Hi Everyone

THE LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR! It is truly amazing how quickly this year has gone. 2016 has been an important year at APPS as we have completed our school review process and worked on developing the new Strategic Plan. At our end of year School Council meeting on Monday, we ratified the Strategic Plan (2017-2020), and the draft Annual Implementation Plan for 2017.

The main focus for our work next year will be to value-add to our strong teacher practice by adding some high impact, evidence-based strategies to the whole school approach. We will also strengthen our links with near-by preschools to enhance our enrolments. School Council also approved the draft 2017 Budget for the school. Included in this is new laptops and desktop computers across the school, along with the new Chinese Language Program we will undertake next year. Following a successful trial in 6A this year, all classes from Grade 1-6 will have a weekly skyped lesson with a Chinese tutor in Beijing. This ‘real time’ communication allows for information about daily life to be shared and for the children to have the chance to learn from a native-Mandarin speaker.

THANK YOU!!

To the wonderful staff team at APPS for the hard work and dedication you put in to making our school a great place to learn and develop in — the children are so lucky to have the calibre of teachers and support staff all across the school that we have here.

Also, to the children for your positive and respectful attitude to school, towards your peers, to your teachers and to learning. I hope our Grade 6 students have a wonderful start to their high school journey next year. We know that they are all very ready and well-prepared for this next step. The Graduation assembly this morning gave us an opportunity to celebrate their growth and development in the time they’ve been at Appin Park. We look forward to hearing of their ongoing success and achievement. To those who will be back on 31st January for another great year of learning—there’s lots to look forward to!!

To parents and carers in our school community—we really appreciate your support and commitment to the school. Our APPA team and School Council have put in lots of work this year with events like the fete and other activities to make our school an even better place to be. Many parents offer the help they can during our excursions, EXPOs, swimming & gymnastic program or by working in the gardens. All parents take a keen interest in the work their child is doing at school, and we do aim to offer lots of ways for you to be involved.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

Farewell to the following families who have been part of our school for some time, who have their only, or youngest child/ren heading off to Year 7 next year: Robyn & Troy Delahunty, Robert Hirschmann & Kim Westcott, Leon & Fiona Newton, Narelle Huggins, Joseph & Susan Paola, John Patton, Dean & Sharon Semple, Belinda & Craig Sessions, Angela & Ian Vescio, Gary & Samantha Watson, Ros Butler & Mark Weimer, Vanessa & Jamie Battin, Cheryl & Rick Robl, Caragh Castagnetti, Julie & Albert Colin, Ruth & Peter Crawford, Steve & Janine Doig, Donna & Patrick Grady, Christine & Darren Nish, David & Celine Muir, Alison Mudford, Anna Stringer, Jo & Leigh Stubbs and Taya & Tim Tracey.

Friday Assembly is tomorrow at the usual time of 9am.

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30pm on TUESDAY.
Bus travellers will be picked up at 1.20pm. They’ll know if their bus is running.
Merry Christmas to all our families. Have a safe, relaxing and refreshing holiday.

Wendy Larcombe

Upcoming Events

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GRADE 6 HIGH ACHIEVERS: Students who received special recognition for their efforts this year were presented with their awards on Tuesday at Family Night.

Hannah Snowdon (centre) was selected for the Ian Ward Memorial Scholarship due to her attitude to learning and her energetic participation in all facets of school life. Lachy Newton (right) received the Artist of the Year Award from Heather Foster, while Braeden Marjanovic (left) was selected for the Athlete’s Foot Sports Person of the Year by Wendy Martin.

Emily Doig and Lucas Paola accepted the Walter Bob Harris Award on Tuesday evening, while Caitlyn Delaney & Cameron Lovett were presented with the Mary Baldwin Award.

The Grade 6 students were presented with certificates and pins from APPA this morning, along with their portrait album and a copy of the Grade 6 photo. Grade 1 students presented each Grade 6 with a mortarboard hat as part of the ‘passing out parade’.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

PC Prep C for the wonderful year we have had together, making new friends and doing a lot of learning. We have had a lot of fun and many laughs. Thanks for being such a great group of children to work with.

