

Appin Park News

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

10th November, 2022

Save the Date

November

17 2023 Foundation Transition Morning

December

2 Student Free Day
9 Christmas Raffle Casual Day
13 State-wide Transition Day
16 Grade 6 Graduation
19 Family Night
20 Last day for 2022 (1.15pm finish)

Hello Everyone,

It has been pleasing to be able to get outside again this week, with some beautiful days. At assembly this week students were again reminded of the importance of wearing their hat when outdoors and to drink plenty of water as the weather warms up. We also spoke about our school values of Responsibility, Respect and Caring and the importance of making sure everyone is doing their best to follow the instructions of the adults in the classroom and in the yard.

In exciting news, we are delighted to say that Jasmine Ammer and Rachele Gambold will be joining the Appin Park teaching team next year after a recent recruitment process. The 2023 staffing structures will be shared with our school community in the next newsletter once everything is finalised.

Our sports court is getting closer to completion, with the blue playing surface being applied this week. The last pieces of the puzzle include seating, rebound surfaces, and general clean up around the site. We still have our fingers crossed that we will be able to use the space before the end of the year.

Alinea (ES staff member) has been running activities at recess over the last few weeks to provide an alternative for students in the yard. Activities have included outdoor Lego creations, chalk drawing on the concrete and games on the oval. Some of the students have really enjoyed the alternative choices to their playtime.

Yesterday Mrs Vescio held our first Foundation transition for 2023 students. The students were all very settled, demonstrating how well our local kindergartens have set the children up for school. The group enjoyed listening to stories, outside play and singing familiar songs. We look forward to getting to know them over the next few visits.



Tomorrow I will be accompanying Lenny, Bella, Emily and Charlie to the Wangaratta Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day Wreath laying service. A similar presentation will be held at school, along with a minute's silence for all students. As you can see in the accompanying photos several students have been taking part in art activities in acknowledgement of Remembrance Day.

Fiona Carson - Principal



Sports News

State Athletics

Last week Year 4 student, Judd Campbell, competed at the Victorian Primary Schools Athletics Championships in Melbourne. He had been invited to compete in the 200m event. The top 16 students across the state were competing in their preferred events. Judd ran well in his heat race, placing 5th behind some strong runners, however his time qualified him for the final. Judd was one of the best 8 competitors in the state to race, placing 7th. A great effort, considering the limited preparation he had due to the wet conditions and the unavailability of the track to train. Well done, Judd.

House Shield

Students are still earning points towards the House Shield. A variety of activities are undertaken throughout the year where points are accumulated. There are a couple more weeks where scores may be earned to alter the placings of the Shield. After this week, scores were added which saw a bridging of the gap between the teams. There are only 36 points separating all teams. Current standings are:

Bradman (Green) 3121 points Clarke (Red) 3123 points Fraser (Blue) 3134 points Freeman (Yellow) 3157 points

The House Shield will be presented to the winning team at the last assembly this term.

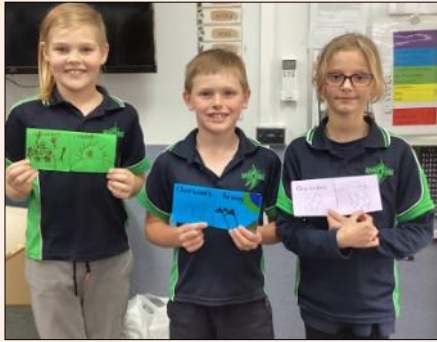
Certificates of Recognition

Huntah Voss* *Ashley Marshall* Bella Sessions

3/4 HAPPENINGS

READING

The 3/4 students are learning to summarise fiction texts. They made booklets to help them remember that they need to include the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end when summarising.



QUEST

Our quest this term is to learn about "Earth's Place in Space". The students are making a classroom model of the solar system that is to scale.

Jupiter is going to have a diameter of 55cm and Mercury's diameter will only be 1.8cm. Mercury will take the shortest time to paper mache.

Harry Knox



Writing - Information Reports

Komodo Dragons - Kingston Steele

Hey look, it's a dragon! Well not really. Komodo dragons are just really big lizards that are called dragons. From island to island they live in Indonesia and really like it there! We probably should keep them in their habitat, unless we have to evacuate them! Because global warming is engulfing the islands komodo dragons live on and it's our job to help them survive.

Young dragons eat insects, geckos and small mammals and adult dragons prefer to eat larger prey. Sometimes they attack humans when threatened. Komodo dragons swallow prey as big as a goat, it takes fifteen to twenty minutes to do so. They can also eat 80% of their weight in one feast.

