Welcome to Week 5, some much needed rain and November already!

**Year 6 Graduation Assembly**

Finishing seven years of primary schooling is a milestone in the lives of our children. This formal assembly to celebrate the graduation of our 26 Year 6 students will take place on Friday 11th December 2015 from 2-3pm in our school hall, in front of our whole school student body allowing everyone to share this special time. Parents and community members are most welcome.

**Year 6 Farewell**

Our Year 6 students will have their Year 6 Farewell Dinner, along with our Year 5 students, at Appin House following their Graduation Assembly, from 5.30pm - 9pm. Whilst we appreciate that some parents and children get very excited on these occasions and go “all out” with expensive outfits, nails, spray tans, hair-do’s, transport etc, it is important to remember that our Year 5 and 6 students are only 10, 11 and 12 year olds. There is absolutely no expectation from school that students need to look anything but the sweet young things that they are. A pretty party dress and sandals and some shorts or long pants with a casual shirt is all that is required.

**Resource Allocation Model (RAM) or Gonski funding (as some refer to it)**

Following is an update from the Department of Education. In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students. To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM provides a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and changes the way resources are managed in our school system.

On 21 October 2015, the NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Education the Hon Adrian Piccoli announced the next phase of the RAM implementation. In 2016, $113 million in additional funding has been allocated to NSW public schools through the RAM. These additional funds have been allocated in a way consistent with the recommendations of the Gonski Review.

In 2016, NSW public schools will receive a base allocation for staff professional learning and funding for each student using a new methodology. Schools will continue to receive equity loadings for socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and low level adjustment for disability.

Our school has used additional funding in 2015 to:
- employ additional staff to support literacy and numeracy
- support the development of teachers through coaching and mentoring
- purchase additional resources to enhance teaching and learning
- provide professional learning for staff

**Dates to Remember:**

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Assembly Roster for Term 4 - Fridays at 2pm

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

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School - Year 7 2017
Closing dates for applications is 26th February 2016. Please collect application forms from our school office if interested.

Student achievements
Congratulations to Throssell students Killara, Ayla, Allyssa, Paige S and Jiselle and Hamilton student Ollie who have achieved their current learning goal in literacy. They have proudly worn their medallion which says “I achieved my learning goal today. Ask me about it”. It truly empowers students to know exactly what they are learning and how they can demonstrate their learning to their teacher. Students know they need to show their teacher three times or in three ways that they have mastered the specific skill. Well done Hamilton and Throssell classes.
Well done to Lone Pine superstar mathematicians Thomas, RJ, Georgie, Bridget, Rhys, Maddison and Starleah who have achieved another bronze or silver certificate.

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Canakkale: Lily, Brady, Sophie, Ben, Shejana, Riley and Ava
Hamilton: Theresa, Cameron, Amy and Georgia
Throssell: Bryce, Coby, Ayla, Reuben, Aiden, Connor, Killara, Eddie, Evlyn
Lone Pine: Jack, Cooper, Bridget, Tiarna, Maddison
Keep up the fantastic efforts!
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 October are:
Infants - Callum Meads
Primary - Samantha Hogan
Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Alegra Difazio
Tucker – Hayley Nonenmacher
Lemnos – Alyx Schaaphok
Canakkale – Shejana Roberts
Hamilton – Callum Meads
Throssell – Oliver Ball
Flanders Fields – Demi Gay
Lone Pine - Alexis King
Western Front - Ethan Ross
Burton - Jayden Cook

Awards
Gold: Shelby Brown, Charlize Beattie, Ryan Kitson, Sophie Melville, Sophie Hughes, RJ Connor
Silver: Shelby Brown, Sophie Melville, Sophie Hughes, Jack Wilson, RJ Connor
Bronze: Shelby Brown, Jake Woodroof, Sophie Hughes, Aden Brown, Scarlett Corcoran, Amber Mason, Hannah Deering, Alana Kitson, Nate Gilmore, Breanna Kennedy

Student In-school Disco - 13th Nov
Freaky Friday In School Disco - 13th November
K-2 Lunch
3-6 Recess
Cost $3 per student
Come dressed in mufti clothes, enjoy a disco at lunchtime and an iceblock!!
All money raised goes towards the Yr 6 Farewell.

Drink bottles and soft toys sale - 12th Nov
Held at lunchtime. All items from 50c to $1.

Nominations for ‘Osgood Outstanding Services to Appin School’ Award
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. 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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