NEWSLETTER: Term 3 Week 7
From The Relieving Principal’s Desk

Appin Public School is entering an exciting new phase, with our growing community. We are currently developing our School Plan for 2015. We will be developing three strategic directions which will be the focus of our teaching, learning and professional development at Appin PS. With this in mind, we would love some feedback and ideas from our community. We want to know our strengths, so that we can build on those. We want your ideas on what needs further improvement.

We are also interested in new ideas that you have seen working elsewhere and you think would make a positive contribution to our great school.

Please take the time to fill in the survey provided with this week’s newsletter. The survey is anonymous. Every completed survey entitles you to entry into a draw to win one of 4 x $30.00 gift cards. **Surveys are to be returned to the office.** Please ensure you get your child’s name marked off in the office when you return your survey. Surveys are due back by **Friday, 5th September** and the winners will be drawn at the assembly that afternoon. We look forward to your input and insight!

Zone Athletics Carnival
We wish all of the students the best of luck as they go to represent our school at the two days of Zone Athletics Competition. The first day, tomorrow, 27th August, students will be supervised by Miss Heather McLeod and will be competing in the **field events**. On Thursday, students will be supervised by Mr Peter Thompson and competing in the **track events**. The finals for the track events are held after the day’s events from 4pm on, so parents with talented runners should be prepared to stay a little longer. Thank you to Miss McLeod and Mr Thompson, for organising and accompanying the students. Thank you to all the parents who are helping with transport and of course, cheering on our students! This event is anticipated to proceed even if it is raining.

Reminders
**School Swimming Scheme**- Still 4 places left. Please return your notes by Friday 29th August.
**CAPA Levy**- Due for Term 3 ($20 for Dance and Band students)
**Stage 3 Camp**- Total cost for camp is **$280**. ($60 deposit should have already been paid)

Awards
Gold: Lexie Nonemacher
Silver: Lexie Nonemacher, Evie Richards, Justin Brierley, Rachael Woods
Bronze: Lexie Nonemacher, Izabella Brierley, Hannah Deering, Ella Crompton, Laeisa Kumar, Callum Meads, Dean Perrin, Mitchell Sibbons, Zoe Greenwood, Ryan Kitson, Ebony Shearer, Samuel Martyn, Evie Richards, Leah Kelly, Ryan Thorne, Annaleise Morgan, Blake Nonenmacher, Cooper Bridge, Eliza Brady

Students of the Week: (Week 6)
KB Connor Lewis  KS Joshua Smith  1M Ayden Caruana  1/2L Sienna Southgate
2/3M Trae Smith  3/4P Dylan Jones  3/4T Noah McKenzie
5/6C Kaylee Martin  5/6M Zoe Greenwood

Students of the Week: (Week 5)
KS Harrison Gearside  KB Rhys Perrett  1M Emily Harrington  2/3M Tahlia Greenwood
3/4P Liam Croker  3/4T Lucas Marks  5/6C Kynan Smith  5/6M Ryan Kitson

Book Week Library Visit
Last week was Book Week and the theme was: Connect to Reading! We are lucky enough to have the librarians from the Wollondilly Mobile Library coming to give us a presentation on the short-listed books for this year. They will be visiting our school on Wednesday.
Father's Day Stall
Thank you to our wonderful P&C members who organised and ran the Father's Day stall today. It is a wonderful service to our students that I know they appreciate. If your child wanted to purchase a gift, they are still able to send the money in an envelope marked with the child’s name and class tomorrow. All gifts are $5.00. I hope all our dads have a great day on Sunday fortnight and feel loved and appreciated.

Father's Day BBQ Breakfast
Calling all Dad’s and Grandad’s! You are invited to enjoy a free BBQ breakfast with your children and members of the Appin Anglican Church to help celebrate Father’s Day on Thursday, 4th September, 2014. Tea, coffee and bacon or sausage sandwiches will be available from outside the hall from 8:15am to 9:00am. To assist with catering please return the slip below if you are able to attend by Friday 29th August. Thank you.

Father's Day BBQ Breakfast
Student/s Name:___________________________________________Class/es: __________________

We will be attending the father/grandfather/child breakfast at school on 4th September from 8.15 to 9am. To assist with catering - Total attending: ______ (Include students and adults)

Premier’s Spelling Bee
We are very proud to announce that the Senior Primary Premier’s Spelling Bee Representatives who will compete on behalf of Appin PS School are: Trent Russell – 5/6M and Stephanie Morris– 5/6C
We wish our junior and senior competitors the best of luck for when they compete at Thomas Acres Public School on Monday 15th September, 2014.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Over the past two and a half terms, many of our students have taken up the challenge to read a set amount of books off the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) Book list. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. It allows students to experience a range of exciting stories and explore issues that can challenge the way one thinks. With thousands of books to choose from, students have had the opportunity to embrace subjects that will widen their horizons and expand their vocabularies. In the K-2 classes, this has been done through the teacher reading high quality, engaging books off the PRC book list to the children. In the Primary classes, it is a combination of both some books read to the children by their teacher and lots of books being personally selected and read by the children.

Congratulations to all of our students who have participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year and have risen to the challenge. Certificates will be presented at Achievement Day at the end of the year.

Kindergarten 2015
If you have a child or know of a child, ready to start school next year, please ensure that an enrolment form has been completed and returned to the school office. We will be using this information to send out Kindergarten Orientation letters at the end of the term.

Please try to keep the following dates free for Orientation: Tuesday 14th October, Wednesday 22nd October and Tuesday 28th October.

P&C News
P&C Meeting: Next meeting is TONIGHT Tuesday 26th August. Agenda for the meeting will be: Twilight fair, BBQ- Markets, Storage room, Photos.

Fridge and freezer for sale from the canteen: These items have not been turned on for quite some time so it is buy at your own risk. It will be decided as a secret ballot and will be given to the highest dollar figure. Please put a figure in an envelope with your contact details if you are interested. P&C will notify the new owner at the next P&C meeting.

Markets: The P&C are holding a Spring Market this 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. We are asking for volunteers to help with set up, pack up and cooking of the BBQ. If you are able to help please return the slip below or contact Melissa Lovelee on 0420 662396. Also a reminder
to any mums or dads who work at BHP that they provide incentives for volunteering at local events. Ask BHP for details.

Markets Helper – Sunday 31st August
I am able to assist with:

- Setting up from 8am
- Packing up from 1pm
- BBQ – Please circle time slot: (8am to 9.30am) (9.30am to 11am) (11am to 12pm) (12pm to 1pm)

Name_______________________________________Contact Number____________________________

P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser
P&C will be running a family portrait fundraiser on Sunday 14th September. The cost is $20 and you receive a 10” x 13” Family Portrait or an A3 Pencil Sketch, plus a keyring with wallet size photo. See the flyer sent home today for further details. To make a booking SMS/phone Natalie Shearer with the time you are available on 0410496268 or call into the school office. Please note payment needs to be made with the booking to the school office or Natalie Shearer. Thanks for your support.

P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser

10”x13” Family Portrait
OR *
A3 Pencil Sketch (12 3/4 x 17 3/4)
PLUS
Keyring with Wallet Size Photograph

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