16th September 2014

NEWSLETTER: Term 3 Week 10
From the Principal’s Desk

Relieving Principal
Ms Mozayani and I will be working closely together and sharing the role of relieving Principal for Term 4. Mrs Walsh returns in Term 4, Week 10, to work her last days before retiring as Principal of Appin School. Ms Sellick will relieve for the first half of the term and Ms Mozayani will relieve from Week 5 to Week 9. This will mean that Miss Buglass will take on the full time role of classroom teacher for 5/6M for all of Term 4. Mrs Quince will teach KS for the first 4 weeks of Term 4. As Mrs Quince works in a part time capacity, she has agreed to teach some additional days on KS and Mrs Goldstein, Instructional Leader K-2, will take KS on the others days until Ms Sellick returns to her classroom teacher role. This will allow continuity for both classes and the school. The relieving Assistant Principal role will be covered by a member of staff TBA in our first newsletter for Term 4.

P&C TONIGHT - 7PM in the LIBRARY
I encourage anyone who can make it, to come along to P&C tonight. I attended the last meeting as relieving Principal and it was a fantastic, positive meeting of interested parents. This meeting is one way that you can voice your interests in regards to the school. The more representation we can have at P&C meetings, the more it will truly represent the needs and interests of our community. We have tea/coffee and chocolate on hand. It runs form 7:00pm til 9:00pm in the school library and I encourage anyone to attend. Tonight we are discussing P&C expenditure of some of the funds raised, Twilight Fair, website, IGA account, Kindy Orientation, School Canteen and Mrs Walsh’s retirement celebration. If these topics interest you, please come along!

SASS Appreciation Week – THANKYOU!
This week at Appin we are celebrating the wonderful work that our SASS staff do at our school. We are so lucky at Appin Public School to have the wonderful, dedicated and efficient SASS staff that we have working in our front office. Please take the time this week to thank Karen Hunt, Jan Nolen, Sally Reynolds, and Lynne Travers for the wonderful job that they do for our school.

Paperless Newsletters
Just a reminder that from next term, we will only be sending home a hard copy of the newsletter to those families who have requested to receive the newsletter that way. We encourage all families to access the newsletter via the school’s website. www.appin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/
A reminder email can also be sent to you upon request. Please advise via email if you would like to be added to the school email list. appin-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
WARNING: Please consider this option carefully, as we cannot guarantee the privacy of your email address. If an error occurs, there is a possibility of your email address being viewed by other recipients in the newsletter database. (Just one wrong click of the mouse is all it takes!!) If this concerns you at all, it would be advisable to view the newsletter via the school website and not have it emailed. Although every effort is made to ensure your privacy is maintained, unfortunately human error can occur.

Surveys
Thank you to those parents who took the time to return the school consultation surveys sent home a couple of weeks ago. The lucky winners of the gift cards were: Matilda Peer, Maddison Ryde, James Booth and Kaden Smith. We got nearly 50 surveys returned! It was wonderful to receive your feedback and we will be taking into consideration the issues and ideas you raised when writing our plan for the school. If you didn’t get to fill in a survey, it’s not too late to have your say, please return it to the office before the last day of term. I would like to present the findings of the surveys to our community early next term, date TBA.
Spelling Bee Challenge
We wish to congratulate the following students for representing Appin PS yesterday at the Premier’s Spelling Bee Challenge. Well done: Stephanie Morris, Trent Russell, Tess McEvoy-King and Rhys Haeren.

School Holidays
We adjusted our rule of the week, this week, to BE SAFE, because we want students to keep safe over the holiday period. We hope that everyone enjoys their break from school over the holidays and returns safe and well, ready for their last school term of learning for this year.

School Security 1300 800021
Help to keep our school safe over the holiday break by reporting problems to the school security hotline: 1300 800021.

Student Banking
There will be NO school banking for the last week of term as the banking coordinators are away. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and advise that deposits can still be made through any Commonwealth Bank branch. School banking will resume as normal from Monday 13th October, Term 4.

CLASSROOMS WITHOUT BORDERS – U.O.W Students
Thank you to Mrs Austin for, once again, inducting a new group of student teachers to our school as part of the ‘Classroom Without Borders’ Program yesterday. We have four training teachers volunteering at our school for Term 4, Weeks 1 to 5. These teachers will be working in most classrooms across the school. This program allows our students to receive additional support in the classroom from a training teacher and allows the UOW training teacher to access exceptional, practical classroom experience and advice from our wonderful teachers. Mrs Austin also trains these teachers in a number of programs, such as MultiLit, that we use in our school. It is a real win for us and a win for the UOW student teachers. We welcome: Miss Alessandra Lacatena, Miss Erin Mills, Miss Joanne Nguyen and Mr Daniel Ross to our school!
We would also like to sincerely thank the following UOW student teachers who worked over the past six weeks: Mr Nathan Davis, Miss Monica DeGiorgio, Mr Nathan Isaacs, and Miss Christine Lee. We appreciate all of the additional support that you provided for Appin PS students.

