22nd July 2014

**NEWSLETTER: Term 3 Week 2**

*From the Principal’s Desk*

**P&C Meeting – TONIGHT 7pm**
The P&C Meeting will be held tonight (after Meet the Teacher) at 7pm. All parents are most welcome. Please consider attending the P&C meeting tonight. We have had a few newcomers to our recent meetings which is fantastic. The more parents we have at our meetings, the more suggestions we get to make our school a better place for our children. Tonight we will be discussing a proposal to spend funds on an electronic sign at the front of the school as the old notice board cannot be used.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
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. Parent Teacher Interviews will continue today. Contact your child’s teacher for an appointment time.

**Focus On Reading**
Ms Mozayani will not be at school on Wednesday or Thursday this week as she is taking part in training to enable her to lead the Primary Team in a program called Focus on Reading. The professional learning which flows from this program will provide teachers with great support, particularly in improving students’ ability to analyse and comprehend texts.

**Drama Workshop**
This Thursday a number of Year 4, 5 and 6 students who have been taking part in Ms Brumpton’s Drama Club have the opportunity to take part in a full day of free Drama workshops at Campbelltown Performing Arts High. Many thanks to Mrs Brumpton for her organisation and work with this group.

**Athletics Carnival**
The Appin Public School Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 15th August. The P&C will be running a cake stall and would appreciate any donations of cakes/slices on the day of or the day prior to the carnival. We will give another reminder closer to the date.

**Markets are Back**
The P&C are holding a Spring Market on Sunday 31st August in the school grounds. If anyone is interested or (knows others who may be interested) in having a stall (not second hand goods), please advise the P&C preferably at our meeting tonight or via the office. We will be asking for volunteers to help with set up, pack up and cooking of the BBQ at a later stage. Please keep a look out for the volunteer sheet in the coming weeks.

**Education Week**
Next week is Education Week. Parents are invited to visit the school as part of Education Week from 28 July to 1 August. This provides schools with an opportunity to show parents what is happening in their child’s classroom. Education has changed so much, even in the ten years I have been at Appin. There will be a few things happening that parents may be interested in. On Wednesday morning Mr Bishop has extended an invitation to parents to attend a band lesson between 9am and 9:30am.

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](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au)
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

It is time to enrol for Kindergarten 2015 as we are about to begin the planning for Kindergarten Orientation. Please encourage anyone considering an enrolment for next year, to call into the office and collect an enrolment form.

Orientation dates will be advised later this term.

To our existing families, please let us know if you are moving or changing schools next year as this affects the number of students enrolled and staffing for 2015. Thank you for your assistance with our planning.

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 last week and return it to the office with payment. Accounts can be paid off in instalments, finalised by Monday 15th September 2014. Thank you.

Special Photo Orders – Last chance to Order!!!
Specialist photos of Band, Ministers, Captains, Eco committee, Year 6 photo and Year 6 funny photo are on display in the office area and can be ordered through the school. Photos are $14 each, 2 for $26, 3 for $36, 4 for $44 or 5 for $50. Please ask at the office for an order form if you would like to order these photos. Return special orders to school by Friday 25th July 2014. Thank you.

Awards
Silver: Ayden Caruana, Noah Smith, Sophie Melville
Bronze: Ayden Caruana, Noah Smith, Martin Keogh, Joshua Smith, Sophie Hughes, Katelyn Foreman, Akira Smith, Lachlan Smith, Justin Lovelee, Jemma Costello, Zac Thompson, Lauren Foreman

Jeans for Genes Fundraiser
This term, our student ministers are supporting the Jeans for Genes Fundraiser. Children and parents are invited to wear denim on Thursday 31st July, for a $2 donation.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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