NEWSLETTER: Term 3 Week 1

From the Principal’s Desk

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
Parents should receive their child's Semester One report today. Teachers have spent a great deal of time trying to accurately convey information about your child's progress. We hope you find them useful. I would strongly encourage all parents to make time to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their report and how home and school can work together to further enhance your child’s learning.

Teachers have set aside time for Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday this week (17th July) and Tuesday next week (22nd July). If these times don’t suit a telephone interview can be arranged.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday (after Meet the Teacher) on 22nd July at 7pm. All parents are most welcome.

Shopping Trip: Places are filling fast for the P&C shopping trip on Saturday 25th October. Contact Melissa Lovelee for further information.

Education Week
Parents are invited to visit the school as part of Education Week from 28 July to 1 August. Our school is finalising the agenda for the week, but the following activities have been scheduled for Thursday 31st July:
9:30am – 10:30am  Literacy Programs and Practices Presentation in the hall
10:30am – 11:30am  Class visits
11:30am – 12:15pm  Parents invited to share a Picnic Lunch at school
12:15pm - 12:45pm  Band and Dance Groups will perform
12:45pm - 1pm  Gonski Week Presentation. This will explain what the Gonski school’s funding model means in terms of additional, targeted funding for schools including Appin Public School.

If you would like to find out more about Gonski in the meantime, please visit www.igiveagonski.com.au

My Retirement
At the P&C Meeting at the end of Term I announced my intention to retire from teaching, effective from the end of January 2015. I am planning to take leave from the beginning of Term 4 and will be meeting with my Director next week to discuss who will relieve in my absence. We will keep the community informed about how my position will be filled substantively.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 10 years as Principal of Appin Public School, and will savour this last term of my 34 year career in public education.

Special thanks
I was very touched by the unsolicited generosity of many of our wonderful parents (and even a special nan) when I was given an envelope with $215 as sponsorship for my Walk Against Cancer. It was a wonderful surprise and further evidence of what a beautiful and caring community Appin is. Thank you so much. Your donation will be acknowledged on the website.

In November I am participating again in the Chris O'Brien Life House 60 km walk to raise money for cancer research and treatment. Each walker aims to raise at least $2000 for the cause. If you would like to join my team ‘Crazy for a Cure’ and walk the 60 km with me, or you would like to make a donation, just follow the links on the website.  http://sy14.endcancer.org.au/site/TR/Events/Sydney2014?px=1002120&pg=personal&fr_id=1071

Athletics Trials Friday
We are having an additional athletics session with Fit Futures this Friday. There is no charge for this additional session.
Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.


If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection, please contact the school office before the end of this week.

Aussie of the Month

An AUSSIE OF THE MONTH is someone who:

- Consistently obeys the school rules.
- Is helpful to students and teachers.
- Is caring to other class and school members.
- Is a good friend.
- Always gives of their best and tries hard to improve.
- Displays a wonderful attitude to school.

The ‘Aussies of the Month’ for June are: Infants- Edward Talintyre Primary- Sophie Melville

Awards

Students of the Week: KB Carter Apps    KS Logan Winters  1M Dean Perrin
1/2L Tyler Jones  2/3M Samuel Martyn  3/4T Charlotte Wilson
3/4P Jett Smith  5/6C Stephanie Morris  5/6M Brianna Coulter

Gold: Jack Bexterman
Silver: Jack Bexterman, Amy Hale
Bronze: Corey Lovelee, Lauren Perrin, Jack Bexterman, Justin Lovelee, Georgia Smith, Zac Morgan, Amy Hale

Assembly Roster for Term 3

(Kindergarten to Year 6) – Fridays at 2.30pm in the new hall.

Parliament assemblies are for years 3-6 only. (Held in the new hall)

Infants will hold their assemblies in the old hall during Parliament time.

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School Banking

School banking will commence next Monday. $186.85 was the commission received this quarter. Thank you to the students who support school banking. Keep up the great saving!!
School Swimming Scheme (60 places only!!! For students Yrs 2 to Yrs 6)
The Department of Education and Training School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is usually conducted over ten days, however due to increased bus costs, this year our sessions will run over five days. Each daily lesson will be extended to 90 minutes with a short break in between the lesson. This will help to keep costs down and encourage more students to participate.
The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 and 3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6. Instruction will take place at Bradbury Swimming Pool, Campbelltown.
The Scheme will continue daily for one week from Monday 15th September 2014 to Friday 19th September 2014. There will be no charge for swimming lessons. Students leave school at 10am and return at 1.30pm.
The total cost for the 5 day scheme is $40.00.
If you would like your child to participate in the Swimming Scheme, please complete and sign the form sent home today and return it to the office with payment. Accounts can be paid off in instalments, finalised by Monday 15th September 2014. Thank you.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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