2nd September 2014

NEWSLETTER: Term 2 Week 8
From the Principal’s Desk

I'm Back
Many thanks to the wonderful staff at Appin PS and in particular Ms Sellick, for keeping school ‘ticking on’ in my absence. I am back in the ‘Principal seat’ till the end of term – trying to tie up as many things as I can before my departure.

School Survey
Please take the time to fill in the survey provided with last 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, 5 September** and the winners will be drawn at the assembly that afternoon. We look forward to your input and insight!

Excursion
The Stage One students went on a fun-filled excursion to the Sydney Aquarium and Wildlife World to complement their learning in HSIE and Science this term. Thank you to Mrs Kiddle, Ms Lewis, Miss McLeod and Mrs Talintyre for planning and attending this excursion. Thank you to the parents who helped on the excursion. A fabulous day was had by all.

Year 5/6 Camp
There were many excited faces waving their Stage Three students off on their 3 day camp in the Blue Mountains. The students were visiting the Blue Mountains and Scenic World before continuing on to camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I thank the dedicated Stage Three teachers; Ms Mozayani, Mrs Kelly, Miss Buglass and Mr Earnshaw, who have given up significant time away from their families to supervise and support our Stage Three children. I hope everyone has a wonderful time. Thank you to all our Stage Three parents for organising your child/ren. The coach is due back at school by 3.30pm tomorrow.

Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast – Last chance to reply!!
Many thanks to the Anglican Church members who are once again putting on a delicious breakfast for our Dads and Grandads. 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. All are welcome: including grandparents & mums and children accompanied by an adult This delicious free breakfast is being generously provided by the Appin Anglican Church.

Warm wishes for a Happy Father’s Day to all of our dads and granddads from all of the staff and students of Appin PS. Hope you all have a great day on Sunday.

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)

P&C Markets
The weather was kind as Appin P&C held its first market for some time last Sunday. I am told the day was very successful and many stall holders have already booked for the Twilight Fair on Friday 5th December.
P&C are hoping to run a market once a term. Please give them your support as this provides an excellent fundraising opportunity for our school.

**Appin Public School WINS $1000**
Thank you to all of our wonderful community who took the time to vote on the CUA website or at the branch. Although we were not recipients of first place, we did receive $1000.00 as a runner up. Thank you to Credit Union Australia for your generous support of schools. This money will be used to replace some of the computers in our library.

**Thank you from Ms Sellick**
I wish to express my gratitude for the wonderful support I received as relieving Principal from the staff, parents and students. It was wonderful how everyone works together to make our school such a wonderful school. Thank you to Mrs Corcoran for capably relieving in the role of Assistant Principal. Thank you to Mrs Quince for working additional days and Mrs Goldstein as well, for ensuring the smooth continuation of the KS program. Special thanks to Karen Hunt and Vanessa Mozayani who helped make the job much easier! Thank you to Mrs Walsh for giving me the opportunity.

**Zone Athletics – Rescheduled**
- **Date:** Monday 8th September (Field Events + Unfinished track events)
- **Cost:** $5.00 each day if not already paid
- **Venue:** Campbelltown Athletics Complex, Leumeah.
- **Transport:** Private vehicles (Parents are asked to help with transport if possible)
- **Time:** Please be at school for roll marking **no later than 8.30am.** Carnival finishes at approximately 3pm.

All students attending this event are required to complete and return a new permission note. If you are able to assist with transport please let us know. Thank you.

**Gala Day**
Our final PSSA Gala Day is this Friday 5th September. The cost for the bus for Gala Day is **$8.50 per child.** Please send your $8.50 to the office before Friday. **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

**School Swimming Scheme (HELP!!! We need to fill the 4 places left!!!)**
The Swimming Scheme will take place 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.** This covers bus fare and pool entry. There are four places left for students in Years 2 to 6. Please consider this very worthwhile program for your children. Accounts can be paid off in instalments, finalised by Monday 15th September 2014. Thank you.

**Private Vehicle Subsidy**
If you’re not close to public transport and need to drive your child to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide a payment to help cover the expense. To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc)

**Helpers Needed**
Thank you so much to the mums and nans assisting with covering new reading books for the classrooms. With your help we have been able to send over one thousand five hundred books into the rooms to be used so far. We have another thousand ready to go at the office at the moment. The books have been made up into packs of 12 with contact supplied, cut and ready to go. If you are able to take a couple of packs home to cover at night, you will be assisting in getting these new books into the classrooms for students to read. Once again, we thank you for your help and really appreciate the support you are giving to provide these resources.

**P&C Meeting – Tuesday 16th September!!**
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September at 7pm (as the 4th Tuesday falls in the holidays). At this meeting will discuss arrangements for Twilight Fair and Kinder Orientation. P&C will also be voting on expenditure to purchase new computers and resources for the library.
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 August are: Infants - Bridget Shearer  Primary - Hayley Greenwood

Awards
Gold: Jett Smith, Maddiline Crompton, Riley Wilson
Silver: Riley Wilson, Cooper Bridge, Jett Smith, Cooper Maroun, Holly Bridge, Eliza Brady
Bronze: Rachael Lorenz, Jett Smith, Jorja Apps, Rhys Haeren, Carter Apps, Holly Bridge, Cooper Maroun, Noah Thomas, Sebastien Jenart, Killara Hughes, Hannah Deering

Students of the Week:  
KS Jayden Barry  KB Joshua Santos  1M Georgia Smith
1/2L Hayley Lorenz  2/3M Allyssa Barry  3/4T Tanisha Jell-Smith  3/4P Abby Jones
5/6M Damien Tasker  5/6C Tim Beaton

AFL After School Clinic
Come along and join in an after school AFL clinic on the back starting **Thursday 11th September from 3.30pm to 4.30pm**. This is a great way to have fun, meet new friends and get active. For only **$47** you will receive six one hour sessions of skills, games and coaching. You will also get an NAB AFL backpack with footy, hat, pump and more.
To register:
1. Visit aflauskick.com.au
2. Enter ‘Appin PS AFL Auskick-After School’
3. Click on your school’s name and follow the steps to register. It’s that easy!!
These sessions are not organised by the school, so please direct questions to the AFL contact once you have registered.

School Banking News
There will be NO school banking for the last two weeks of term as the banking coordinators will be 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.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser
Please be advised that the P&C has cancelled this fundraiser due to limited response.

P&C Markets
Spring came a day early! It was spectacular weather for the debut of Appin PS P&C Markets on Sunday, which we plan to do quarterly. Despite the 14 stalls that were missing due to last minute cancellations, we were overwhelmed by the crowds of people, the quality of the stalls and their goods and the positive feedback we have heard and received. So on behalf of the Appin P&C we’d like to thank everyone that visited and showed support of our new markets. A massive big thank you to the many parents that volunteered their Sunday to lend a helping hand. We learnt a great deal from Sunday, and are now looking forward to continue planning for our next market which will be the Twilight Fair on Friday 5th December 2014 from 4-8pm. Onwards and upwards we say!

Thank you again, from Sam Richards and Melissa Lovelee – P&C Fundraising Co-ordinators