4th November, 2014

NEWSLETTER: Term 4 Week 5
From the Relieving Principal’s Desk

Welcome Ms Mozayani
From this week until Mrs Walsh returns (Wednesday, Week 10) Ms Mozayani will be acting in the relieving Principal role. I want to thank all of the students, staff, parents and community for your great support during my time relieving as Principal. I really enjoyed working closely with everyone across our school community. I will be resuming teaching KS from Friday, and want to sincerely thank Mrs Quince for working addition days on the class, to enable me to fulfil the relieving role. Mrs Quince will continue to teach KS Tuesdays to Thursdays and I want to congratulate her on the excellent job she is doing on KS. I also want to welcome back Mrs Corcoran and thank Miss Reid for the wonderful job she did teaching 1M whilst Mrs Corcoran was on long service leave. Miss Reid will continue to work at our school taking classes for RFF, including 1M.
Karen Sellick

Thankyou Ms Sellick
I wish to thank Ms Sellick for her support and leadership whilst she was relieving in the Principal’s position. Ms Sellick has spent a lot of time liaising with DEC and planning for the expansion of our school. Yesterday temporary fencing went up next to Room 9 in preparation for the construction of our new classrooms. Today workman started the piers for the double classroom that will be arriving soon. We will be receiving a double air conditioned demountable classroom. Ms Sellick has organised for new furniture for these rooms and Mrs Austin has been getting quotes for an interactive whiteboard that will be installed in the future and is being paid for by the generous donation from the P&C last month.

Parent Thank You
Over the past two terms many parents have assisted us with covering new readers for the classrooms. Thank you for this help, it has been greatly appreciated. If you still have books at home, please return them to school as soon as possible. Thanks again for your assistance.

Mrs Walsh’s Farewell
Please ensure that you have returned your RSVP to the office by Monday 8th December 2014. Please send in your contribution to the school present – We will be creating an artwork with the assistance of all current Appin PS students, coordinated by fabulous local artist Holly Gay as well as other special items such as a rose bush called ‘Remember Me’ for Mrs Walsh to plant in her beloved garden. Please send in your donation towards the cost of the gifts to the front office.

Learning to Lead Sport Leadership lunchtime program
Some of our students who participated in the Learning to Lead sport leadership program have started lunchtime activities for our students. This week, they are facilitating games with a Nerf Vortex ball. I saw lots of children engaging in the activities yesterday. It is so encouraging to see our senior students take on this role and the feedback they receive from the younger students.

School Plan Parent Consultation
Over the next few weeks, staff will be working on our school plan for 2015-2017. You are all very warmly invited to take part in this process. Our first meeting is Tuesday 11th November 3:20 – 4:30pm. There are other meetings planned for Tuesday 18th November and Tuesday the 2nd December. It is essential that we have community input on these important plans and would urge as many parents as possible to attend. To make these sessions most productive, we do ask that you organise child care for your children. All staff will be involved in these sessions and will not be available to assist in the supervision. Children cannot be on school grounds without supervision. Bright Sparks have some spots available for casual after school care. Please contact 46311661 if you wish to arrange for this service.
Peer Support Program
We are already half way through our peer support program this term. Our Peer support leaders have been facilitating sessions focusing on confidence. I had a chance to observe our leaders in action last week, they have gone to a lot of effort this year, creating a puppet called Connie Confidence who interacts with the group and discusses how she is growing in confidence. Her key message to the students is: “This is hard, but I can do it!”

To build the link between home and school, you could use behaviour specific feedback to foster confidence in your child. Example of this are:

- “That took confidence”
- “Look at how far you’ve come!”
- “That wasn’t easy but you did it.”
- “All along, I knew you could do it.”
- “Wow, I can’t believe you did that.”
- “I know that was difficult but you did it.”
- “I’m really please you tried and were not afraid of making a mistake.”

Band and Dance Group Fees (CAPA Levy)
Students in Senior Dance Group and/or Band are reminded that a CAPA levy of $20 per term is now due. Please ensure that these fees have been finalised by Monday 24th November. Thank you.

Iceblocks for sale at the end of the day
We have quite a few Zooper Dooper iceblocks left over from the Year 6 fundraising disco. These will be available for sale after school outside the Kindergarten classrooms on hot days for $1. The money from the sale of these iceblocks will go towards the Year 6 farewell. This will start on Friday 7th November.

