NEWSLETTER: Term 2 Week 4
From the Principal’s Desk

Hearing Screening: The Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation were providing hearing screening to Aboriginal students at school today. Unfortunately they could not make it today and will re-schedule another day for this screening.

Kids of Macarthur: Last term our school, along with many other schools in the Campbelltown and Macarthur areas held a Mufti Day to support the Kids of Macarthur charity. Together the schools raised $10,859.60 which is an enormous effort. Well done!

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 27th May: As a result of the May budget Appin Public School is able to apply to have a school chaplain through the National School Chaplaincy Programme. We will be discussing the programme at the next P&C meeting. Please see below for further details of how research has shown the benefits of such programmes in developing social and emotional skills in students.

Music Stars Delay: A number of families have paid money to Music Stars for music tuition after school. These lessons have been delayed as Music Stars had not provided the school with the information required by DEC. This information has now been provided and lessons will commence this afternoon.

New Fence: The replacement of our low boundary fence is underway. Please be mindful of this work and remind children to stay away from the construction. The new fence will help keep our school and students safer. If you need to visit the school, please remember to close the gate behind you when you enter and leave.

No riding in school grounds: When the new fence is finished there will only be one pedestrian gate on Appin Road, and one behind the school on Elizabeth Street. It is especially important therefore that students on bikes and scooters walk their bike or scooter through the gate and place it in the bike rack. Students should NOT ride their bike or scooter inside the school grounds.

Fun Run Fundraiser: Sponsor money now due!!! Please return your sponsor form and money to the school office by Monday 19th May 2014. (YES- Yesterday) Once all sponsor forms and money have been returned to school our prizes can be ordered.

Gala Day – This Friday: Our first Gala Day for Term 2 is this Friday 23rd May. The cost for the bus for each Gala Day is $8.50 per child. Please send your $8.50 to the office by the Monday before each Gala Day. The bus will depart at 8.50am sharp and return to school by 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Venues are as follows:
- Netball: Coronation Park, Minto
- Soccer: Ambarvale Sports Complex, Ambarvale
- Touch Football: Rosemeadow Playing Fields – Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow

Zone Cross Country: The Campbelltown Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held at Thomas Acres Reserve (Cleopatra Dr, Rosemeadow) on Tuesday, 27th May 2014. The carnival will commence at 10am and finish at approximately 2pm. Students need to be at school by 9am as the bus is leaving at 9.10am sharp. Students in the team have been given a permission note. Please ensure that your child travels on the bus with the team, as costs have been calculated assuming that all team members will travel by bus. Notes and money should have been returned by today!!

Free Desks
The school has 8 large desks that are no longer needed. If you would like one please contact the office.
School Fees Reminder
Voluntary School Contribution: $40 per child or $70 per family (2 or more children) -Per Year
Photocopy Levy (in lieu of textbooks): $20 per child Per Year
Software Levy (access to software to use at home and at school): $20 per child -Per Year
CAPA Levy (Students in Band or Senior Dance Group): $20 per child -Per Term
Please forward any outstanding money to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Free PPP Parenting Program: PPP positive parenting programs are provided free by the NSW government. Thank you to those families who have returned their participation note. The first session will take place at Appin Public School in the school residence next Tuesday 27th May 2014 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Cold and Flu Fact Sheet: Winter is a time when we see an increase in absenteeism from staff and students due to illnesses such as cold and flu. As you are aware flu can spread quickly in places, such as schools and child care centres, where large number of children learn and play in close contact with each other. Please visit the link below for some good hygiene practices and how to minimise the spread of infection.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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What is the National School Chaplaincy Programme?
The Australian Government is providing $243.8 million over four years for the renewal and refocussing of the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP). This will allow some 2,900 schools across Australia to access the services of a school chaplain.
The chaplain will be responsible for supporting the emotional wellbeing of students, schools and their communities. This renewed and re-focussed programme will allow schools, especially those with higher levels of disadvantage, to provide much needed chaplaincy services to support their students.

How will the programme benefit schools?
A large body of research shows that student pastoral care programmes focussing on social and emotional skills significantly:

- enhance academic achievement
- encourage positive attitudes and behaviours by students towards themselves, others and their school
- reduce behaviour and mental health issues (such as truancy, aggression, criminal behaviour, drug and alcohol use, anxiety and depression)
- enhance students’ social and emotional competence

Chaplains are also well positioned to support the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of teachers and the wider school community.

How will it work?
There will be an application process open to all Australian schools. Schools will be selected after an assessment process which will prioritise those schools with higher levels of disadvantage.
Successful schools will receive a base funding amount of $20,000 per annum. Schools in remote areas will be eligible for an additional $4,000 per annum.
Funding will be provided for chaplains only.

Where can I find more information?