NEWSLETTER: Term 4 Week 7
From the Relieving Principal’s Desk
Welcome to Week 7! Last week was a very dynamic week of learning.

Remembrance Day Ceremony: Last Tuesday we paused briefly to remember our fallen soldiers. Mr Thompson and our student ministers organised a very thoughtful and respectful remembrance. Thank you to Stage 3 students and teachers who learnt the ode that was recited on this occasion and all the students that brought in flowers or made poppies in their classrooms to commemorate this day.

An Invitation to our Thank You Morning Tea
At the end of each school year, the staff of Appin Public School likes to hold a ‘Special Thank You Morning Tea’ to show our appreciation to all those people who have supported our school during the year.

The P&C, Scripture teachers, classroom helpers, community members and businesses who have donated time and resources to our school, are all invited to join us for morning tea, which will be held between our Presentation Day Assemblies.

When: Wednesday 10th December 2014
Where: The old school hall/canteen
Time: 11.30am to 12.15pm

To assist us with catering please advise the office staff or call 4631 1220 if you are able to attend. We look forward to seeing as many faces as possible!!

Thank you again for your support this year.

From The Staff at Appin School

FINAL REMINDER: Outstanding Payments – Have you paid your CAPA Levy, Photocopy Levy, Software Levy for 2014????
Thank you to all those parents who have been in to the office and finalised payments for 2014. Please be advised that the end of the financial year for schools is the 30th November. All payments need to be finalised before this date. Please ensure that any outstanding accounts are paid to the office by Friday 21st November 2014 (This Friday). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact Ms Mozayani if alternative arrangements are required.

Facebook Launch: Appin Public School’s official Facebook page has been well received in the community. It is a great way for our community to connect with our school and found what’s happening. If you haven’t liked our page already, go to https://www.facebook.com/AppinPublicSchool
Achievement Day/ Presentation Day – 10th December
9.20am – 9.50am Years 3-6 Achievement Awards in classrooms
10am – 10.20am Years K-2 Achievement Awards in classrooms
10.30am – 11.30am K-6 Presentation Day (session 1)
11.30am – 12.15pm Thank you morning tea for volunteers + picnic lunch for students and their parents
12.30pm – 1.30pm K-6 Presentation Day (session 2)
1.30pm Students return to class for normal lessons

2015-2017 School Plan Consultation Meeting One
On Tuesday afternoon staff and community came together for our first 2015-2017 School Plan consultation meeting. It was great listening to what our school community envisions for the next few years. We had an inspiring discussion about our first strategic direction – Curriculum. Brainstorming the significance of this in our plan and delving deep as to why it is important. Everyone’s thoughts were combined in a mindmap which we used to assist in the collaborative writing of our purpose. You are all very warmly invited to take part in this process. Our next meeting is this afternoon 3:30 - 4:30pm with another meeting planned for 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, as staff will not be available to assist in their 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.

Holly Eva and APS collaborative artwork: On Thursday I listened to the delight of all the children who came into the residence to work with local artist Holly Eva. Each child contributed to the artwork that will be presented to Mrs Walsh at her retirement farewell afternoon tea on the 17th December. Holly Eva is such a very creative talented lady who inspired each child in the creation of this artwork. A big thank you to Holly Eva for donating your time for the production of this very special gift from all the students of our school. If you would like to contribute to Mrs Walsh’s present, please send your contribution to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Skoolbag App: It’s here!!! At last the app is available to download on android and apple device. Attached to this newsletter this week are the instructions on how to download it to your phone. Why should you get this FREE app? Every week the newsletter will be uploaded to the website and the app. It will be at your fingertips when required. Our calendar will be published onto this app, a quick look is all it will take to see when things are on. You will be able to send absent alerts to the school. This is most helpful if you child is due to go on an early morning excursion and they are ill. All absents will be required to be followed up with a note into school on your child’s return.

Teacher Professional Learning: At Appin PS, the staff have ongoing commitment to professional learning. The staff benefit from attending inservices by providing quality learning opportunities for our students and our school leaders in building capacity in our teaching staff. This week staff participating in:

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<td>Focus On Reading 3-6 9:30-11:30</td>
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<td>Tues 18th November</td>
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<td>Thurs 20th November &amp; Fri 21st November</td>
<td>Great Leaders, Great Teams Great Results 8:30-4:30pm</td>
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<td>Mon 24th November</td>
<td>Professional Growth through Classroom Observation 8:30 – 3:00pm</td>
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Stage 2 and 3 Bug Talk: Our students in Primary have been exploring, “Can insects and bugs save the world?”, on Monday they had an entomophagist (someone who studies insects as a food source) come talk to the classes, and some brave children and teachers tasted the roasted insects. They are writing persuasive text on this topic, I can’t wait to read what they have to say.

