Welcome to Week 4. Last week I had the privilege of attending the NSW Primary Principals’ Conference in Sydney over three days. There were some amazing inspirational speakers as well as those who challenged our thinking particularly in the area of facilitating quality learning in schools that are preparing our students for a rapidly changing 21st century.

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation. Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Life Education
Once again our school proudly hosts the Life Education program this week in its characteristic caravan and with its much loved giraffe, Healthy Harold. Each class will have a lesson throughout this week on maintaining a healthy body and lifestyle with a theme that is tailored to each grade.

Kinder Orientation Day
Kinder Orientation Day is on this Thursday 29th October 2015 from 9:10 – 10:50am in our school hall. We look forward to seeing all of our 2016 Kinder parents in attendance. Please make sure all the necessary forms are completed and returned to our office.

Dates to Remember:

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Student achievements
Congratulations to our dedicated Eco-Committee students who consolidated their learning and gained some further ideas for ways to boost our school’s environmental awareness last Tuesday on their excursion to Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. Canakkale class have been working very hard on their learning goal of writing in paragraphs and have completed amazing posters about echidnas. These posters are hanging in their classroom and are well worth a look if your time permits.

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Dardanelles: the whole class!
Canakkale: Elyse, Lily, Ethan, Charlotte, Shejana
Hamilton: Sienna, Leonardo, Mia

P&C News!!!
P&C Meeting: Our next P&C Meeting will be held TONIGHT, Tuesday 27th October in the school library at 7pm.
Everyone welcome. Lots to organise!! Here is the Agenda for our meeting: Twilight fair, Feedback Shopping trip, Grant, Presentation Day, Risk assessment, Year 6 farewell.

Band Times for Term 4
8.45am to 9.10am Whole school band
9.10am to 9.40am All band members in non-scripture
9.40am to 10am Trumpets
10am to 10.20am Clarinets and Flutes
10.20am to 10.40am Sax, Trombone, Guitar, Keyboard and Drums
Please remember to bring your instrument to school each Wednesday and attend Band at the correct time. Instrument hire fees are overdue. CAPA Levy ($20) for Term 4 is also now due. Please finalise all payments at the office. Thank you.

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

Teacher Awards
It is my pleasure to attend the Ultimo Principal Network Awards this week at Greater Union Complex where Miss Turnhanlar and Mrs Goldstein will receive an award. Miss Turhanlar will be recognised in the early career teacher category for her outstanding work in her classroom and with our Eco-Committee. Mrs Goldstein will be recognised in the executive teacher category for her outstanding work over many years in the area of K-2 literacy, in particular L3 (language, Learning and Literacy). Congratulations to both of them.

Interrelate
Year 5 and Year 6 experienced their first separate learning sessions yesterday about development at puberty, with an emphasis on developing a positive attitude to change and exploring a range of adolescent issues. Our thanks go to our supportive P&C who have subsidised the full cost of these two information filled programs for our Stage 3 students.
Awards this Week

Aussies 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 September are:
Infants - Zarah Goddard
Primary - Olivia Dunbier

Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Kai Reichert
Tucker – Emily Wallace
Lemnos – Carter Apps
Canakkale – Benjamin Dean
Hamilton – Mia Goodall
Throssell – Trae Smith
Flanders Fields – Bridget Anderson
Lone Pine - Thomas Dean
Burton - Lauren Goodall
Western Front - Zac Thompson

Awards
Gold: Ella Goodall
Silver: Ella Goodall
Bronze: Bryce Peer, Ryan Thorne, Ayla Costello, Dylan Cummins, Jayden Cook, Zoe Greenwood, Jack Wilson, Ella Goodall

Student enrolments for 2016
It’s that time of year again where plans need to be made for our 2016 classes. Whilst we have welcomed a number of families into our happy Appin family this year, just as many are relocating to other towns in NSW. This year, more than ever before, we need to know accurate numbers so we can adequately prepare for next year’s classes. Please let our Office staff know as soon as possible if your child currently in Kinder through to Year 5 will not be returning to our school next year.

