Welcome to Week 3 where I am thrilled to have been able to share fun-filled and successful excursions last week with Kinder at Calmsley Hill Farm and Stage 3 in Canberra. As expected our students displayed great listening skills, curiosity for new learning and surroundings and exemplary behaviour. It is wonderful to be told as a Principal that your students are beautifully behaved and “please come back again”. Please check out some happy snaps of these students here in this newsletter and on our school Facebook page.

I am fortunate enough to be attending the NSW Primary Principals’ Association State Conference in Sydney for the rest of this week which gives me a wonderful opportunity for professional learning with principal colleagues.

**Interrelate**
Commencing next week and fully funded by our supportive P&C are two exceptional programs for Stage 3 students. They focus on puberty and the teenage years and ensure that each Stage 3 child receives accurate information on these topics that are often difficult for parents to raise with their children and then discuss. The Year 5 program, at a cost of $16.50 per student for two 90 minute session plus student workbook and Year 6 program, at a cost of $36 for four 90 minute sessions, student workbook plus a copy for each student of “100+ Questions Kids Have About Puberty” are being covered by the P&C for which we are very grateful. This means these programs are free to all our Stage 3 students. Following is some more detailed information:

This fun and informative program for Year 5 explores the value of good communication within families and relationships, as a way of better understanding each other and reducing conflict. It provides students with a basic knowledge of male and female development at puberty, with an emphasis on developing a positive attitude to change.

The course for students in Year 6 is to prepare them for High School. “Moving into the Teen Years” explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life.

**Assemblies**
Our sincere apologies go to any parents who were inconvenienced by the change back to Friday afternoons for weekly assemblies following these assemblies being held on Thursdays in Term 3 whilst Gymtastics took place. Please feel welcome to attend our assemblies each **Friday at 2pm in the hall**.

**Dates to Remember:**

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Dropping off and Picking up students
Thank you to all of our parents who walk a little further to our main school entrance gate when they are picking up or dropping off their children before and after school rather than walking through our school staff car park. This is also a gentle reminder that parents are not permitted to drive into or park in our school car park. This ensures the safety of everyone’s children.
After school, students who wait must do so inside our school grounds on the grass area between our office and residence until they are picked up. This ensures they are supervised and safe.

Kinderstart and Kinder Orientation Day
We have only one more visit 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.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly
This year a special formal assembly to celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 students from our school will be held on Friday 11th December 2015 from 2-3pm in our school hall. Please mark this date in your diary.

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017
- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10/3/16.
An Intention to apply letter has been sent home with Year 5 students today. Please return this to school if you intend to apply.

Student Achievements
Congratulations to Lone Pine students Ella, Jemma, Tiarna, Georgie, Dylan and Lukas who now have their pen licence, which is a highly coveted achievement for year 4 students. Lone Pine class also has many students who actively use our school and home Mathletics program and enjoy receiving their bronze or silver awards. This week’s successful mathematicians are Jessica, RJ, Star, Nick, Thomas, Tess and Bridget.

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Canakkale: Jayden, Ava, Justin
Throssell: Seth, Sinisha, Kyle, Paige S, Eliza, Paige R, Trae, Allyssa
Keep up the fantastic efforts!
Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Annalise Tones
Tucker – Lily Melville
Lemnos – Joshua Santos
Canakkale – Charlotte Withers
Hamilton – Finn McEvoy-King
Throssell – Jiselle Petrovski
Flanders Fields – Tanisha Jell-Smith
Lone Pine - Loukas Petrovski

Awards
Gold:
Demi Gay, Hayley Lorenz
Silver:
Hayley Lorenz, Alana Kitson, Demi Gay, Katelyn Foreman, Sienna Withers, Rhys Perrett
Bronze:
Sienna Withers, Noah McKenzie, Demi Gay, Tanahlia Goddard, Katelyn Foreman, Tiarna Spajic, Samuel Martyn, Bridget Shearer, Hayley Lorenz, Lily Melville, Ayden Caruana, Rhys Perrett

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.

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 - Fridays at 2pm
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

Nude Food Day
This week, students in the Eco-Committee have been delivering lessons to all classes. These lessons have been focused on ‘Nude Food Day’. Our school will be participating in Nude Food Day on Wednesday the 28th October. As part of this initiative, we are asking that students bring a ‘Nude Food’ or ‘Waste Free Lunch’. In Australia we use an alarmingly 376 thousand tonnes of plastic packaging each year. This is the the same weight as about 290 thousand cars. At Appin Public School, we would like to reduce the amount of plastic packaging that we send to landfill. Please assist us by sending your child to school with a Waste Free Lunch on Wednesday the 28th of October.
For more information, please have a look at the Eco-Committee Notice board or check next weeks newsletter.
Thanks, Suzan Turhanlar

INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT NIGHT FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 2016
An information and enrolment night will be held on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm for all eligible Catholic children in Rosemeadow Catholic Parish, in the Parish School Multi Purpose hall for any parents/caregivers wishing to present their children for any of the sacramental programmes in 2016. It is important you attend this night for all information and dates of the programmes, as well as enrolling your children for Reconciliation (Confession), First Holy Communion (year 3 and above) and Confirmation (year 6 and above) in 2016. Please bring a copy of birth certificate and baptismal certificate. If your child was baptised at OLHC or Appin, you only need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Fees may be paid on the night ($25.00 Reconciliation, $25.00 First Holy Communion, $25.00 Confirmation). Thank you.
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 2015.
Reasons for nomination: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
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Wollondilly Shire Council Program
Wollondilly Shire Council would like to invite you to the HELP, I’m raising a teenager - FREE Information Sessions
There are 3 Information Sessions:
1. Raising a Resilient Child - Wed 21 Oct, 6.45pm to 8.30pm, Picton Bowling Club
   Understanding teen behaviour, Communicating with your teen and Setting Boundaries around alcohol, technology, sleep issues and more.
2. Think Health, Not Weight – Wed 18 Nov, 6.45pm to 8.30pm, Picton Bowling Club
   Body image and a healthy lifestyle, incorporating both to achieve realistic goals for a teens physical health
3. Ice (Crystal Meth): Myths and Facts – Wed 2 Dec, 6.45pm to 8.30pm, Picton Bowling Club
   Detective Inspector Doherty from Camden Local Area Command will speak about the prevalence of ice in the community and representatives from the health sector and local service providers will identify the actions parents can take to support family or friends who are affected by drug abuse.
Light refreshments will be served at each information session and bookings are recommended. For more information, or to reserve your seat contact Fran P: 4677 9643 or E: youth@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

CANTEEN HALLOWEEN LUNCH :Thursday 29th October 2015
PRE-ORDER YOUR HALLOWEEN LUNCH BY THE 27TH OCTOBER FOR YOUR SCARY LUNCH PACK....................
EACH SCARY LUNCH CONSISTS OF:
1. NUGGETS (5)        OR         2. SAUSAGE ROLL
   *POPPER
   * POPCORN
   *ICY TREAT
**SCARY SURPRISES WILL BE SOLD ON DAY................. $2 SCARY DIP BAGS FOR SALE, SPIDER MUFFINS & JELLY WITH SNAKES!!!
ALL FOR THE FANTASTIC VALUE OF $6.00 WITH $1 FROM EVERY LUNCH DONATED TO THE SCHOOL. These funds will go towards our Year 6 Farewell................ORDER YOUR LUNCH IF YOU DARE!!!

Canteen Lunch Order Form - $6 per order
Name:______________________________      Class:_______________________
Please Circle one of the following: CHICKEN NUGGETS     /     SAUSAGE ROLL

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