Garden Work: Mr Goodman and Mr Laval worked on our shaded picnic table area yesterday. They built up the area so it is now level and laid new turf. The pathways in and out of this area are still to be completed. This area will remain taped off until the grass is established. Please respect the tape around the area and walk around on the path.

A final thought
The only person you should try to be better than…. is the person you were yesterday.
Have a great week!
Vanessa Mozayani: Relieving Principal

Lindfield PS Band Performance: Lindfield Public School band will be visiting Appin Public School tomorrow. Our band students will participate in a combined workshop with Lindfield during their band lesson. Our band will practice with Lindfield for one combined piece which they will perform for parents and students in our school hall at 10:30am. I invite parents to attend our school on this day to listen to Appin and Lindfield PS bands perform. Band students are reminded to bring their instruments to school tomorrow.

Awards
Silver: RJ Connor, Scarlett Corcoran, Shelby Brown, Holly Brown, Noah McKenzie, Liam Croker, Trent Russell
Bronze: Lily Atkins, RJ Connor, Scarlett Corcoran, Kaia Thompson, Noah Thomas, Savannah Corcoran, Lauren Perrin, Jett Smith
Student of the Week for Week 5 (omitted last week): 1/2L  Amy Hale
Students of the Week (Week 6): KS   Joel Haeren           KB Ashton Strutt      1M Cameron North
1/2L Tiffany Woodruff     2/3M Ayla Cook           3/4P Olivia Dunbier   3/4T James Booth
5/6M Lauren Foreman       5/6C Tayla Kent

Final Book Club for 2014: Issue 8 brochures were sent home with students last week. Please return all orders by Wednesday 19th November 2014. Thank you for your continued support of Book Club at Appin school. This issue has lots of great specials for Christmas gifts. Don’t miss out!!

Bring out the best in your child with performing arts education!: Our programmes help young people discover their hidden vocal or dance talent. Students learn to sing or dance, develop their musicianship and performance skills, make new friends and become part of a wide circle of performers. Visit us at www.niypaa.com.au.
National Institute of Youth Performing Arts Australia will be visiting students from years 2-6 at Appin Public School on Tuesday, 25 November 2014 at 11:30am. Students interested will receive an information letter to take home to parents.

Student Minister Speeches: Forms for Year 5 students who wish to become a Student Minister in 2015 are now available. Expression of interest/nomination forms are due back to school this Friday 21st November 2014. Nominations will not be accepted after Friday 21st November.

Message to our Marvellous Book Covering MUMS and NANS…….We have reached the last of our long pile of new readers to cover. Thanks to our many helpers, we have managed to cover around 4000 books this semester. This is an incredible feat that would not have been possible without your help. Sincere thanks to everyone involved. Please return any books you may still have at home. We will cover them this week in the office. Thank you once again!! Please come back again next year for round two!!

Library Borrowing: Just a reminder that this is the last week of borrowing. All books need to be returned by Monday 1st December 2014 for stocktake to take place. Please take this opportunity to have a look around at home for any books that may belong to Appin School and return them to the office. Thank you.
'Student of the Week' – Badges: Parents, please have a look at home for any ‘Student of the Week’ badges that may have not been returned to classes. The badges are handed out each week and are not to keep. Our supply has vanished. Please return to school if you find any at home. Thank you.

END-OF-YEAR TALENT QUEST
On Thursday 11th December an end-of-year Talent Quest will be held at Appin School. This is a very low-key “just for fun” event run by the students, for the students. It is not a competition – rather, just a chance for our students to showcase their talents. Students who would like to participate need to organise their own item. The teachers will not be able to help with practices or preparation. If your son/daughter would like to perform, please help them to fill out an entry form. The forms are available from Miss McLeod and need to be returned by Thursday 4th December. Here are the details:

WHEN : Thursday 11th December (Week 10)
WHERE : Assembly Hall
TIME : 12:30 pm
TIME LIMIT : Maximum 2 minutes
AUDIENCE : Students and teachers
MUSIC: CDs or ipods organised by performers (Hall sound system available to use)
COSTUMES : (optional) Organised by performers

P&C News: The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7pm in the school Library. All welcome. The agenda is as follows:
Vicki’s farewell, Year 6 formal, Twilight Fair, Markets (dates), Interactive white board.

