Welcome to Week 11 where I can hardly believe that the 2015 school year, and my first year as Appin Public School Principal, has come to an end. It has been truly a wonderful rewarding and happy year.

Staff Farewell
Tomorrow, we say farewell for one year, to one of our highly regarded long serving staff members. Ms Karen Sellick, one of our Assistant Principals, is fortunate enough to have been seconded for one year to work with our department training L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) Trainers. She will travel to many schools and meet many teachers in this exciting role. This is a wonderful professional opportunity for her in 2016 and we congratulate her and wish her every success.

We also farewell Mrs Watson who has been Western Front class teacher and Mrs Gurner who has been our Reading Recovery and Learning Support Teacher. We wish them well in their further lifelong learning.

Presentation Day
How rewarding it was to know every one of our students was recognised in their classroom last Wednesday for their academic achievements this year before heading to our hall for our formal Presentation Day assemblies. I thank all of our supportive parents and community members who made up our large audience as you truly added to the success of our day.

Year 6 Farewell
Appin House gardens were filled with excited Year 5 and 6 students last Friday evening as dozens of photos were taken by proud parents before our annual Year 6 Farewell Dinner. Our students looked delightful as the 10, 11 and 12 year old children that they are in their smart clothes. Following their dinner, our students had lots of fun energetically dancing with friends and teachers before parents were welcomed inside to view the Year 6 DVD. Our thanks go to Miss Buglass who did an amazing job preparing the Year 6 dance and song, organising the music and finalising plans along with the assistance of Mrs Loke.

School Uniform
As we head off to our long and lazy summer holidays, parents please bear in mind that our school uniform includes black school shoes. If your budget permits, black leather shoes are preferable as they keep feet dry, they can be polished to look smarter for a longer length of time and they last longer.

Season’s Greetings
As a Principal, I feel incredibly proud of my staff and students and what they have accomplished this year. On behalf of my staff and myself I wish all of our families a happy and safe holiday filled with the joy of gift giving and time spent with loved ones.

Appin Public School Staff look forward to seeing Year 1 through to Year 6 back at school on Thursday, 28th January 2016 and Kindergarten on Tuesday 2nd February 2016.

Dear Appin Public School Students, Staff and Community,
It is a bitter sweet end of year for me, as 2016 sees me taking on a new role away from Appin PS. I have longed to have a greater impact through my teaching to positively affect the learning of many more students and next year I will move to a full time training role teaching Kindergarten L3 literacy. I will have the opportunity to work with many teachers to help them to benefit their student’s learning. It is a one year contract, but may lead to other things beyond 2016. I am excited at this, but obviously very sad to leave Appin PS which has been a huge part of my life for the past eleven years! I will miss the interested and wonderful Appin PS students and their caring and involved families and community. I will miss the dedicated, friendly and hard working staff who help make our school the fantastic school that it is. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories - I will never forget my precious time at Appin PS! Karen Sellick

| 16th Dec   | Last day for students |
| 17th Dec   | Last day for staff    |
| 18th Dec   | Last day for office staff |
Student achievements
Congratulations to each and every Appin Public School student who has
applied themselves diligently and happily to their learning throughout this
year.
Well done to Throssell class students Oliver, Paige S, Allyssa, Jiselle and
Ayla who have achieved their maths learning goals.
What a way to end the year!

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 Thursday
29th Jan       Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
2nd Feb        Kindergarten students return Tuesday
8th April      Term 1 ends
Term 2:       Students return 27/4/2016 to 1/7/2016
Term 3:       Students return 19/7/2016 to 23/9/2016
Term 4:       Students return 10/10/2016 to 16/12/2016
School Security 24 hour hotline: 1300 880 021

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.

Fees for 2016 - For your information
School Contribution: We have not increased our voluntary contribution this year. It will remain at $40 per student per
year. We offer a discount to families with more than one child of $70 per family per year.
Photocopying Levy: We are not asking families to purchase text books again this year, however we would greatly
appreciate parents’ support in paying $20 per child to assist in covering the cost of the additional photocopying that
will be required. This is still considerably cheaper than purchasing text books.
Software Levy: In 2016 parents are asked to pay $20 per student towards the cost of accessing quality computer
software. Our school has purchased site licences to provide all students with access to excellent pieces of educational
software (Mathletics and Reading Eggs). Students can use these programs at school and at home. The programs not
only provide valuable practice of important literacy and numeracy skills, they make homework much more fun and
meaningful as teachers can tailor the work to the individual level of each student.
CAPA Levy: We will not be seeking a CAPA Levy from all students in Dance and Band in 2016. These fees will be
re-assessed and notified in the new year.
Equipment Levy: In 2016 all parents are asked to pay a $20 levy per student to cover the cost of specific resources
used in each classroom.
In Kindergarten this will include key tags for word lanyards, Home Reader Pouches, Faber Castell whiteboard markers,
a whiteboard eraser, Staedtler coloured and lead pencils and 2 Blu Glu glue sticks.
In Years 1 and 2 the $20 will cover 2 large scrapbooks for Maths and published writing, 1 pack of whiteboard
markers, a whiteboard eraser, 1 Faber Castell PVC free rubber, 2 Blu Glu glue sticks, Staedtler lead pencils and class
coloured pencils.
In Years 3-6 the fee will cover a diary, scrapbook x 4, envelope pouches x 2, A4 lined books x 3, whiteboard dusters
and whiteboard markers.
In addition to these items that school will be providing, students are requested to purchase the following items.
K-6: library bag, paint shirt, 2 boxes of tissues, 1 roll paper towel, 1 soap bottle cream wash (optional)
3-6: A pencil case (no bigger than 30cm x 15cm) to include these items: 2 lead pencils- HB preferably, black felt tip pen (optional), scissors, 2 glue sticks, standard ruler, 1 soft white rubber, coloured pencils, sharpener, 2 x blue and red ballpoint pens (Not Year 3)