P/1B Dalayla Coyne for being a helpful class member who is always looking out for others and helping where she can. Great work, Dalayla!

2R 2R for making my last year of teaching so enjoyable and rewarding. I will miss all the fun times we have had together.

3/4G Lucy Kiely for doing a great job of including all the Preps and Ones in the sharing of the 3/4s board games and narratives.

3/4S Chelsea Hoffard for her enthusiastic singing and dancing at Family Night.

3/4V 3/4V for their effort to work hard, be kind and stay humble. Keep it up, kids!

5S 5S for being such a wonderful grade. You are an amazing bunch of kids who have made this year full of laughter and cherished memories. Thank you!

6A Lachlan Newton for being a constant positive influence on the class this year. Lachlan always comes to school with a bright smile on his face and ready to learn. Thank you and well done on a great year.

Kelly Hirschmann for her quiet manner and the determined way she approaches her work. She has positioned herself well for success as she moves onto the next chapter of her education. Well done, Kelly.

APPLE STAR AWARD

Alex Kay for the polite and caring attitude he shows to all classmates and the positive approach he has towards his learning.

SPORTS AWARD

Jackson Bell for showing a great understanding of the different tasks undertaken and the many skills required to complete them. He is always ready to apply himself 100%. Well done, Jackson.

Reagen Harris for his continual commitment to all PE and sport activities. He displays a positive and encouraging attitude at all times and willingly challenges himself to refine and improve his skills. I’ll miss your enthusiasm, Reagen. Good luck for next year.

Denvey Harris for his wonderful attitude towards physical activity. He loves the challenges of the variety of games undertaken and is always looking for new strategies to achieve better outcomes. Well done, Denvey. All the best for next year.

Fruit Roster 16th December

Jacinta Hutton & Kim O’Brien

Please return booklists by tomorrow - even if you are paying for them on book day (Wednesday 25th January).
On Sunday night Appin Park and Wangaratta Primary Schools' Combined Choir performed Away in a Manger at Carols by Candlelight in Merriwa Park. They stood proudly in the background as the mayor opened the event and then sang beautifully. They did such a great job that they have been asked to come back next year and do two songs!

### 2016 OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

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**Kids Summer Holiday Program**

- **Finding Dory**
  - Sit back and relax away from the heat with our movie choice “Finding Dory”
  - **BYO: Food & drinks**
  - **Friday 6th January**
  - **2.30pm**

- **Create your own Comic Strip**
  - Learn how to create your very own comic strip.
  - **Wednesday 11th January**
  - **10.30am**

- **Superhero Cape Making**
  - Every superhero needs their very own cape!
  - **Friday 13th January**
  - **1.30pm**

- **Superhero Bootcamp**
  - Before going off on your first superhero mission you must first pass our superhero training.
  - **Thursday 19th January**
  - **1.00pm**

Bookings are essential.
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**Youth Summer Holiday Program**

- **Coding in the Library**
  - Over 4 weeks learn basic coding in HTML, CSS and JavaScript.
  - **Starting 23rd January**
  - **3.00pm - 4.00pm**
  - **Bookings required**

- **Create your own comic strip**
  - Start your own comic strip by joining us in an afternoon of “Create Your Own Comic Strip”
  - **Thursday 18th January**
  - **3.30pm**

- **Murder Mystery**
  - Come join us in our superhero murder mystery night at the library.
  - **Wednesday 18th January**
  - **6.00pm - 8.00pm**
  - **Bookings required**

- **AWOL**
  - Join our monthly Anime club and chat about the latest releases.
  - **Wednesday 25th January**
  - **7.00pm**

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**Summer Reading Club party**

You are invited to join us at Wangaratta Library to celebrate the finish of the Summer Reading Club.

- **Saturday 28th January**
- **10.30am**

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**Winter Reading Club**

You are invited to join us at Wangaratta Library to celebrate the finish of the Winter Reading Club.

- **Saturday 28th January**
- **10.30am**

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