athletic Sports

At this point next Friday, 4th November, is looking like providing good weather for our sports day. Students may wear their sports team colours (no singlet tops) and must wear a hat in between competing in their events. There will be a program and final information included in next week’s newsletter. We are still looking for helpers at events or with an age group. Please let Mrs Martin know as soon as possible.

Art Exhibition

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.

Major Raffle Prize

With thanks to Linda D’Agostino for her generous donation
$2 per ticket or 3 for $5
Tickets available at the office.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you. Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly*

PC  **Isabelle Moffat** for being so well organised with her belongings for swimming lessons. Isabelle gets changed quickly and is ready with a smile on her face.

P/1B  **Bam Bam Haugh** for working hard to learn more of the first 100 words. Keep up the great work!

1/2E  **Rieley Gratton** for listening carefully to instructions given by his swimming teacher and completing tasks efficiently when practising life saving techniques at swimming lessons. Well done, Rieley.

2R  **Clara Rocchiccoli** for the amazing space fairy tale that she has written. It is a creative and original story, showing an excellent understanding of how a great narrative can capture the reader’s attention.

3/4V  **Tayah Martens** for the entertaining story she has written and illustrated for the junior students. Well done, Tayah!

5K  **Emma Vickery** for seeking assistance when she was having trouble and asking for extra work so that she could practise and improve at home. Great initiative, Emma.

5S  **Flynn Twyford** for the creativity, enthusiasm and positive manner he brings to the classroom. Keep it up, Flynn. Well done!

6G  **Ryan Battin** for working hard and always being on task during our writing sessions. Ryan has made a concerted effort to improve his written pieces by producing texts that are more detailed. He is also using strong and interesting words and is expanding his thoughts and ideas with facts and evidence. Keep up the great work, Ryan.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD: To the students who attended the Discos for your enthusiasm, wonderful social skills and friendliness. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of this event.

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**APPIN STAR AWARD**

**Jack Gambrell** for his enthusiasm for learning and consistent effort in class. Jack is always friendly and helpful and carries a permanent smile on his face. Congratulations on being a great role model, Jack.

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**Artist of the Week**

*David Vescio* for his awesome work using water colours. Great job, David.

**SPORTS AWARD**

**William Petersen** for the resilience that he continually displays. When things don’t go according to plan, his happy nature allows him to look at it in a positive way and grow from the experience. Well done.

**Millie Carson** for her efforts at persisting with a task and continually developing her accuracy and speed when refining her cricket bowling action. She is showing more consistency due to her determination to improve.

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**Musician of the Week**

**Connor Gambold** for stepping up and practising his singing at home and learning the lyrics to the song we are singing for family night.

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**Fruit Roster 28th October**

Margie Moore, Karen McIntosh & Annette Blanchfield

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

**Mt Bruno Picnic** -

*A family fun day with novelty races for all ages*

**Saturday 29th October - 1pm, BYO picnic, rugs & chairs**

Race winners choose their prizes, all children receive a prize.

Entry by donation.

Follow the picnic day signs from the Glenrowan-Boweya Rd to Jones Rd to the picnic area at Mt Bruno.

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