Welcome to Week 10 where I congratulate all who were involved with last Friday’s Twilight Fair including our hard working P&C (and in particular Angela, Melissa and Sandra), our students who sang and danced and gave the evening a festive air, our parents and community members who came along in support and my staff who prepared the items and students. Our beautiful weather and the visit by Santa were the “icing on the cake”. Well done to all and thank you!

School Uniform
With the end of this school year fast approaching it is timely to remind parents that despite what their child may tell them, correct summer uniform must be worn each school day. Tights, bike pants and skins are not part of our school uniform and nor are coloured socks, odd socks, odd shoes or white socks with the “santa cruz” logo. We would appreciate all parents supporting our school by ensuring their child wears our Appin school uniform as agreed upon by our school community.

Reports
Semester 2 student reports should have reached your home yesterday. Please find time in your busy lives to share and celebrate this information provided to you as a parent with your child. Each child should be proud of their learning achievements and most children should be able to tell you what their next learning goals are in literacy and numeracy.

Thank you Breakfast
Last Wednesday’s breakfast in our Library to thank all of our parents and community members who have volunteered their precious time to assist our school in any way this year was a wonderful success. Staff had provided delicious breakfast foods beautifully presented by Mrs Goldstein who displayed her hidden talent of excellence in catering management. Thank you to all those who were able to attend and we look forward to working with all of you again in 2016.

Presentation Day
Our plans for our two Award Assemblies tomorrow, our Academic in the morning and Sports in the afternoon, are coming along smoothly following many hours of preparation. As our school has six Student Ministers, three will proudly compere each assembly. Visitors will also be entertained by our Junior and Senior Choirs and Dance Group. Don’t forget to go to your child’s classroom first from 9:05am (enough time for teachers to mark the roll!). If you have more than one child at our school it doesn’t matter which classroom you go to first as teachers will present your child’s Learning Achievement Certificate whenever you make it to the class.

Swimming Carnival 2016
Swimming Carnival notes were sent home to all students in Years 2 to 5 last week. Any student in Year 1 who will turn 8 in 2016 and can swim competitively is invited to attend the Swimming Carnival also. If your child would like to attend please ask their teacher or the office for a permission note. Notes must be returned to school by Friday 11th December 2015. Payment can follow at a later date. Please be advised that students who do not return their note by 11th December WILL NOT be allowed to attend the carnival. Thank you for your assistance.

Dates to Remember:

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Student achievements
Our students are still hard at work in their classrooms even though a little bit of the Christmas spirit is starting to appear! Bede in Dardanelles class has drawn up some quirky inventions that he can elaborate upon for as long as his audience will listen. Star and RJ have achieved not one but two Mathletics certificates last week which is a commendable effort. Throssell class have a number of students who have achieved their learning goals and some of them also have achieved two goals in the one week. These dedicated students are Haylee, Trae, Paige S, Ollie, Killara, Oscar, Jiselle, Connor, Oscar, Allyssa, Edward, Hayley and Evlyn. Hamilton class have also been working towards achieving learning goals and Callum has some impressive descriptive writing to demonstrate his skills.
Congratulations to all!

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Lemnos: Grace, Alyx, Ben, Joshua, Erin, Alicia, Dylan, Noah, Akira, Mia, Hunter, Carter, Tennia, Chloë, Kaia, Martin, Rhys
Canakkale: Sophie, Jayden, Ava
Hamilton: Ollie, Finn, Harry, Georgia
Throssell: Reuben
Lone Pine: Jessica, Jett, Georgie
Keep up the fantastic efforts!
Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Amelia Azzopardi
Tucker – Shakaya Fitzgerald
Lemnos – Tenia T
Canakkale – Ethan Matthews
Hamilton – Sienna Southgate
Throssell – Connor Winters
Flanders Fields – Jake Woodroof
Lone Pine - Jett Smith
Western Front - Alexander Kerron
Burton - Zoe Greenwood

Party Day: On Tuesday, 15th December, 2015 all students will participate in our Annual Party Day. Students do not need to wear school uniform on this day. All children must have covered shoulders (no singlets), wear closed in shoes and the school hat.
We are planning to have a shared party lunch. Students will receive a note with what to bring in to share tomorrow. Your child will need to bring their own drink and ‘munch and crunch’ fruit break. As we have students with allergies please avoid egg and nut products.
K-2 students will have their party at school and will not be leaving the school grounds.
Students in years 3-6 will participate in activities over at the park opposite the school.
If you do not give permission for your son/daughter to walk to and from the school grounds, to participate in the Picnic Day activities in the park across the road from Appin Public School, please contact the office or your child’s class teacher.

Sport House Captains for 2016: Congratulations to the students who were elected House Captain or Vice-Captain for 2016. Students will receive their badges on Presentation Day.
Macquarie Captains: Kye Thompson & Charlotte Wilson
Macquarie Vice Captains: Eve Wilson & Gemma Brittain
Hovell House Captains: Abby Jones & Ayla Costello
Hovell Vice Captains: Ryan Thorne & Hayley Spiteri
Tyson House Captains: Ellie Hodges & Jacob Deering
Tyson Vice Captains: Emma Beaton & Ella Crompton
Hume House Captains: Ethan Ross & Aaron Stonebridge
Hume Vice Captains: Jordon Hall & Olivia Dunkier

Uniform Shop News
The Uniform Shop will also open on Friday 22nd January 2016 from 9am to 10am for anyone wishing to purchase uniforms before coming back to school.
The Uniform Shop is now stocking school bags in 2 different sizes. The medium bag is $50. The large bag is $60.
We also have new Canteen bags with an additional recess bag for $18.

Important Dates 2016: Please cut this out for the front of the fridge:
Term Dates for 2016
Term 1:
27th Jan Staff return to school
28th Jan Students Years 1 to 6 return Wednesday
29th Jan Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
2nd Feb Kindergarten students return Tuesday
8th April Term 1 ends
Term 2 :
Term 3 :
Term 4 :
School Security 24 hour hotline: 1300 880 021