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

There are so many wonderful people who have worked extremely hard at Appin Public School over the years. Please take this last opportunity to publicly thank them for the work that they have done through writing down a few ways that they have contributed and made a difference and then submit it into the Osgood nomination. Not everyone can win, but everyone can be acknowledged and for many that is enough – to know that someone noticed and appreciates what they have done and how they have contributed to our school.

Vicki Walsh Retirement Afternoon Tea
We have included a more formal invitation to our Retirement Farewell for Mrs Walsh with the newsletter today. We would like you to RSVP by the advertised date so that we can have a clearer indication of numbers to assist with catering purposes. If you know of past colleagues, families or students who would love to help farewell Vicki, please assist us in getting a formal invitation to them and then sending the RSVP details into school. Thank you for your assistance.

We are currently organising a present from the current school students and community. Part of that present will be an art work, created with all of the student’s input, under the guidance of talented local artist and parent: Holly Eva. We are asking for donations towards this present for Mrs Walsh. There will be a present donation tin at the front office and we will send it around at the next few assemblies. Alternatively, you may want to send in a donation towards the present in an envelope and hand it into the front office.

Karen Sellick

Last Chance for Osgood Award Nominations!!

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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P&C SPECIAL TWILIGHT FAIR MEETING: Wednesday 5th November
You are invited to come along to the P&C special meeting for Twilight Fair on Wednesday, 5th November. It runs from 7:00pm til 9:00pm in the school library. We will be discussing and finalising plans for our Twilight Fair and Carols to be held on Friday 5th December.

The NEXT P&C MEETING will be held on Tuesday 25th November. I urge everyone to come along! It is a great night, developing links with school and community. At the last meeting, P&C pledged $10 000 towards the purchase and installation of Interactive Whiteboards for the two new classrooms coming soon. They also gave the school $2 000 to use for Presentation Day to pay for awards, engraving and prizes. At the previous P&C meeting they gave the school $2 000 towards new books for the Library. We are very thankful for the fantastic role that P&C plays in working with our school to make Appin PS such a great place to grow and learn in for our students.

I heard that last SATURDAY’S P&C BUS TRIP was a huge success and that a really fun day was had by all – not to mention the numerous great bargains that were picked up by the happy shoppers. Many thanks to all of the members of the P&C, and particularly Melissa Lovelee, for helping to make it such a fun and successful day.

Year Six Farewell Fundraiser: Halloween Disco - TONIGHT
Students will not be admitted to the disco if they did not return their note by 24th 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
Where: Appin School Hall
Theme: Halloween
For sale on the night: iceblocks, lollies and glow sticks.

Twugia Aboriginal Extension Project – Book Launch
Our student Raymond King was selected to be part of the Public Schools NSW, Principals’ Networks Ultimo Twugia Program. Throughout the year, Raymond has participated in experiences to build friendships with other high achieving Aboriginal students selected from across the Ultimo area. He has also been able to develop an understanding of important issues relating to Aboriginal cultural identity. Raymond and the other Twugia students attended a writers camp at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence with accomplished Aboriginal author “Anita Heiss” and also a team builder day. The students and Anita Heiss have collaboratively written a book. Our official school launch of the book will be on Friday, 5th December at a Special Assembly to be held in our school hall at 1:30pm. Our Public Schools Education Director; Margaret Turner and Public Schools NSW Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer will be attending the assembly to officially present the school and Raymond with a copy of the book. The school copy will be available for student loan shortly afterwards from our library. We welcome anyone who would like to attend the assembly and help celebrate Raymond’s achievement.

Kinder Orientation
Our final Kinder Orientation took place today. The parents were involved in a workshop on how to help develop their child’s maths skills, run by Ms Sellick. The students were involved in literacy rotations with this year’s Kindergarten and then they were involved in sport rotations. A great morning was had by all!
I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Deanie Reid, Lynne Malson and Kirsty Wilson who volunteered their time for each of the Kindergarten Orientations. Ladies – your help is invaluable and I can’t thank you enough! I also wish to thank our wonderful teaching, executive and SLSO staff who assisted in Kinder Orientation and ensured each of the three days were a tremendous success for all involved!

Sport Leadership Program
Yesterday eight students from our school attended the Premier’s Sporting Challenge Learning to Lead Program at Rosemeadow Public School. These students were Blake Nonenmacher, Trent Russell, Timothy Beaton, Breanna Kennedy, Charlize Beattie, Zack Thompson, Russell Hampson and Joshua Grant. This program has provided the children with skills to lead some sporting activities in our school. These activities will be starting next week at lunchtimes.
Anglicare Toys ‘n’ Tucker Appeal
In conjunction with St Mark’s Church Appin and Anglicare, we have decided to support the Toys ‘n’ Tucker Christmas appeal for 2014. We are asking families to donate the following items to help those in need. Our donations will be collected by a representative from Anglicare during our Twilight Fair on Friday 5th December 2014. Items needed (new): Toys* Board games* Sports equipment* Retail gift cards* Christmas food for festive meals*
Cash donations can be made through www.toysntucker.org.au or by phoning 13 26 22.
Please forward your donations to the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Twilight Fair
Our school is holding a combined Carols and Twilight Fair on Friday 5th December. P&C are organising market stalls and they will be running a number of stalls and the BBQ. They are looking for parent volunteers to help to run the stall/BBQ. If you are able to help please fill in the slip below and return to the school. For your child’s safety it is essential that students have a parent or other adult supervision at the Fair.
Children from each class or grade will lead us in singing some carols. Children will be performing if they are in a dance group or the band. Please let us know if your child will NOT be attending the fair.
Please return the slip below by 30th October.

Twilight Fair – Please return to school by 30th October
Child’s name __________________________ class __________
Child’s name __________________________ class __________
Child’s name __________________________ class __________

Tick the appropriate box
☐ Please do NOT include my child/ren in an item as they will NOT be attending the Twilight Fair
☐ My child/ren will be attending the Twilight Fair

Available to Help at the Fair?
Parent Name: ____________________________________ Contact number:_______________
I would like to assist with:___________________________ Time available:_________________

Awards
Gold: Casey Thompson, Stephanie Morris, Bridget Shearer, Samuel Hodges
Silver: Stephanie Morris, Bridget Shearer, Samuel Hodges, Georgia Smith, Riley Coulter, Casey Thompson, Elisha Hampson
Bronze: Stephanie Morris, Bridget Shearer, Samuel Hodges, Riley Coulter, Casey Thompson,
Tianna Spajic, Kynan Smith, Sinisha Spajic, Akira Smith, Brianna Coulter, Russell Hampson, Ethan Ross
Student of the Week:             KS   Noah Thomas            KB   Ava Hilton                1M   Callum Gay
1/2L    Tanahlia Goddard      2/3M    Jemma Still              3/4T    Hana-Marie Riley-Brown
3/4P   Ella Crompton             5/6M  Rachael Woods         5/6C    Lauren Goodall

Digital Citizenship
We are the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Remember, if you have a school related problem – it does nothing to solve the problem by talking about it on social media. Posting your ‘vent’ or problem, rather than speaking with the person involved, almost never results in a solution and often means that mistruths are circulated in the community. It devalues all the great things about your school and reflects poorly on the person posting their problem. Instead, I encourage you to make an appointment to have a discussion about any issue you may be concerned with.
Here are some tips to get you started:
Sun Safety
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

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