25th March 2014

NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week 9
From the Principal’s Desk

Update of Enrolment Data- Please return this Information Sheet: Each year we will be asking all parents not only to update your emergency contact details but also information about your current occupation and educational qualifications. The Department of Education is using this information to decide how much support each school needs. It is very important that this information is accurate and up to date. Could all families please return the green sheet sent home last week. It is now overdue!!

School Photos: This Thursday 27th March 2014
The photographers will attend our school this Thursday 27th March 2014. Envelopes were sent home a couple of weeks ago with students. Each child needs to have their own envelope on the day to have their photo taken. Please take advantage of the online payment system now available. If paying by cash, correct money must be placed in the envelope or a note to say that the money is in oldest child’s envelope. Please make every effort to ensure that children wear correct full SUMMER school uniform on this day. Our new green school shirts (all sizes) have arrived. The uniform shop opens on Fridays from 3.15pm.

We are requesting that parents do not come to the office on Tuesday morning for change for the school photos. Please organise your money prior to Tuesday morning. Thank you for your assistance.

Kids Matter Launch Day: Every Face Has a Place At Appin!
Save the date: Friday 11th April
Appin Public school is holding their ‘KidsMatter’ mental health and wellbeing framework for public schools launch day on Friday 11th April. Activities will include: tree planting, rock painting, outdoor games, and a gallery display of self portraits. Parents and friends are invited to come along on the day and join in the activities as well as having afternoon tea. Activites will commence after lunch. More details to follow!

Emergency Drill: This week we will be practising our emergency procedures. Please don’t be alarmed if your children come home and talk about alarms and being locked down. All schools practice how they will respond in an emergency, to ensure that in the unlikely event of a real emergency, everyone knows what to do and stays safe.

Mini Reports: Each year the teachers at Appin send parents a mini report at the end of Term 1. This report aims to give parents an indication of how well their child has settled into the new school year and identifies any concerns teachers may have. This early identification enables parents and teachers to work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students. If you have any concerns about your child’s progress or wellbeing, please make an appointment to discuss these with their teacher.

Instructional Leader: Last week Margaret Turner, the Wollondilly Director of Education, and myself interviewed a number of teachers for the new Instructional Leader position at Appin PS. Ruth Goldstein, currently Assistant Principal at Bundanoon Public School, has been appointed to this position for 3 years. Her role will be to work with the leadership and support team to assist teachers in improving our students’ literacy and numeracy outcomes, as part of the DEC Early Action For Success Initiative. Ruth will take up her position at the start of next term.

New Fence: I am delighted to announce that DEC is funding the replacement of the low school boundary fences. This will significantly improve the safety of our students.
Kids of Macarthur Foundation Mufti Day

Our school Parliament this term is supporting a local charity- ‘The Kids of Macarthur Foundation’. Students may wear casual clothes (not school uniform) on Thursday 3rd April and bring a gold coin donation. Last year, with the combined efforts of primary schools in the Campbelltown/Macarthur area, they were able to purchase a cot and a broslow trolley for Campbelltown Hospital.

ANZAC Day – 25th April: This year students representing Appin PS will, for the first time, take part in a wreath laying ceremony in Campbelltown on ANZAC Day. Students and their parents, will need to meet by 8.30am outside the Queen Street side of Campbelltown Mall. The children will march up Queen Street to Mawson Park where a memorial service will be conducted. At some point, members of community groups will be called up to place a wreath. Around this time, when called, 2 members of our school will be required to come forward to lay our wreath. Please note that this activity will take place in the second week of the school holidays and no teachers from Appin PS are involved. Parents who want their children to be involved will need to be responsible for supervising them at this activity. If you would like to attend the ANZAC Day ceremony with your child, please return the slip below, so Ms King, the parent who is coordinating our students, has an idea of how many children are attending.

ANZAC Day Ceremony – Queen Street Campbelltown
My child/ren will be attending the ANZAC ceremony on Friday 25th April at 8.30am.
Name: __________________________________________ Class: _____________________________
Name: __________________________________________ Class: _____________________________
Name: __________________________________________ Class: _____________________________
Parent’s Name: __________________________________ Contact Number: _______________________

News from the Eco-Committee: Thank you everyone for recycling. Please try to put the right things in the right bins. Earth Hour at school is on Friday 28th of March. We would like everyone to continue being eco-friendly. Can you please pick up litter that has been dropped on the ground.
From Shelby Brown & Rhys Haeren.
Congratulations to 3/4P for being the Eco-Committee’s Class of the Week in Week 8. The Eco-Committee will continue to check that energy has been turned off during the breaks. They will meet on Friday during recess to decide which class will be ‘Class of the Week’ for Week 9.
In Week 8, Class of the Week was determined by the number of times 3/4P remembered to turn off their energy during the breaks. We would also like to encourage students to bring waste free lunches to school. This means, packing lunch in anything that can be reused and not thrown out after use.
As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Eco-Committee is assisting the Garden Club to fund new gardens around the school. Can you please return any orders for bulbs from Garden Express to the office before Friday the 28th of March 2014.
The Official Earth Hour will be held on Saturday 29th of March and so students will participate in an Earth Hour at school on Friday the 28th of March. During this time, students will not use any technology or electricity for their lessons. They will work on some pieces of art that focus on the recycling symbol.
Thank you, Miss Turhanlar

Homework Club: We recognise that some families don’t have access to a computer that children can use to do their homework and sometimes homework can turn normally happy households into a war zone. If this sounds like your experience, then help is at hand. We are trialling a VOLUNTARY homework club on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:50am till 9:20am. A teacher will collect students who are interested in taking part from the seats under the COLA at 8:50am. Students will go with the teacher to the Library, where they will get support. We hope this initiative will help both students and parents.

