NEWSLETTER: Term 4 Week 2
From the Relieving Principal’s Desk

Parent Forum With Margaret Turner
Thank you to all of the parents and community members who took the time to come along last Friday after assembly or to email their contribution to inform Margaret Turner about the skills and qualities that you would find desirable in the new Principal. Your thoughts and contributions have been taken into consideration along with the qualities and skills raised as desirable by the staff. The new Principal position will be advertised shortly and I will keep you informed of the progress.

On a personal note, I felt very proud when Margaret remarked on the wonderful, dedicated and enthusiastic teaching and SASS staff that we have working at Appin PS!

First Kindergarten Orientation
It was fantastic to see nearly 40 parents come along to our first Kindergarten Orientation session which was based on Literacy and the L3 program. Thank you to Mrs Ruth Goldstein for running the session. We also had our children starting Kindergarten in 2015 come along and have a first experience in the classroom. Thank you to all of the staff that assisted with the day. Our next Kindergarten Orientation is on Wednesday 22nd October, 2014 from 9:30 till 11:20am. Our parent session is about the school in general and support services. I have organised a number of guest speakers including Community Health, Optometrist, School Counsellor, P&C and more. The children will be involved in further classroom experiences similar to what they will be involved in next year and have the opportunity to meet new friends as well.

Nominations for ‘Osgood Outstanding Services to Appin School’ Award
This prestigious award honours Gary and Dorrie Osgood and was established in 2004 to acknowledge their outstanding contributions to Appin School over many years. This award is presented to an outstanding citizen who has given services ‘above and beyond’ to Appin Public School over a long period of time. The award may go to a past or present community member, parent or staff member.

Nominations are being sought for the 2014 award winner. Please complete the nomination form below stating reasons as to why you believe your nominee deserves this great honour. Nominations will be considered by all staff and the winner announced at Presentation Day. Please return your nomination form to the school office by Friday, 31st October 2014.

Nomination for ‘Osgood Outstanding Services to Appin School’ Award
I would like to nominate………………………………………………………..for the ‘Osgood Outstanding Services’ Award for 2014.

Reasons for nomination:

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Name:……………………………………….Signature:………………………………………..Date………………..
Mrs Walsh’s Farewell
I urge you to keep the following date: **Wednesday, 17th December** (last day of school) free in your diary as we will be farewelling our wonderful Principal Mrs Vicki Walsh in her retirement, with a celebration after school at the Appin Pub Eatery. Everyone is welcome to come and farewell Mrs Walsh, so please assist us in contacting any former students and their families, that you know would love to say farewell. We will be collecting formal numbers shortly for catering purposes. Thank you for your assistance.

Canteen Price List
Please be advised that there have been a couple of changes to the canteen menu that was sent home last week. Please discard this menu and replace it with the one sent home today printed on blue paper. Please keep this menu and price list for your reference. Thank you.

P&C MEETING – NEW DATE: 21st October
I encourage anyone who can make it, to come along to P&C meeting. The date has had to be moved to: **Tuesday 21st October**. It runs form 7:00pm til 9:00pm in the school library. Agenda TBA in the next newsletter.

Aussie of the Month
An AUSSIE OF THE MONTH is someone who:

- Consistently obeys the school rules.
- Is helpful to students and teachers.
- Is caring to other class and school members.
- Is a good friend.
- Always gives of their best and tries hard to improve.
- Displays a wonderful attitude to school.

The ‘Aussies of the Month’ for September are: Infants - Laeisa Kumar   Primary - Maleah Mayol

Awards
Silver: Demi Gay
Bronze: Demi Gay, Maddison Ryde, Dylan Kelly
Student of the Week: KS Sophie Hughes KB Dylan Kelly 1M Emily Harrington
1/2L Cooper Brittain 2/3M Eddie Talintyre 3/4P Anthony Montano 3/4T Jayden Lewis
5/6M Paige Jenart 5/6C Mackenzie McEvoy-King

Fee Reminder
Please be advised that the financial end of year for schools is 30th November. Please ensure that all fees have been paid before this date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
CAPA Levy (For Band and Senior Dance Group students): $20 per student per term
Photocopy Levy: $20 per student
Software Levy: $20 per student

Assembly Roster for Term 4
(Kindergarten to Year 6) – Fridays at 2.30pm in the new hall.
Parliament assemblies are for years 3-6 only. (Held in the new hall)
Infants will hold their assemblies in the old hall during Parliament time.

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Peer Support
Year 6 students trained last Friday for Peer Support. Peer Support lessons will commence on Friday for all students. This term we will be focussing on Dance and developing confidence.
Take Home A Big Brother Or Big Sister!
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Student Banking
Thank you to those students who support student banking through the Commonwealth Bank. The commission received by the P&C for July to September was $108.45. Well done to all our great savers!! Keep up the good work.

Consultative Community Survey and NAPLAN Results Meeting
Ms Sellick will present the findings of the parent surveys to anyone interested on Tuesday, 21st October at 6:15pm in the school Library. Ms Mozayani and Ms Sellick will also discuss feedback on the NAPLAN results for this year. Everyone is invited to attend and this meeting will be followed by the P&C Meeting at 7:00pm.

Cyber Committee
Mrs Mozayani is interested in forming a cyber committee to make decisions regarding technology in our school and invite interested parents in attending our first meeting. The meeting will be Friday 17th October at 3:30pm in the library. We will be discussing introducing an app to provide communication to parents and a school Facebook page to notify our community of upcoming events. Please RSVP to the office if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Environment/Sustainability
Students in the Appin PS Eco-Committee and/or the First Appin Scouts will be involved in a Keep Australia Beautiful case study film project. Miss Turhanlar and our students will be attending two filming days outside in the Appin community on Friday 17th and 31st of October, 2014. Students involved should have returned their permission note to the office.

Year Six Farewell Fundraiser: Halloween Disco
The disco will be on Tuesday 28th October
IMPORTANT: Students will not be admitted to the disco if they have not returned their note by 21st October. The disco is a school event and student participation is dependent on continued satisfactory behaviour.
Time: K - 2: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
3 - 6: 5:45pm – 7:45pm
Tickets: $5.00 per child for entry and a bottle of water (Payable at school by 21st October)
Where: Appin School Hall
Theme: Halloween
For sale on the night: iceblocks, chips, glow sticks.
Hot dogs are available to order for the disco. If you would like to order a hot dog, please return the order form below to the office by Wednesday 21st October. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. If you are able to assist in any way, please return the note below or contact the school office.

Disco Entry Payment and Hot Dog Order Form
Name/s: ___________________________________________Class/es: ____________________________
☐ I am attending the school disco and have enclosed $5.00 entry fee.
☐ I would like to order _____(number required) hot dogs. (Hot dogs $3 each)
I have enclosed a total of $________ as payment.
Please return order form by Wednesday 21st October
Book Club

Issue 7 Book Club brochures were sent home last week. Please return orders to school by **Wednesday 22\(^{nd}\) October**

Life Education Visit

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding. The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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**NB Harold Products are subject to availability**

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate ___________ to Life Education NSW.

Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: ____________________________________ Phone (optional): __________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Suburb: ___________________________________ Postcode: ________________________

Email (optional) ______________________________________ Child’s Class: ____________

Selective Schools – Attention Year 5 parents!

Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 needs to be lodged by **14 October, 2014**. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: [http://bit.ly/selectiveHS](http://bit.ly/selectiveHS)

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**Term 4 Reminders and Diary Dates**

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