Welcome to Week 2 and a busy week of excursions. Today I travel to Calmsley Hill with our Kinder students to visit the city farm. This will be our Kinders first excursion and I am sure they will have an exciting day.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I am travelling to Canberra with Stage 3 for three days of action-packed learning including Old Parliament House, Electoral Education Centre, Australian Institute of Sport, National Capital Exhibition, Embassies and Lodge tour, Telstra Tower – Night view of Canberra, National Museum of Australia, Australian War Memorial, Old Parliament House Museum of Australian Democracy, Mt Ainslie Lookout, view of the Parliamentary Triangle, Questacon, Royal Australian Mint and Parliament House. No doubt we will all be exhausted on our arrival back at school around 4:30pm on Friday! Despite popular opinion, teachers do not get paid overtime to attend excursions and are in supervision mode 24 hours a day whilst away. A simple “thank you” from students and parents on Friday afternoon at pick-up time would delight my staff, who have given up their own family time to ensure these three days are exemplary learning and fun for your child.

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra

Stage 3 students will soon be attending an education tour of the National Capital from Wednesday 14th October to Friday 16th October 2015. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This rebate has already been calculated in the total cost of the Canberra excursion for our students.

Please remember to be at school by 6.30am on Wednesday 14th October.

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**Student Achievements**

Well done to Hayley in Dardanelles class who completed some terrific writing just before the holidays. Congratulations to the following students who sat the ICAS Maths test last term, which was quite difficult, and received these awards:

- Credit – Tasmyn in Year 6, Demi in Year 4, Paige in Year 3
- Participation – Rachel in Year 5, Ethan in Year 4, Samuel in Year 3

**PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) reward**

Each day our students can earn “Smiley” awards based on the rule of the week. Each Friday these “Smiley’s” are collected and four student names are drawn out to receive an ice-block from our canteen. These “Smiley’s” then accumulate in our designated container and when this container is full, the whole school receives a reward. Last Wednesday during our middle session our whole school participated in a well-earned reward for being safe, friendly and respectful learners. With Miss McLeod’s organisation and Mrs Corcoran’s time-keeping, students rotated around fun sport activities in their peer support groups.

Congratulations to all of our super Appin students.

**Aboriginal Awards**

Earlier this year some of our Aboriginal students were nominated for the Department of Education 2015 Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards.

Our congratulations go to:

- Jayden Lewis for Attendance
- Lara Morgan for Numeracy-NAPLAN (Lara has since moved schools.)
- Jayden and Lara will be presented with their award at Western Sydney University Bankstown Campus on Friday 30th October 2015.

Well done – we are so proud!

Special mention also goes to these students:

- Breanna Kennedy for Leadership, Citizenship and Community Services
- Sharna Dewar for Creative Arts
- Hayley Nonenmacher for Attendance
- Zarah Goddard for Culture, Courage and Commitment
- Lexie Nonenmacher for Culture, Courage and Commitment

**Stamp Chart Superstars!**

Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:

- Tucker: Ella, Emily, Shylah, Noah, Lily, Alex, Joshua, Isabella, Riley, Bailey, Caylen, Mikayla, Aston, Claudia, Aleksander, Laila, Charlie, Hayley, Ruby, Shakaya
- Canakkale: Logan, Sophie, Will, Lily
- Throssell: Killara, Holly, Hayley, Haylee, Aiden, Callum, Paige R, Oliver, Oscar, Trae, Jiselle, Bryce, Eliza, Emma, Connor, Coby, Reuben, Evlyn
- Flanders Fields: Sienna, Hannah, Amber, Jake, Tyler, Jack, Lucas
- Weston Front: Zac, Charlize, Gemma, Ella

Keep up the fantastic efforts!
Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Mia Perrett
Tucker – Rylie Maroun
Lemnos – Martin Keogh
Canakkale – Mitchell Button
Hamilton – Amy Hale
Throssell – Ayla Cook
Flanders Fields – James Booth
Lone Pine - Riley Connor
Burton – Ellie Hodges
Western Front – Ryan Thorne

P&C News!!!
P&C Meeting: Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th October in the school library at 7pm.

Infants Sport Change
Parents please be advised that Infants students will be doing sport each Wednesday this term. Please send students in their sports uniform each Wednesday. Thank you.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers
Thank you to all those families who collected Earn and Learn stickers for our school. We have 25800 points to redeem. We look forward to receiving some new sporting equipment early next year.

New Library Day
Students in Tucker class are advised to bring their Library bags to school each Monday as they will be attending library lessons on Mondays this term.

Assembly Roster for Term 4
Week 2  Item - Hula Hoop Group
Week 3  Item - Hamilton + Sept Aussie of the Month presented
Week 4  Item - Tucker + Oct Aussie of the Month presented
Week 5  Item - Dardanelles
Week 6  No Item
Week 7  Parliament
Week 8  No Item + Nov Aussie of Month presented
Week 9  No assembly - Twilight Fair
Week 10  Last assembly - Year 6 Item

Workskil Program
We are fortunate to have Mr Vanzuela working in our gardens two days each week for 6 months through this program. We have big plans to keep our gardens weed free and well mulched and also to plant some new gardens.
Nominations for ‘Osgood Outstanding Services to Appin School’ Award
This prestigious award honours Gary and Dorrie Osgood and was established in 2004 to acknowledge their outstanding contributions to Appin School over many years. This award is presented to an outstanding citizen who has given services ‘above and beyond’ to Appin Public School over a long period of time. The award may go to a past or present community member, parent or staff member. Nominations are being sought for the 2015 award winner. Please complete the nomination form below stating reasons as to why you believe your nominee deserves this great honour. Nominations will be considered by all staff and the winner announced at Presentation Day. Please return your nomination form to the school office by Friday, 6th November 2015.

Nomination for ‘Osgood Outstanding Services to Appin School’ Award
I would like to nominate……………………………………………………..for the ‘Osgood Outstanding Services’ Award for 2014.
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Interrelate Program for Years 5 and 6
The Interrelate Programs for Years 5 and 6 will take place during school hours on the following dates:
Year 5 - 26th October and 9th November
Year 6 - 26th October, 2nd and 9th November
Students are reminded to return their permission notes for this informative program. Appin P&C have generously covered the costs involved.

Life Education Van Visit
Healthy Harold- Life Education will be visiting Appin Public school from Monday 26th October – Thursday 29th October. Life Education is the largest, independent, Australian, health and drug education provider for school children aged 5-13 years.
The mobile classroom allows children to explore creative and collaborative learning in a space that is entirely different from a traditional classroom. Specially trained educators present vital health and safety messaging through tactile and multisensory activities. Each session is designed to intrigue and excite children of all ages, which captures their imagination and has a lasting impact!
BHP value this program and sponsor this incursion by subsidising the cost for each child. The cost for each child is reduced to just $3.00 and includes the Life Education session, a student workbook and sticker for each child.
We would strongly encourage all students to attend the Life Education – Healthy Harold incursion at school. Please sign the permission note sent home last week and return it to school with your payment of $3.00 by Thursday 22nd October 2015.
If you have difficulty in paying for the performance, please contact Mrs Harrison to discuss alternative arrangements, as we do not want students to miss this opportunity.

Peer Support
Our Year 6 students are so excited and very well prepared to lead this afternoon’s first session of peer support. Our thanks go to Miss Buglass for her coordination of this program.

Kinderstart and Kinder Orientation Day
We are learning so much about next year’s Kinder students during these weekly visits. We have two more visits before our official Kinder Orientation Day on Thursday 29th October 2015. Please make sure all the necessary forms are completed and returned to our office.