Nude Food Day
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.

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 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 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.

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 diaries.
News from the Eco-Committee
This Wednesday, the 28th of October, our school will be holding a Nude Food Day where we bring a nude food lunch without any plastic or rubbish. Please remember to bring containers and reusable zip lock bags. Please check the Eco-Committee notice board for more information.

We are also holding a Litter Bug Competition because we would like Appin Public School to be a Litter Bug Free School. Please make a bug or insect out of recycled rubbish before the 4th of November to enter the competition. The Eco-Committee will judge the bugs and the winning bug will become the mascot of our school in 2016 when we will be working very hard to become a Litter Free school. If you need some ideas, please ask any of the Eco-Committee who can show you the bugs they have made.
The Eco-Committee is also collecting the lids to any bottles for this year’s Eco-Expo which will be held on the 10th of December. Please bring any lids from any bottles such as milk bottles, soft drink bottles and water bottles. Miss Turhanlar will have a box outside her classroom where you can leave them.
Thank you
Rachel Lorenz & Hayley Spiteri.

Breaking News!...............................

AMAZING AUTHORS FOUND HIDING IN YEAR ONE.

Last week in Year 1 Lemnos, a group of authors were discovered. Year 1 Lemnos has been learning about how to capture a reader’s attention in their writing by using questions and descriptive words. These children have done an amazing job and here are the results ready to share with their audience. YOU!!

Well done Akira, Grace, Hunter, Rhys and Dylan! It was fantastic fun reading your wonderful writing!

Pearl Barley & Charlie Parsley by Rhys - Year 1 Lemnos
Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are the very best of friends but they are extremely different. It doesn’t matter as people can still be friends when they are different.
Pearl is crazy because she tries to fly on a motor bike. It is dangerous and she could land and fall. She wears undies when she is playing soccer. Pearl Barley solves problems and gets to the bottom of things. She is forgetful because she forgets her mittens on a cold, winter day. She is a little funny because she tells jokes when Charlie Parsley is sad because she doesn’t like it when people cry.

Pearl Barley & Charlie Parsley by Dylan – Year 1 Lemnos
Do you like to read about funny friendships? Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are friends but they are different.
Pearl Barley is an annoying chatter box. Pearl is a brave explorer so she can go in the dangerous jungle because she is very brave. Pearl gets exhausted after she runs a-ginormous-mok! I think Pearl Barley likes to get dirty. Pearl is very active. She can spin lots of hula hoops. She can spin 100 hula hoops all at once. She drives a motor bike up a cliff and jumps off and falls in a pit!

Pearl Barley & Charlie Parsley by Akira - Year 1 Lemnos
Would you like to have a read of a fabulous friendship book? Pearl Barley likes to talk but Charlie Parsley likes to think and wait for a while. Do you think Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are different?
Pearl Barley is an extremely noisy girl and she is a funny chatterbox. She is very loud and she is crazy happy. She likes to talk, talk, talk, talk all day long. She is a little bit annoying and Pearl thinks she is a brave explorer, but she isn’t! She is so fast, she’s like a cheetah.

Pearl Barley & Charlie Parsley by Grace - Year 1 Lemnos
Do you know that Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are very best friends? Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are extremely kind to each other. Pearl Barley is an annoying chitter chatterer. She chats about everything. She makes sure no one gets hurt because she does not like anyone getting hurt. She is brave and stands up for herself. Pearl Barley is very kind because she is a very helpful girl and a wonderful friend to Charlie Parsley.

Pearl Barley & Charlie Parsley by Hunter - Year 1 Lemnos
You have to read this book because Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are very interesting. They are extremely different. Do you like to read funny books?
Pearl Barley is really crazy. She is a chatterbox because she talks, talks, talks, talks all day long. She is crazy because she runs amok when she has no undies on!
When she is tired Charlie Parsley reads her a bed time story.