

Appin Park News

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

9th February , 2023

Save the Date

March

13 Labour Day

April

3-6 Grade 5/6 Urban
Camp

6 Last day of term

May

1 School Photos

Hello Everyone,

We have been treated to a nice warm week this week as students and families begin to settle into school routines. Our classrooms are all running smoothly and there is a sense of calm throughout the school. Credit must go to our highly experienced team of teachers and education support staff for the way in which they have planned are creating positive classroom cultures. Clear and consistent expectations around student behaviour and learning are supporting safe and welcoming classroom environments.

This week at assembly we were delighted to congratulate our Grade 6 students on being awarded the roles of School Captains and House Captains as voted in by their peers after presenting speeches the week before. All participating students who had a go are to be commended for their honest and enthusiastic presentations. Badges will be presented at assembly on Monday 20th February.

Please read through the following reminders and updates.

Mobile Phone Policy – Please see our website for the complete policy

All students have been reminded about our student Mobile Phone Policy this week during class time.

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular telecommunication system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to, or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.

Appin Park Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Appin Park Primary School:

- ◆ Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours;
- ◆ Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information);
- ◆ When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

Please be aware that smart watches or other brand watches that have features more than showing the time can be quite distracting to students during class time.

Bugs are Back!

Please check your children's hair weekly for head lice and treat accordingly. We already have cases being reported in several classrooms and they will spread quickly.

We have had several students and staff away this week with gastro. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. If a student becomes unwell during the day, we will call you to come and collect your child as soon as possible.

Bike riders

It is wonderful to see so many of our students' riding bikes to school. Please provide your child with some sort of bike lock to keep them safe. Our bikes rack are quite accessible to the street.

Fiona Carson – Principal

Our school captains for 2023:

Jimi Pell, Alison Rogers and Charles Wright.

Our House Captains 2023:

Clarke (Red): Charlie Allen, Grace O'Keefe

Freeman (Yellow): Sam Savage, Seth Webster-Mizzi

Fraser (Blue): Ellie White, Zara McCrae

Bradman (Green): Luke Welch



**Book Club
Orders due
Monday 13th
February**



Yesterday, the Year 5/6 students enjoyed a visit from some representatives from St Kilda Football Club. Senior players Dougal Howard, Seb Ross and Ben Paton responded to a variety of questions pitched at them by the students. The group listened well as they talked about their different journeys to make it to the elite level in AFL, the sacrifices that they have had to make along the way and the resilience that they have had to show, which included good nutrition and living a healthy lifestyle. St Kilda supporters Sam Lewis, Lucas Doig, Charlie Allen and Sam Savage certainly enjoyed seeing some of their team up close and personal. Shout out to Charlie Wright who was the recipient of a bag of St Kilda goodies but passed it on to Sam, acknowledging that he was a true Saints supporter. Well done Charlie and thank you.

Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education (the department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

Emergency contacts – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.

Student background information – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

Immunisation status – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.

Visa status – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)