Hi everyone...

VISIT BY LOCAL OLYMPIAN: We had the privilege of a visit today from local Rio Olympian; and a representative of the Victorian Institute of Sport, Belinda Hocking. Belinda spoke with Grade 5/6 students this morning about her experiences as a member of the Australian Olympic Squad, and her achievements in Swimming. Belinda was 5th in the final of the Women’s 200m Backstroke event in Rio. Students enjoyed the chance to examine her Australian team uniform and hear first hand the experiences of a local sports champion.

GRAND OPENING NIGHT: APPIN PARK PS ART SHOW—5.30-7.30pm TOMORROW EVENING
This display of student work will also be open to the community on Saturday (9.30-2pm).
Parents and friends of the school are urged to come along and see the work done by students in the Art Room this year. There are beautiful displays of watercolours, collage pieces, models and paintings in our Library and Junior Corridor area.
THANK YOU to Heather Foster and the staff team for their work in preparing these displays.

FUN IN THE SUN: Students were enjoying taking their learning outside today to make the most of Spring sunshine. While the Preps were practising their Writing skills, Grade 3/4 students were energetically running and chasing each other on the netball courts.

ATHS SPORTS DAY—FINALLY!!! The forecast is for warm and very sunny weather tomorrow; making it a perfect day for our Athletics Day at the Appin St Complex. The children will head off straight after the bell—PLEASE ensure your child is at school on time. They need a water bottle, lunch and snacks, their hat and lots of energy for the day. Parents and family members are VERY welcome to come along for the full day, or to drop in when they can. Children love to see you there, even if only for a short time during your lunch break. There is a timetable and lots of information on page 3. Please bring a shade gazebo to share if you have one. There is NO ASSEMBLY this week.

SUPPORTING THE RSL: We currently have poppies in a range of styles available at the office to support programs run by the RSL. Children can buy a poppy badge for $1 or a wristband for $3. Adult items are available for $5-$10 also. Come along to next week’s assembly (Friday, 9am) for our Remembrance Day commemoration. School Captains will lead this ceremony and we have a special guest from the RSL presenting.

Upcoming Events

| 1st Nov | Playgroup 9.30-11am in the Multipurpose Room |
| 4th Nov | Art Show 5.30pm - 7.00pm |
| 7th Nov | APPA AGM |
| 4th Nov | School Athletics NO ASSEMBLY |
| 5th Nov | Art Show 9.30am-2.00pm |
| 8th Nov | Library After Dark |

Wendy Larcombe
Literacy News

Junior school students have been hard at work practising their “free choice” writing this week and using lots of interesting words. Some students took advantage of the lovely weather, choosing to work outside.

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.

Entry by gold coin donation.

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.

Library After Dark

Tuesday, 8th November 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Featuring the stories of Roald Dahl

All welcome

Story telling by some familiar faces
Finally some warm and dry weather for our Athletics Sports Day. Tomorrow, Friday 4th November, the whole school will be involved in our annual athletics sports day, held at the Athletic Complex on Appin St. All children will need to take their own lunch and drinks, as well as appropriate clothing. No child will be allowed to go across to the shop to buy anything. Please make sure that your child has a good drink container as these will be placed in large containers and taken around with them to each of the events. There is limited shade so it may be handy to have your child/ren bring their snacks and lunch in a cool pack.

The children do not have to wear school uniform - it’s great to see all the children wearing the different colours of the house teams, it really adds to the atmosphere of the day (it is not compulsory to wear house colours). No singlet tops please. The children must wear a hat when they are not competing and shoes for all activities. Please make sure that all your child’s belongings are well labelled.

The children will walk to the track from school, leaving at 9.05 am. Some older children will be required to be at the track prior to 9am to participate in a 1500 m event, however these children have been given a special note already. The first event of the timetable is to begin at 9.45 am. There will not be a morning break as such, and lunch will be from 11.45am to 12.45pm. During this time there will be some relay events taking place for the older children. The afternoon session will begin at 12.45pm and go until 2.45pm where a presentation of the Athletics Shield will be presented to the winning team. Everybody who participates will gain at least 1 point for their team, per event.

At the end of the day the children will walk back to school with their class teacher. If you are taking your child/ren home from the track then please inform their class teacher. If you would like your child to walk home immediately from the track then please send a note to their teacher in the morning.

Every child will be given a participant’s card. This will need to have their name and their age group written on it (age is what the child turns this year and the group that they are participating with) and will need to be secured to their shirt - pins are best. Most of the children will be given their card today and must remember to bring it with them tomorrow. Some of the younger grades keep the cards at school and ask the children to bring along the pins.

Thanks to those parents who have offered their assistance throughout the day. If any other parents are available to help please don’t hesitate to ask somebody. Hopefully parents/friends will be able to come along and support all the children competing. Y our encouragement helps make the day more successful for all those involved.

Wendy Martin
Would you like to advertise your business in this space? Call in to the office for more information.