NEWSLETTER: Term 4 Week 10
From the Relieving Principal’s Desk

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Students (3-6) who do not return their swimming carnival permission note by THIS Friday 12th December WILL NOT be allowed to attend the carnival. (This is for organisation and risk assessment purposes)

Welcome to Week 10 and Welcome back Mrs Walsh!: We welcome Mrs Vicki Walsh back to Appin Public School for her final weeks before retiring. I would like to take a moment and thank the staff and community who have supported me in the Relieving Principal role, and especially Mrs Katie Corcoran who has taken over the Relieving Assistant Principal duties. Both Mrs Corcoran and Mrs Hunt have worked tirelessly on the organisation of presentation day and we look forward to this end of year school event. Attached to the newsletter this week is the program for Presentation Day, we have reviewed the proceedings with the presentation of various awards differing from previous years. Please review the program to be informed of this year’s organisation of proceedings.

Achievement Day/ Presentation Day – 10th December
Please find below the details for our presentation day.
9.20am – 9.50am Years 3-6 Achievement Awards in classrooms
9.45am – 10.15am 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
If you are planning to order lunch from the canteen, please drop your order into the canteen before 9.30am.
12.30pm – 1.30pm K-6 Presentation Day (session 2)
1.30pm Students return to class for normal lessons

Band – School Uniform and Instrument Reminder: Parents, can you please ensure that all Band members wear their School Uniform to school on Wednesday, as they will be playing at the start of Presentation Day. Students will also need to have their instrument and music at school with them. Thank you for your assistance.

Book Prizes: As we did last year, instead of staff selecting books for their award winners, these students will be able to select their own book from the Book Fair in the library. When they have made their selection their book plate, acknowledging their achievement will be placed in the book they have chosen. After award winners have chosen their books, parents will have an opportunity to purchase books from the book fair. A great opportunity to do a little Christmas shopping!!

Thank You Morning Tea – Wednesday 10th December: We hope lots of parent helpers and volunteers will be able to stay for a little celebration morning tea during the lunch break between our Presentation Day assembly on Wednesday 10th December. Our thank you morning tea will be held in the small hall from 11.30am to 12.15pm. We look forward to this opportunity to personally thank you for your support of our school.

Student Reports – go home Thursday: This year we have been doing professional development on the NSW Australian Curriculum English syllabus as well as the Literacy and Numeracy continuums. Teachers have been engaged in professional discussion to use and understand these documents, and have made judgements for reports accordingly. Please don’t feel that your child’s grade may be indicative of not progressing. If this was the case, we would have contacted you. If you have any questions regarding your child’s report, please see your child’s class teacher.

Twilight Fair – What a successful community event!: Thank you to the P&C for organising a great community event. We were most fortunate to have the weather in our favour. The school has received a
few good news emails from the community with such wonderful messages recognising hard work that went into putting on the event. Thank you to our school community for supporting our school and P&C.

**Thank you to our Sponsors:** P&C would like to thank:

Raffle prizes: Quest Apartments Leumeah, Starshots, Wests Leagues Club, Karen Foreman, Scenic World, Mogo Zoo, Calmsley Hill, Jenolan Caves, Questacon, Jess Drive, Mrs Turnlahar, Powerhouise Museum, Monkey Mania Leumeah, Dumaresq St Cinema and Western Plain Zoo.

Cash Donations: Baines, Appin Smash repairs, Traditional style Joinery, GWP Plastering, F1 Moto, Ens Home Décor, Meagans Country Cuts, Skippys, Pizza George, KMH Renovations, Appin Petroleum, Cellarbrations, YL Solutions, Appin Pharmacy, Cabins By Design, Appin Newsagency, St Marks, BHP and the Osgood Family.

