Hi everyone…

CHOIR BRINGS PLEASURE TO ST JOHNS RESIDENTS: On Monday afternoon, our choir performed for a large group of residents at St Johns Village. They sang beautifully, and with obvious enjoyment; inspiring some of the audience to join in and even to get up and dance! Under Cazz Hicks’ direction, the students have really grown in their performance skills and confidence. They delivered a lovely melodic repertoire.

NEW EQUIPMENT: Our new play equipment piece will be available for students to try out next week. This ‘climbing cube’ is an addition to our existing playgrounds and will provide an option for students. We will designate year groups on different days to start with, as there is bound to be a ‘novelty factor’ at first. Thank you to APPA who allocated the funds some time ago. It has been a long wait due to the wet weather over winter/spring. We will have a short ribbon-cutting ceremony before recess on Monday.

We are also expecting delivery of some brand new classroom tables and chairs to upgrade all the furniture in Rooms 1-4 (Prep-2 area) next week. APPA has also generously supported the purchase of this furniture by allocating $6,000 of funds raised this year. Photos will be in next week’s newsletter!

FREE FURNITURE - Junior tables & chairs - collect Wednesday after school. Contact the office for details.

NEW CHAPLAIN APPOINTED FOR 2017: This week, we finalised the appointment of a new chaplain for next year. Bec Lanham will start work in week 1 of Term 1. Dave Reeks, our current chaplain has been very generous in staying on for the remainder of the year as we worked to fill this vacancy. We will certainly miss Dave next year, but Bec is very excited and looking forward to getting to know our school families, along with the playgroup parents and children.

PLANNING FOR 2017: We will draft a new four year Strategic Plan as a result of our recent School Review. From this Strategic Plan, we then develop an Annual Implementation Plan; outlining our major professional learning and improvement focus for next year. This will be presented to School Council and published for your information at the start of 2017. Our class sizes will remain at between 18-24 students in 2017, and we are currently working on the best grade structure. Watch this space.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS: We will have our current highly-valued specialist programs operating in 2017: Music, Art, and PE remain a high priority for students, staff and parents. School Council has been deliberating about the Languages program for next year. I will be able to give more detail of this after our next meeting on Monday.

AND FINALLY… We look forward to welcoming our new 2017 Prep students to their first two-hour orientation session next Thursday. Fiona Carson and the junior team have worked hard to offer the optional extra sessions, which a number of families have taken up. I know those parents really appreciate this offer. THANKS, Fiona!

Wendy Larcombe
Literacy News

Over the last couple of weeks our Grade 6 students have started the very popular activity of creating a scrapbook about their journey through Primary School. Along with photos, newspaper articles, certificates and pieces of memorabilia, the students complete some writing. Their writing recounts memories of experiences at school, friendships they have made and teachers they have had. The students present their scrapbooks to their families on Graduation Night bringing a quiet tear to many a parent’s eye as they see how much their children have grown and developed in their time at Appin Park.

Numeracy News

Room 17 was turned into an angle gallery this week as students from 5S became angle artists. They created a sea of angles using protractors and masking tape.

Come and check it out!

Art Room News

The People’s Choice awards from the Art Exhibition were announced at last Friday’s assembly. Congratulations to:

**P–2 Mentions**
- Isaac Moore: Spring Finger Painting
- Abbey Waide: Spring Finger Painting
- James Long: Spring Finger Painting
- Max Knox: Spring Finger Painting

**Winner:** Ella Nelson:
- Dinosaur Silhouette

**Grade 3/4 Mentions**
- Ruby Snowdon: Fit For Life – Pineapple
- Lily Knox: Fit For Life – Apple
- Felicity O’Connell: Melted Bead Bowl

**Winner:** Johnnie Wohlers:
- Fit For Life – Pineapple

**Grade 5/6 Mentions**
- Jackson Stringer: Watercolour Whale
- Hannah Snowdon: Gold Rush

**Winner:** Georgia Long:
- Watercolour Portrait

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAYS:

**Tuesday December 6**
**Wednesday December 7**
**Thursday December 8**

Meet at the WHS NEW Flexible Learning Centre
Tuesday morning at 9am
Parents welcome for a meet and greet information session

**Tuesday 6th December 9am – 10am:**

- Information session on the computer options, buses, finances, 2017 camp and other general enquiries. Administration staff will be available, Harvey Norman representatives and an address from acting Principal David Cummins. Any further questions regarding orientation please contact Kasey Doyle on 0357230500

- Come in your current school uniform
- Please wear comfortable shoes (runners ok)
- Parents are to arrange drop off and pick up
- School hours: 9:00am-3.30pm
Artist of the Week

Abbey Waide for creating an impressive “The Little Pigs” jigsaw. Abbey listened to and followed the instructions really well and produced a fantastic end product. Well done, Abbey.

Caitlyn Delaney for continuing to demonstrate a desire to always present work to the best of her ability; showing a great understanding and willingness to extend herself.

SPORTS AWARD

Ryhs Vincent for encouraging and supporting other students to continue to work hard at the same time that he was focused and achieving his best results in the Beep and Strength tests.

Tayah Martens for having the determination to show a great improvement in both her Beep and Strength test results.

Glenn Gratton for displaying a strong focus and determination to achieve his best results in both the Beep and Strength tests.

Appin Star Award

Caitlyn Delaney for continuing to demonstrate a desire to always present work to the best of her ability; showing a great understanding and willingness to extend herself.

PC Lacy Solimo for the quiet and considerate way she goes about her work in the classroom. Well done, Lacy!

P/1B Imogen Walkerden for trying to add more detail to her writing during our writing sessions. Great work, Imogen!

1/2E Brady O’Keefe for continuing to participate in all class activities despite his broken foot. Great effort, Brady!

2R Hayden Watson for being focused, organised and helpful in the classroom.

3/4G Kira Geue for planning, drafting and publishing her excellent narrative during our writing sessions. Great work, Kira!

3/4S Corey Petersen for continuing to have a positive attitude towards learning and for being able to listen and stay focused during class discussions.

3/4V Gemma Nolan for the great effort and improvement shown in her reading. Well done, Gemma!

5K Jade Haebich for developing her confidence in angles and being able to use a protractor effectively.

5S Ryan Corrigan for the effort he applied to the online tests; and being determined to improve in each one. Congratulations, Ryan. Remember, hard work always pays off!

6A Amelia Weimer for applying herself well to learning activities and producing excellent writing for her Grade 6 Scrapbook. Well done, Amelia. Keep up the great work!

6G Andre Roleff for being thoughtful and showing consideration towards another student; sharing some of his possessions, knowing that they would be greatly appreciated.

Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly

Fruit Roster 18th November
Margie Moore, Jacinta Hutton & Kim O’Brien

Book Club orders are due back Tuesday 22nd November

Slushies will be available at the canteen every Wednesday until sold out. $2 each

APPA Christmas Raffle
Donations are needed for the annual Christmas Raffle to be drawn at Family Night on 13th December. Items can be left at the office.

Thank you.
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