

Appin Park News

LEARNING FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

11th August, 2022

Save the Date

August

- 22 Student Free Day
- 25 School Production
- 31 Melbourne Netball

September

- 1 School Athletics
- 5 Grade 5/6 Lorne Camp
- 15 Junior Sleepover
- 16 Last Day of Term

Hello Everyone,

We are very fortunate, at Appin Park PS to have beautiful, natural outdoor spaces that we are continually aiming to improve. This week Mr Storer's grade 3/4 students added to our gardens by planting 50 native shrub and small tree species. The plants were donated by the Rural City of Wangaratta as part of School Plant a Tree Day, held at the end of July. The trees have been planted near the back carpark alongside the fire tanks, to create a natural looking entrance. A thank you goes out to Lisa Bell who popped in during the week to prune the roses along the multipurpose room building.

With 2 weeks to go until our whole school production, students are showing great enthusiasm and excitement at the prospect of performing on the big stage. It is wonderful to see their proud faces when they let us know that their family is coming to watch. Thanks to everyone for purchasing tickets, they are still available via the WangPAC website.

Athletics Sports Day is coming up on 1st September, with students practising for the different events in PE lessons. It was our Foundations students who took to the high jump mat for the first time today amidst great excitement as you can see in the photos.

Please remember to hand in Subway lunch orders. Due in this Friday, 12th August.



Fiona Carson - Principal

Certificates of Recognition

**Judd Campbell* *Ruby Schultz* *Hayden Nelson* *Atelaite Cokanauto*
Ashlynn Reaburn *Jasmine Steele* *Alexis Cox* *Sam Savage**

Annual School Athletics

After having our school athletics sports cancelled for the last couple of years, and postponed from the end of Term 1, we are hopeful that the weather will be perfect for **Thursday 1st September**, when we will conduct our sports day at the Athletics Track in Appin Street. All children are involved and will be competing in a variety of events throughout the day. The children are in sports teams and all results will gain points towards their team being awarded the Athletics Shield for the year. To add to the spirit of the day, we ask the children to wear the colours of their sports team if possible. If you are unsure of your child's team please speak to their teacher.

This whole day program requires a great deal of help and support from parents and families. We need help with individual events as well as marshalling age groups. If you are able to help could you please send a message back to school, indicating the area that you would be able to help with, by next Thursday, 19th August, or if it is easier, please Dojo Mrs Martin.

We need help with high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, vortex and time keeping. We also need help with age groups (the age groups are based on what age your child turns this year - however, there may be some of the senior students who have elected to compete with their classmates rather than their age group). There will be more information included in the newsletter closer to the event.

Wendy Martin

CHILD'S NAME:

GRADE:

I am able to help with: EVENT

AGE GROUP:

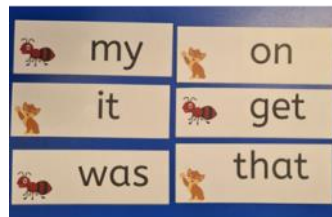
YOUR NAME:

PHONE:

Junior School Happenings!

LITERACY in the FOUNDATION CLASS

The Foundation children are continuing to learn the common words (also known as high frequency or sight words). Some words can be “s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d” out (using the Stretchy Snake strategy) and this is where your child’s phonics knowledge comes into play. Other words just can’t be stretched out and read successfully. These latter words are the ones that we **just need to know**. Can you work out which of the following words can be read using the Stretchy Snake strategy? All Foundation students have their own SMART spelling book in their blue satchels. Please help your child practise reading their list words.



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s day

On Thursday 4th August the Grade One & Two students celebrated ‘**National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s day**’. It was lovely to hear two of our students talk about their indigenous heritage and share with us storytelling and symbols that were used to mark special places and objects. All students then created picture stories of their own special places, using symbols to tell their stories.

I felt happy that I was sharing my culture and history with my friends and class. I felt very grateful to help my classmates learn how to use Indigenous art symbols to create their own Indigenous art work. I was really happy seeing everyone being creative with the symbols!

Abby Butler

