9th September 2014

NEWSLETTER: Term 2 Week 9
From the Principal’s Desk

Thank you
Many thanks to the Anglican Church for the lovely Father’s Day Breakfast they hosted at school last Thursday. It was lovely to see so many dads, pops and family make the time to spend with their child/children at school. I hope all our dads had a fantastic Father’s Day.

Stage 3 Camp Success
I have heard lots of positive reports about the fun and learning at the Stage 3 camp in the Blue Mountains last week. Congratulations to our students on your excellent behaviour and many thanks to Ms Mozayani, Ms Buglass, Mrs Kelly and Mr Earnshaw for giving up time with your families to make this experience possible.

Car Park Safety
Students have been reminded that they are NOT to walk through the car park as it is dangerous. If students are seen in the car park they will be placed on detention. Parents, please make sure you set a good example by always using the pedestrian gates. I have been assured that a path will be built in the holidays to connect our front pedestrian gate to the existing school paths.

Special Swimming Scheme
Students enrolled in the Special Swimming Scheme taking place in Week 10, were given a reminder note yesterday. Please contact the office if your child did not receive the reminder note. Lessons will take place each day from Monday 15th September to Friday 19th September.

School Survey
Thank you to those parents who have returned a survey. 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. We have extended the date. Surveys are now due back by Friday, 12th September and the winners will be drawn at the assembly that afternoon. We look forward to your input and insight!

Lockdown Drill
Don’t be alarmed if your child comes home today describing a lockdown at school today. We practised our emergency lockdown procedures.

Zone Athletics
Many thanks to Mr Thompson and Ms McLeod for accompanying our students to the Zone Athletics Carnival yesterday. A number of our students achieved excellent results and will be progressing to the Regional Carnival tomorrow. All students are congratulated on giving their best!

International Literacy Day
Encouraging a lifelong love of reading and writing is one of the greatest gifts a child can receive. If you find homework and all of the other pressures too much and can only fit in one thing, make THE thing LITERACY; as it is the foundation for all learning. Tomorrow our school will have a number of volunteers from the University of Wollongong working with students K-2 to celebrate International Literacy Day.

P&C Meeting next Tuesday
All parents are welcome to attend the P&C meeting next week at 7pm in the library. At the meeting P&C will be voting on how to spend a significant amount of P&C funds and planning for the Twilight Fair next term.
Eco Excursion Tomorrow
Tomorrow a number of students from our Eco Committee are attending a special Environmental Expo. I know students last year came back very well informed and motivated. I am sure that the students who participate will come back to school full of enthusiasm and ideas to help ensure our school is acting in an environmentally responsible way. Ms Turhanlar will attend a number of workshops at the Expo to build her skills and knowledge in this area and support her in leading this important initiative.

Garden Club
Our school vegie garden continues to flourish. I know the students who work in the garden gain tremendous satisfaction from their efforts. They have begun to harvest some of the vegetables, selling produce some mornings, for a gold coin donation. They have also been receiving valuable tips from Mr Dewar. The money collected goes back to purchases for the garden. I was lucky enough to purchase some of the fresh produce and it was delicious. Well done boys and girls!

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
I think everyone knows someone who has been touched by Cancer. As a parent, it is difficult to imagine anything more terrifying than to have your child diagnosed with cancer, but that is exactly what one of our family’s has faced and we are so happy we still have Lexie with us.
Ms Nonemacher has ordered gold ribbons for students to wear this month to raise awareness of childhood cancer. We will be holding a Footy Colours Mufti Day on the last day of term Friday 19th September. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite football team colours or jersey and bring a gold coin donation to support the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Life Education
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. 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.

Australia’s positive voice for teens
Resilience, Optimism & Confidence
"ROC" Seminar for Parents of Teens
What ‘ROC ’stands for - Resilience, Optimism and Confidence.
JOIN us to hear Claire Eaton, from "ROC Teen", speak about what parents can do to nurture these strengths in their teens. This session is for adults only.
Young people can BOOK TO attend one of the teen workshops on Sat 13 or Sun 14 September
WHEN: Friday 12 September, 2014
TIME: 6.00pm - approx 8.00pm
COST: FREE
VENUE: Iron Bark Room - Narellan Library  Cnr Queen and Elyard Street Narellan,
Numbers are limited
For more info :kim.white@camden.nsw.gov.au Narellan Library 4645 5039

Athletics Championships
The Sydney South West Athletics Championships will definitely go ahead tomorrow at The Crest Bankstown, as the venue is an all weather venue. Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will represent at the carnival: Mackenzie McEvoy-King, Tess McEvoy-King, Maleah Mayol, Coby Hilton, Eve Wilson, Alec Rochaix, and the girl’s relay team, Abby Jones, Eve Wilson, Annaleise Morgan and Lara Morgan.

Awards
Bronze: Hayley Lorenz, Jessica Santos, Aaron Stonebridge
Student of the Week: KS Elyse Stonebridge KB Lily Atkins 1M Jemma Costello
1/2L Laeisa Kumar 2/3M Hannah Deering 3/4P Leah Kelly 3/4T Leon Brierley
5/6C Joshua Morris 5/6M Nick Jr Constantin
Gala Day Results

Congratulations to all our Gala Day teams on a wonderful effort last Friday. Many thanks to all the parents who came along to support the teams. Just a reminder to those students who have not paid their bus money. Please send your $8.50 to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Touch Football:

Game 1: Appin v Ambarvale
Juniors won 2-0
Seniors won 9-1

Game 2: Appin v Bradbury B
Juniors won 3-0
Seniors won 5-0

Game 3: Appin v Bye

Soccer:

Game 1: Appin v Ambarvale
Juniors drew 1-1
Seniors rained off

Game 2: Appin v Bradbury A
Juniors won 2-0
Seniors lost 4-0

Game 3: Appin v Briar Road A
Juniors won 4-0
Seniors won 4-0

Netball:

Game 1: Appin v Ruse
Juniors lost 4-5
Seniors lost 1-12

Game 2: Appin v Thomas Acres
Juniors won 5-4
Seniors won 8-2

Game 3: Appin v Campbelltown
Juniors lost 1-3
Seniors won 20-0

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014

This Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd November, 2014. It is available to all children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and have received the sacrament of Reconciliation. If you wish your child to make this Sacrament and did not come to the enrolment night last year you MUST attend the first lesson for this programme on Saturday 11th October, 2014 commencing at 4.15p.m. You must bring a copy of your child’s Baptism and Birth certificate with you to attach to the enrolment form. Children will participate in lessons within the Parish School classrooms whilst parents will meet with Father in the Parish Meeting Room. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2014. NOTE: If you will be enrolling at the first lesson, then please arrive at 3.45pm to the Parish Meeting Room before the lesson to complete the paperwork. The program fee of $25 is also payable at the first lesson. Thank you.

P&C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September at 7pm in the Library. All welcome. Lots to organise for the Twilight Fair. 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.

MACARTHUR HAS TALENT is an Annual Talent Quest at The Wizard of Oz Funland on Sun 12th Oct 2014. Get on stage and sing, dance, act, play an instrument & exhibit your talent in an encouraging atmosphere. Participants (both solo, groups & bands) will be judged in age groups 5yrs & below, 6-10yrs and 11-18yrs. Win trophies & prizes worth $5000. Entry forms at the Funland, 2/11 Hollylea Rd, Leumeah. Details: 4626 7777, 4626 7766 or www.thewizardofozfunland.com. ENTRIES NOW OPEN.

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