Year 5/6 Camp: An enquiry has been made about the seatbelts fitted on the coach for camp. The coach we have booked is fitted with lap sash three point seatbelts. (These are the same type of seatbelts in cars)

Play Group: Just a reminder to parents and friends, the Benevolent Society is holding a Play Group for pre-schoolers and their parents in the Canteen Hall from 9:15 till 11am each Monday morning. I hope this service will provide wonderful opportunities for our local pre-schoolers to play and learn and also for parents to meet. This is a free service – just bring along a piece of fruit to share each Monday!
National Day of Action Against Bullying

Last Friday, our school was one of 2100 schools who participated in the National Day of Action Against Bullying. This was a great day that highlighted the importance of identifying and taking a stand against bullying. To celebrate this occasion we held a whole school anti-bullying poster competition, took a whole school photograph that spelt out ‘No Way!’ and all students participated in class lessons about bullying. Students also received a ‘bullying, no way’ wristband to remind them about the important anti-bullying messages they learnt.

Awards

Silver: Tyler Jones
Bronze: Rhys Haeren, Abby Jones, Cooper Maroun
Student of the Week: KB Joshua Santos KS Kaia Thompson 1M Holly Bridge
1/2L Laeisa Kumar 2/3M Edward Talintyre 3/4P Eve Wilson
3/4T Tahn Mansfield 5/6C Raymond King 5/6M Charlize Beattie

LAST CHANCE for DISCO notes: We have extended the date……notes now due Friday 4th April. The disco will be on Wednesday 9th April. IMPORTANT: Students will not be admitted to the disco if they have not returned their note by 4th April. 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 4th April)
Where: Appin School Hall
Theme: 80’s and 90’s
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 Friday 4th April. 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 Friday 4th April 2014

P&C News

Easter Raffle - The raffle will be drawn the last day of term (11th April) during our ‘Kids Matter’ launch. Tickets were sent home last week. They are $1 each or 3 for $2. Please return all tickets and money to school by Wednesday 9th April. Thank you for the lovely donations of Easter eggs. They will certainly make up some great prizes to win.

P&C Meeting- TONIGHT at 7pm in the School Library: The topics that will discussed at the P&C meeting for March will be: Allocation of P&C funds, Market re-instatement, Uniform/ Hair ties, and we also may get updates on how the school will cope due to Walker’s development. Please come along and have a tea/ or coffee, have a chat and a laugh while becoming more informed about your school.
Aussies of the Month: Presented at the assembly this Friday 28th March.

Stewart House: We are hoping to support Stewart House once again this year. Stewart House provides ongoing support to disadvantaged children in NSW. If you would like to make a donation, please return the envelope sent home last week clearly marked with your child's name and class to the office by Thursday 11th April 2014. Donations over $2 go into a draw for a fantastic Family Holiday, valued at $4000.

ICAS University Competitions – Last Chance for Entries - 28th March
ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. This year Appin Public School will participate in the following competitions:
- Computer Skills – 20 May 2014 ($8.00)
- Writing – 16 June 2014 to 20 June 2014 ($17.00)
- English – 29 July 2014 ($8.00)
- Mathematics – 12 August 2014 ($8.00)

Please return the permission slip with entry fee by: Friday 28th March 2014 if your child is interested in participating. No late entries can be accepted.

2014 (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Child’s name</th>
<th>Class</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

- Computer Skills – 20 May 2014 ($8.00)
- Writing – 16 June 2014 to 20 June 2014 ($17.00)
- English – 29 July 2014 ($8.00)
- Mathematics – 12 August 2014 ($8.00)
- All of the above (Total of $41.00)

Please find enclosed ____________________ entry fee.

Amount

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

NRL Holiday Clinic: Wednesday 16th April 2014
Kirkham Park Elderslie from 10am to 1pm. Boys and girls aged from 5yrs to 12yrs. Cost is $45. All participants receive a football, drink bottle, boot bag and Tiger’s hat. Morning tea and lunch provided on the day. For more information contact Scott Borg on 0409 814873.
Register online at: www.sydneywestdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au

Parent Tips
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Sushi train
Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child’s preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an icepack and include some little soy sauce fish.

School A to Z App
Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides Maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.
Find out more:  http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia App
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-
LAST CHANCE TO AUDITION FOR THE CHOIR - Voices of Sydney

Voices of Sydney Choir (formerly Sydney Region Choir) is an auditioned and official DEC choir for public school students from Years 5 – 12, with great performance opportunities.

- If you like to sing, and would like to sing in a choir, and
- If you would like to perform in great events (including the 2014 Schools Spectacular)

Then come along to a weekly rehearsal before the end of this term and join the rehearsal.

- Tuesday afternoons at Sutherland Public School. 4.00pm-5.30pm (Deb and Therese)
- Thursday afternoons at Darlington Public School. 4.30pm – 5.45pm (Kipi and Helen)

Please ring, text or email to find out more - or turn up to a rehearsal and meet the choir.
Heather Causley Manager- 0400 808 603 causleys@bigpond.net.au

More information on the website www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au – Music Programs-
Sydney Region Choir (the 2013 information is still current for this year).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Reminders and Diary Dates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>27th Mar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28th Mar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1st Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8th Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9th Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10th Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11th Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28th Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29th Apr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd May</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16th May</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7-13 years old?
Are you worried about their weight?

The Go4Fun Program is a free healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

What happens in the Go4Fun program?

The program runs over one school term. There are 20 sessions (2 sessions/week, 2hrs/session). Sessions include: games, activities and swimming for kids; easy, effective ways to improve your child’s self-esteem and confidence; demonstrations, games and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes; and a fun supermarket tour!

South Western Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be 7-13 years old and above their ideal weight to attend. A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/populationhealth/Go4Fun.html where you can also register.