Hello everyone

The outdoor pool was a great place to be on Tuesday evening, thank you to everyone who came and supported us. Whether you cooked, carted drinks, delivered food, organized the BBQ, served or relaxed and socialized, it was such a great community event and your contribution was important. I was so impressed to see so many families enjoying themselves and building school connections.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 LEADERS: Last Friday our grade 6 leadership roles were announced and I congratulate each and every one. Badges will be presented at our assembly tomorrow. Our newly elected school captains have already shown their leadership qualities, assisting at our farewell assembly for Wendy Larcombe.

Congratulations Matthew Bell, Samuel Mullens, Georgia Long and Sheridan McDonald who are our new School Captains. We will see them in action regularly at our school assemblies but also at a public events where we require school representation. I know they will do a terrific job. House Captains: Red (Clarke), Tristian Fletcher-Blake & Emily Mitchell, Yellow (Freeman), Harvey Moore & Tahlia Hurley, Blue (Fraser), Ryan Brereton & April Shimura, Green (Bradman), Caleb Gilbert and Emma Vickery. Student Voice: Jordan Gosbell, Flynn Twyford, Josh Sgarioto, Sarah Henderson, Chenoa Nash, Baylea Young. Flag monitors: Jack McGowan, Robbie Sessions.

INFORMATION EVENING: All Welcome This session will be hosted by Fiona Carson and will relate mainly to our prep students, but all parents are very welcome to attend. The topics covered will be: how to make reading at home enjoyable and valuable for your child’s learning, expectations and classroom organisation matters, lunchbox choices and helping your child to manage friendships. It’s a great opportunity to hear how the year has started and to understand more about your child’s day at school. I highly recommend that all Prep parents attend the session on Wednesday 22nd February at 6.00. We will have supervision for children if necessary - please let Fiona know if you need your children supervised during this time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL: Nominations for School Council vacancies close today at 4:00pm. Should the number of nominations exceed the vacancies, a ballot will be conducted during the next couple of weeks. Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 20th March at 6:30pm. Watch this space for updates.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Don’t forget to book your Parent Teacher Interviews for next Tuesday 21st or Wednesday 22nd February. There are some tips on booking with Compass on page 2 which may help you book online. Don’t hesitate to call the office if you need assistance with this.
**BUS TRAVELERS:** Yesterday, I was notified that all our bus travelers will be travelling to Wangaratta High School on our shuttle service and catching their own buses from there. It is possible that there will be some variations to this arrangement over the next few weeks and I will notify individual families if there are changes to be made. The shuttle bus leaves Appin Park at around 3:20pm and we have a special “Bus Bell” to remind students they need to leave a few minutes early. Don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions or you can contact Janine Andrea, WHS bus coordinator, on 57230500.

**JULIE SAUNDERS:** We said farewell to Julie Saunders last week as she moves on to studies in Early Childhood Development. Julie has been with us for four years and has worked in our front office and with individual students in classrooms. Julie made a significant contribution to Appin Park and we will miss her smiling face, positive attitude and great rapport with staff and students. We wish her well in her studies.

**FREE FRUIT:** Thank you to our free fruit sponsors. We do value this program and acknowledge that we would be unable to continue without the generous support of our school community. Thanks must go to Adam & Jo Williams (Wangaratta Veterinary Clinic) who have sponsored this program for a whole term and the Weeks family who have contributed as well.

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**Musician of the Week**

*Jack McGowan* for his positive start to the year. Jack volunteered to help with lifting equipment on the first day and followed it up with a positive start in class. He was fully engaged and participated with enthusiasm. Well done, Jack!

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you.*

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

- **PC** Seyi Ogunjobi for the way she always joins in with our afternoon singing with a happy, smiling face. Thank you, Seyi!
- **1B** Bethany Perry Heyden for the great start she has made to her Grade One year. She is always organised and ready to learn, happy to help others and does it all with a smile on her face. Well done, Bethany!
- **1E** Keira Wohlers for settling into Grade One so well. She comes to school each day with a smile on her face, ready to learn. Great start, Keira.
- **2G** Chloe Cooper for working consistently all week and helping other classmates at the same time. Great effort, Chloe!
- **3V** Brodie Ross Hamilton for the enthusiasm and interest he shows during class discussions. Keep it up!
- **3/4S** Clara Rocchiccioli for her excellent spelling test results and for the enthusiasm that she shows for learning.
- **4G** Flynn Carson for being a supportive, encouraging and kind class member who always has a smile on his face. You are such a pleasure to have in the classroom.
- **5S** Brenton Williams for being a positive role model in the classroom through random acts of kindness. You are a valued member of our classroom, Brenton. Well done.
- **6FM** Alex Kay for a great start to Grade Six. His enthusiasm and willingness to learn is a strong asset and will hold him in excellent stead as he progresses through the year.
- **6K** Coby Janenga for the outstanding approach he has had to Grade Six on the work he is putting into improving. Keep it going, Coby.

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Heather Foster, Acting Principal

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**BOOKING PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ON COMPASS**

There seems to be some confusion with the new booking system on Compass. When you click on the link on the home page it will take you to the booking for your child’s teacher. Click on the drop down arrow on the right side of the page. Only available times will be listed. Click on your preferred time and you will see a green Booked in the status column. If you need to change the time follow the same procedure to change to another available time. Please contact Nicole in the office if you have any questions.

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**HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS**

Do you hold a current Health Care Card? You may be eligible to apply for CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund). If you have not filled out an application form for 2017 please contact Nicole at the office.
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MORE POOL PARTY!

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Fruit Roster
17th February:
Helpers Please!

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WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 on their VCE Results

We are proud of our Class of 2016 and all their achievements. Our congratulations to every student. They have been very enthusiastic, energetic and hardworking learners. They have demonstrated consistent effort and persistence.

Despite the demands of Year 12, our students have also been very active in the extra-curricular programme at the school. Large numbers of our 12 students performed in the Music programme and production.

Our students have also been highly committed and active in sport, leading the school to win and perform across the range in football, netball and cricket. The Class of 2016 included a number of fine athletes who balanced their training and studying effectively.

The Class of 2016 demonstrated excellent leadership across the school as they built awareness of, and undertook fundraising for, a wide range of local justice and medical programs as well as strengthening our ties to the community.

We are also proud of those students who have achieved their personal goals through gaining employment or who have been selected for BOP outcomes prior to Year 12.

Congratulations also to our Year 11 students who completed Units 3 and 4 VCE studies—your achievements are excellent. Congratulations to our staff who have guided and mentored the Class of 2016 from Year 7 through to VCE.

David Oates
Principal

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ATAR Honour Board

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In Class of 2016 - VCE Student Achievement Information

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In 2016...

- 24% of students achieved an ATAR score of 90 or above.
- 20 students achieved an ATAR score over 99.
- 88 students completed Year 12 and received an ATAR score.
- 13 subject areas had students who achieved an ATAR score over 90.

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