**Lucky raffle winners:**

1st    Erin Still 13th    Lauren Kenyon
2nd    Donna Nemeth 14th    Blake Nonenmacher
3rd    Tahn Mansfield 15th    Zac Thompson 3/4T
4th    McEvoy-King Family 16th    Lauren Kenyon
5th    Matilda Peer 17th    Lucas Marks
6th    Sophie Melville 18th    Hayley Greenwood
7th    Mia Coe 19th    Noah Thomas
8th    Simon Ball 20th    Noah McKenzie
9th    Olivia Dunbier 21st    Amanda Dawson
10th   M Duck 22nd    Stall Holder – ‘A little to the left’
11th   Rachel Lorenz 23rd    Tahn Mansfield
12th   Ayden Caruana

**Macquarie House Captains for 2015:**

Macquarie House Captains: Breanna Kennedy and Zane Wilson

Macquarie Vice Captains: Joshua Grant and Joshua Morris

**Hovell House Captains:**

Hovell House Captains: Maleah Mayol and Sophie Melville

Hovell Vice Captains: Charlize Beattie and Ryan Kitson

**Tyson House Captains:**

Tyson House Captains: Breanna Coulter and Nick Jr Constantin

Tyson Vice Captains: Dylan Cummins and Blake Mann

**Hume House Captains:**

Hume House Captains: Alex Kerron and Zach Thompson

**Hume Vice Captains:**

Hume Vice Captains: Cherysh Flexman and Olivia Stonebridge

**2015 Swimming Carnival – Return notes by THIS Friday 12th December:**

Primary classes will be attending Wollondilly Leisure Centre (Picton Pool) on **Friday 30th January 2015**, where our school swimming carnival will be held. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 in 2015 are also invited to attend if they are strong, competitive swimmers. A permission note has been sent home outlining further details. Please return the permission note to school by Friday 12th December 2014 **even if your child is not attending the carnival.**

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**Anglicare Toys ‘n’ Tucker Appeal:**

If you would like to support the Toys ‘n’ Tucker Christmas appeal for 2014, please send in your donation **TOMORROW morning.** A representative from Anglicare will be collecting these items on Wednesday. Items needed **(new):**

- Toys
- Board games
- Sports equipment
- Retail gift cards
- Christmas food for festive meals

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

**Gold Morning Tea:**

On Monday, 15th December we will hold our Semester 2 Gold Morning Tea to celebrate the excellent behaviour and effort of students who have earned a Gold Award or an ‘Aussie of the Month’ award this semester. This award is highly valued by students and the morning tea provides a great opportunity to say well done. This celebration will be held in the small hall at 1.45pm.

**IMPORTANT:** Please return Permission to Publish Forms: Last week a new consent form went home seeking permission to publish photos of students. **All forms must be returned to school.** Please assist us by returning this note. If you have not received a copy, please ask for another note at the office!!
Year 6 Farewell: The Year 6 Farewell will be held this Friday 12th December at Appin House from 5.30pm to 9pm. As is tradition at Appin School, parents are welcome to come along at the start of the evening to take photos in the grounds of Appin House. All parents then leave and our students move into the venue to commence the celebrations. Year 6 parents are invited back from 8.00pm to share in the formal part of the evening. Thank you to the Year 5 mums who have volunteered to help set up the venue and/or help with serving the dinner for the evening. We are looking forward to a lovely evening.

End Of Year Activity Days: To finish our 2014 school year, students will be given the opportunity to take part in the following FREE activities:

**Thursday 11th December**
NSW Deaf Society education talk 9:30am -10:30am (Parents are also invited to attend this talk)
Student Talent Quest after lunch (Students only as audience)

**Friday 12th December**
Sustainable school expo – stage groups visiting at different times

**Monday 15th December**
Bike Education Visit: Infants 9.30am to 10.15am Primary 10.15am to 11am
NRL League Program: 12.20pm to 3.20pm

**Tuesday 16th December**
Class Party Day and Movie Day

Uniform Shop: Please be advised that the Uniform Shop will be open this Friday 12th December from 2.45pm. This is the final opening day for the year.