Twilight Fair Raffle tickets
Raffle tickets went home to families last week. The raffle will be drawn at the Twilight Fair. There are a number of prizes with the major prize being a Season Pass to Jamberoo x 4. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. Please return all tickets and money to school by Thursday 4th December. Prizes as follows:

1st 4 x Season Passes to Jamberoo 13th Jess Drive Free Lesson
2nd 1 night at Quest Apartments Leumeah 14th Zaruff Necklace and Earring Set
3rd Star Shots photo shoot/makeover - $945 15th Mazal Bracelet and Bag Hook
4th Star Shots photo shoot/makeover - $645 16th Sandwich Necklace
5th Camden Lakeside Golf for 4 and Cart 17th Powerhouse Museum Family Pass
6th $100 worth of Avon 18th Powerhouse Museum Family Pass
7th Scenic World Family Pass 19th Monkey Mania Family Pass
8th Scenic World Family Pass 20th Monkey Mania Family Pass
9th Mogo Zoo Family Pass 21st Western Plains Zoo 2 day Family Pass
10th Calmsley Hill Family Pass
11th Jenolan Caves Voucher
12th Questacon Pass

Twilight Fair – Save the Date!!
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. If you are able to help out please fill in the slip below and return it to the school. 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.

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

Lost Property: We have an abundance of lost property accumulating in the office. Please come and take
a look to reclaim any lost articles before the end of the year. Anything unclaimed by December 12 will be

donated to the Uniform Shop. A reminder also of the importance of labelling clothing............if it has a
name on it, it can be returned. Thank you for your assistance.

Canteen Showbag Lunch – 26th November

Please pre-order by 25th November to ensure your child receives their FUN P PACK…

You will receive the following items:
◊ PIE ◊ POPCORN ◊ POPPER ◊ PURPLE ORCHY CUP ◊ PINK WICKED FIZZ

All for the fantastic value of $6.00. The canteen will donate $1 for every bag sold.

(This donation will go towards the Year 6 Farewell)

Showbag Lunch Order
NAME: ___________________________ CLASS ___________________________
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I would like to order ______ lunch bags. Total money enclosed: $ _______

(Please return orders to the canteen by 25th November)

Appin United Soccer Club

***2015 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL***

Registrations for 2015 are now open. To take advantage of this special offer, all monies need to be paid IN
FULL by 31st December 2014. Appin United Soccer Club provides teams from Under 6 through to Seniors
in both Men’s and Women’s league Over 35’s Mens for 2015. Please contact Jo 0410827778 or via our

facebook page.

U6 – u8 years (kids born 2007-2010) $100 after special $140 Senior Student $190 after special $230

u9 – u11 years (kids born 2004-2006) $110 after special $150 Senior $210 after special $250

u12 – u18 years (kids born 1997-2003 $120 after special $160

Term 4 Reminders and Diary Dates

18th Nov  School Plan Parent Consultation Meeting Two 3:20 – 4:30pm
19th Nov  Lindfield PS Band Workshop and Performance – School Hall 10:30am
21st Nov  2015 Student Minister Nominations due
25th Nov  P&C Meeting - 7pm Library
26th Nov  Showbag Lunch from Canteen
28th Nov  Aussies of the Month for November presented at assembly
1st Dec  Student Ministers for 2015 Elections – 9:30am School Hall

Date TBA   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 + Twilight Fair & 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

Important Dates 2015: Please cut this out for the front of the fridge:

Term Dates for 2015

Term 1:
27th Jan  Staff return to school
28th Jan  Students years 1 to 6 return Wednesday
28th & 29th Jan  Kindergarten Best Start assessments (see individual appointment time)
30th Jan  Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6
2nd Feb  Kindergarten students return Monday
2nd April  Term 1 ends

Term 2 : Students return 21/4/2015 to 26/6/2015
Term 3 : Students return 14/7/2015 to 18/9/2015
Term 4 : Students return 6/10/2015 to 16/12/2015

School Security 24 hour hotline: 1300 880 021