Book Covering
Last week we received the final delivery of 1800 new Group Guided Readers for this year. The office have been working hard to accession these readers and have them ready for covering by the end of this week. If you are able to take a couple of bundles over the holidays to cover, please call into the office to collect them. Many hands make light work and it is amazing to see how quickly we are getting these new resources into the classrooms for use. Thank you to all those mums and nans on our hit list!!

Kindergarten 2015 – KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION NEXT TERM
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. Kindergarten Orientation dates are as follows: Tuesday 14th October, Wednesday 22nd October and Tuesday 28th October. Information letters have been posted out to students registered.
Kindergarten Excursion Reminder
On Thursday 9th October, first week back of Term 4, Kindergarten will be going on their first excursion. They are going to Calmsley Hill Farm. Parents are welcome to attend this excursion, but in order to do so they must attend the Risk Assessment Meeting on Wednesday, 8th October in KS classroom from 3:30 to 3:45pm. They must also be willing to transport themselves to and from the excursion.

Life Education – TERM 4 WEEK 2
In Week 2 Term 4 (14th to 16th October) the Life Education Van will visit Appin PS. This will provide all students with the opportunity to take part in valuable learning opportunities in an interesting and interactive environment. Children at Appin PS are able to participate in this activity free of charge due to the support from BHP and the school. BHP will subsidise the cost with $10 and the school will pay the balance of $3 per student. If you do not want your child to attend the Life Education Van please advise your child’s teacher so alternate arrangements can be made. Life Education souvenirs can be purchased throughout the week of the visit. We will advertise the merchandise available in our next newsletter.

Dance Group
Mrs Corcoran is on leave from this Thursday until Week 3 next term. Mrs Corcoran will still take Dance Group this Thursday and Miss Buglass will take over for the first two weeks of next term.

Garden Club
Thank you to the members of the Garden Club who’ve been looking after our garden and also selling some of its produce before assembly on Fridays. They are only asking for a gold coin donation and all money raised goes back into purchasing new seeds and seedlings for the garden. Thank you for your support!

IGA – Ice Bucket Challenge
Thank you to all of the community members who came to witness Ms Sellick tip a large bucket of icy water over the IGA Manager, Ahmed, last Friday afternoon. Thank you to the two able bodied men who assisted Ms Sellick, as she was unable to lift the bucket! IGA Appin donated sporting equipment to the school as a result of this challenge. Thank you for your support!

Bright Sparks Pre-School Meeting – TODAY!
Bright Sparks are running a meeting this afternoon from 5:00pm til 6:30pm for any of their parents with children coming to school in 2015. Ms Sellick will be at this meeting for Q&A from 5:15pm. Tea and coffee and child minding are being provided. A number of other professionals will be speaking and answering questions about schooling needs and school readiness. Sounds like a great meeting!

Awards
Gold: Olivia Stonebridge
Silver: Ebony Shearer, Bryce Peer, Olivia Stonebridge
Bronze: Bryce Peer, Olivia Stonebridge, Hayley Lorenz, Aaron Stonebridge, Cody Crane, Charlotte Withers, Justin Lovelee, Coby Hilton, Finn McEvoy-King, Tess McEvoy-King, Charlize Beattie, Kiara Lewis, Elisha Hampson


Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

Appin Anglican Church Fundraising Sale
We are having a fund-raising garage sale this Saturday 20/9 at our Appin Church. Plenty of pre-loved goodies, bacon n egg rolls, coffee for sale. 8am - 2pm. Monies raised help to assist fund the SRE programs in our Macarthur area.
Selective Schools
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: [http://bit.ly/selectiveHS](http://bit.ly/selectiveHS)

P&C News
P&C Meeting: The next P&C Meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday 16th September at 7pm in the Library. All welcome. There is a lot to organise for the Twilight Fair. Agenda: P&C website, Twilight Fair, Library Books, IGA account, Kindy Orientation and School Canteen. Please come along with your suggestions.

Shopping Trip: Places are filling fast for the P&C shopping trip on Saturday 25th October. Only a couple of places left. Please contact Melissa Lovelee for further information. Final payment is now due. Please leave money at the office in an envelope marked P&C Shopping trip or pay Melissa Lovelee.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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The staff would like to wish our students and families a happy and safe holiday!!