A final thought from Dr Seuss
“The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
Thank you,
Vanessa Mozayani – Relieving Principal

Community News:
Appin Waratahs Netball Club: We will be holding registration days for the 2015 season on Saturday 31st January and 7th February at Appin Netball Court, Rixon Road from 10am – 1pm.
Players of all ages (over 5 years) are welcome to register.
Junior teams train afternoons at Appin netball court. All games are played on Saturday at Minto Netball courts.
Please contact us for further details, Heather Brown, Registrar 0405 441 977 or Karen Foreman, Treasurer 0423 095 495.

Appin Playgroup: Unfortunately, the last playgroup session for the year had to be cancelled yesterday. Please be advised that everyone is welcome to attend each Monday in the school canteen/hall from 9.15am to 11am. Playgroup will resume on Monday 9th February 2015.

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

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School Security 24 hour hotline: 1300 880 021
**Term 4 Reminders and Diary Dates**

10th Dec  
Achievement Day /Presentation Day/ Parent Helper Morning Tea

11th Dec  
Semester 2 Reports sent home + Talent Quest

12th Dec  
Year Six Farewell + 2015 Swimming Carnival notes due

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

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**2014 Presentation Day Program – Commencing at 10.30am**

School Band Performance  – Led by Mr M Bishop

Welcome  – Ms V Mozayani and Mrs Corcoran

Acknowledgement of Country

National Anthem  – School Choir

Commencement of Formalities

Principal’s Address  – Mrs V Walsh

- Band Award
- Aussie of the Month Awards for 2014
- Learning Assistance Awards
- Reading Recovery Award
- NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge Awards
- Dance Award
- Debating Award
- Eco Committee Award
- Staff Presentations
- Special Presentation
- Class Awards
  1M  – Mrs K Corcoran and Ms M Kiddle
  1/2L  – Miss T Lewis
  2/3M  – Miss H McLeod
  3/4P  – Mr P Thompson
  3/4T  – Miss S Turhanlar
  5/6M  – Miss L Buglass
  5/6C  – Mrs K Kelly

- Max Meehan Junior and Senior Citizenship Awards  – Sponsored by Wollondilly Shire Council & Mr Barry Bower

------------------------------------------End of the first half of Presentation---------------------

**Second half of Presentation Day – Commencing 12.30pm**

Dance Group Performance  ‘Umbrella’

Commencement of Formalities  – Ms V Mozayani and Ms K Sellick

- Kindergarten Graduation
- PSSA Sport Report  – Mr P Thompson

- Sporting Awards
  PSSA Netball  – Miss H McLeod
  PSSA Soccer  – Miss S Turhanlar
  PSSA Touch Football  – Mr P Thompson
Primary School Sport – Ms V Mozayani
Infants School Sport – Mrs K Corcoran

- Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medal
- Area/State PSSA Team Awards
  Representatives at Area Team Carnivals
  Representatives at State Team Carnivals
- School Records Broken in 2014

- Area/ State Carnival Awards
  Swimming Area Carnival
  Swimming Champions
  Swimming Runners/up Champions
  Cross Country Area Carnival
  Representatives at State Cross Country Carnival
  Athletics Area Carnival
  Representatives at State Athletics Carnival
  Athletics Champions
  Athletics Runners/up Champions

- Sports Citizen and Overall Sports Champions
- Student Minister Awards
  Induction of the 2015 Student Ministers by outgoing Ministers
  Certificate presentations for 2014 Student Ministers

- Sports Captains 2015
- Ambarvale High School Scholarship Award
- DUX of the School for 2014
- The Osgood Outstanding Services to Appin School Award

P&C Announcements – Mrs S Rochaix

- Combined Choir and Dance Performance ‘Roar’ - Led by Miss L Buglass and Mrs K Corcoran
- Close of ceremony and appreciation – Ms V Mozayani

Thank you to our Special Guests

Important Road Safety Reminder for Parents and Carers These Holidays
As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child’s hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remind other adults and carers about this too.
You can find out more at Transport for NSW.
Have a safe holiday break!
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