P&C Twilight Fair Special Meeting – TOMORROW NIGHT
Please don’t forget our special meeting of the P&C tomorrow night at 7pm til 9pm to finalise the organisation of the Twilight Fair. We have a representative from the Anglican Church and Bright Sparks Early Learning Centre attending as well. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Twilight Fair Plates – your help needed
Today, every family has been sent home a plate to prepare a gift for sale at the Twilight Fair. The P&C aim to sell the plates for between $5 and $10. Could you please assist us in preparing a gift plate and sending it in to school? The plate should be sent in ready to be sold as a gift, so please cover with cellophane and put a ribbon decoration on it. The gift plate should not include perishable items unless you are planning to send it in the day before the Twilight Fair. Some examples may be:

- ‘dad’s carwash’ plate: with a sponge, bottle of wash’n’wax and a shammy.
- ‘tea lovers’ plate: with 3 sachets of quality tea, tea cup/saucer and small pkt of shortbread biscuits
- ‘garden lovers’ plate: with garden gloves, small decorative pot and pkts of seeds

These are just examples. Please be creative and support this worthy fundraiser for our school. All plates need to be returned by the day

Next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 25th November – hope to see you there!
Agenda in next week’s newsletter.

Twilight Fair – Return your attendance slip! Date extended!
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 on the next page by 21st November.
Twilight Fair – Please return to school by 21st November

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:_________________

Eco-Committee News

The Eco-Committee has led and been involved in a number of environmental initiatives throughout the year. They meet weekly during lunch time and have worked hard to make a difference. During Friday’s assembly, the Eco-Committee will showcase their projects and would like to invite you to come and see a snapshot of our year. We look forward to seeing you!

In week 10, the Eco-Committee will lead an environmental expo for students K-6. They will share their new knowledge and run a number of activities. One of the activities requires 2L milk cartons so we need your empty milk containers. Please send your empty milk containers to Miss Turhanlar’s classroom.

On Friday, the students from the Eco-Committee and Cub Scouts were invited to be involved in a community project at the Scout Hall. Students made a new garden bed and were impressed by the transformation from bare ground to a pretty native garden.

Appin Scouts were successful in receiving a grant from Keeping Australia Beautiful to improve the gardens around the hall. On Friday, Keeping Australia Beautiful filmed a short video that will showcase their work. Our students were filmed gardening and a number of students were interviewed. The video should be up on the Keeping Australia Beautiful website Mid December. I will keep my eye out and will everyone know when it is uploaded. Watch this space.

Miss Turhanlar

Teacher Professional Learning

Staff at Appin Public School are actively participating in professional development. Today, Ms Mozayani attended a Principal Forum with the Police Local Area Command, guest speakers spoke about mental health and the support agencies available in the community.

On Thursday Ms Sellick and Ms Mozayani will be attending a one day course on Strategic Financial Management.
Aussies of the Month
Please be advised that the ‘Aussies of the Month’ for October will be presented at the assembly this Friday, 7th November, not last Friday as previously noted in the reminder dates.

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.

Awards
Gold: Rachel Lorenz, Tayla Kent, Eddie Talintyre, Matilda Peer, Patrick Rochaix
Silver: Rachel Lorenz, Tayla Kent, Eddie Talintyre, Matilda Peer, Patrick Rochaix, Ella Molander, Hayley Greenwood, Lewis Roberts

Term 4 Reminders and Diary Dates
School Security: 1300 880 021

5th Nov  Twilight Fair Meeting - 7pm Library
7th Nov  Aussies of the Month for October presented at assembly
11th Nov  School Plan Parent Consultation Meeting One 3:20 – 4:30pm.
18th Nov  School Plan Parent Consultation Meeting Two 3:20 – 4:30pm
25th Nov  P&C Meeting - 7pm Library
28th Nov  Aussies of the Month for November presented at assembly
28th Nov  All outstanding Fees for 2014 are due by this date
1st Dec  Student Ministers for 2015 Elections
2nd Dec  Sports House Captains 2015 Elections
2nd Dec  School Plan Parent Consultation Meeting Three 3:20 – 4:30pm
4th Dec  Gift plates returned to school
5th Dec  1:30pm Special Assembly – Twugia Book Launch
5th Dec  Twilight Fair and Carols Evening
10th Dec  Achievement Day /Presentation Day/ Parent Helper Morning Tea
11th Dec  Semester 2 Reports sent home + Talent Quest
12th Dec  Year Six Farewell
15th Dec  Gold Afternoon Tea
17th Dec  Last day of school for students. Farewell Ceremony for Year 6 leavers at 3:00pm
17th Dec  Farewell for Mrs Walsh at Appin Pub 3:45 till 5pm
19th Dec  Last day for staff