Welcome to Week 4 where it was terrific to see those parents who were able to spare an hour in their busy
days to attend our first School Assembly in our hall last Friday afternoon. What a steep learning curve our
42 Kinder students have been on so far at school and their behaviour was exceptional as they made their
way to the hall and sat quietly in their two rows for their first ever school assembly. Well done Dardanelles
and Tucker classes.
We also welcome Ms Luisa Gurner to our staff for approximately 12 weeks whilst Mrs Trish Austin takes
some leave.
Student achievements: Students in Hamilton class are working independently in groups to complete
their highly engaging spelling activities. Throssell students are following their own individual timetables to
work in small groups to complete their morning literacy activities. Way to go Hamilton and Throssell!
In Lone Pine class, Tess and Alec have achieved Bronze level in Mathletics and Tess has achieved Silver
already. In Burton class, Decklyn has done some impressive writing. What a great start to this year's
learning!
I love being a “proud Principal” and if the number of students who visited my office last week is any
indication of the positive attitude towards learning and behaviour in our students then I truly have the best
job in the world!
Congratulations to the following students who have all filled their stamp charts for being great listeners,
concentrating on their learning and following teacher instructions : Xavier, Chloe, Bede, Cooper, Emily L,
Mia, Nate, Alegra, Sophia, Nevaeh, Lucas and Annalise, Kai, Josh and Hamish from Dardanelles class,
Shylah, Isabella, Ella, Alex, Noah, Lily, Emily and Joshua from Tucker class, Mitchell, Wiloe, Lily, Logan,
Riley and Brady from Canakkale class, Tiffany, Georgia and Ollie from Hamilton class, Callum, Paige R,
Holly, Ayla, Eliza, Oliver, Reuben, Connor, Jiselle and Evlyn, Eddie, Oscar, Paige S and Coby from
Throssell class.
Welcome to school barbeque: Thanks to parents who have already informed school about how many
sausage sandwiches their family may eat to assist us with catering for our “Welcome to School” barbecue
next Tuesday 24th February 2015 from 5-7pm in our school grounds. We would like to encourage as many
families as possible to attend this barbecue. This will provide a relaxed and friendly opportunity for parents
and teachers to meet each other and parents to get to know parents of other classmates. Below you will
find a section to complete to give us an idea of how many sausage sandwiches your family may be likely to
purchase at a cost of $1 each, to assist us with catering. Please return this slip to the office by Friday 20th
February.

‘Welcome to School Barbeque RSVP’
My family will be attending the school welcome BBQ on Tuesday 24th February.
Family Name____________________________
We will need to buy ____________ (no. of sausage sandwiches)

School safety: Last week I thanked all of our parents who safely dropped off and collected our students
each day here at school either by walking or riding with them or driving. Unfortunately, there are still
parents driving into the school staff car park to drop off and collect their children. This is not safe and quite
dangerous when the car park is full and parents are reversing out. For the safety of all of our students
please park outside the school grounds if you drive and walk your child in and out of our front pedestrian
gates.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April.

An information form for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form below to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

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Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey
If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Friday 27 February 2015.

I (print name) ............................................................................................................. DO NOT give consent for my
child/children (print name/s) ..........................................................................................
of class/es .......................to participate in the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

Signed………………………………………………… Date………………………

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School Photos Thursday 26th March 2015

The photographers will visit our school on Thursday 26th March 2015. Envelopes will be sent home today with students. Parents wishing to purchase these photos are asked to return the envelopes with payment to the office before photo day. Each child needs to have their own envelope on the day to have their photo taken. Please take advantage of the online payment system now available. If paying by cash, correct money must be placed in the envelope or a note to say that the money is in oldest child’s envelope. Packages are available from $35.00. Family photos (students at school only) will be taken upon request. Family envelopes are available from the office. Special photos will be taken of Ministers, Sport Captains, Band, etc. These photos will be displayed at the office and will be available for parents to order at a later date.

Awards
Gold Killara Hughes
Silver Killara Hughes, Kane Osgood
Bronze Killara Hughes, Cooper Maroun, Georgia Smith, Oliver Ball

Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Emily Lorenz  Tucker - Isabella Magnaye  Canakkle – Lily Atkins  Lemnos – Rhys Perrett
Hamilton – Tiffany Woodroof  Throssell – Ayla Cook  Flanders Fields – Ruby Iriarte
Lone Pine – Tess McEvoy-King  Burton - Deklyn Griffin  Western Front – Jacob Deering

Skoolbag App: Skoolbag App is available to download on android and apple devices. Instructions on how to download it to your phone have been posted on the school’s website. Every week the newsletter is uploaded to the website and the App. This way it can be at your fingertips when you need it.

Uniform Shop News – NEW OPENING HOURS: The uniform shop will open from 9am to 10am on Friday mornings. Please contact Kirsten Martyn on 0411 166339 or Heidi Beaton on 0417 049323 for further information. An updated uniform price list and order form have been uploaded to the website.
2015 Cross Country Carnival: The Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 1st May 2015 (Week 2, Term 2) at Appin Public School. The carnival will include all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. This year we are once again, incorporating the School Fun Run Program into our Cross Country Carnival. We hope to have the same success this year.

The School Fun Run program has been helping N.S.W. schools with their fundraising since 1989. This program provides fun, fitness and excellent incentive prizes, while our students raise funds for Appin Public School. This fundraiser has made approximately $2000 per year for Appin School over the last five years.

All students need to do is find sponsors, participate in the school Cross Country Carnival, collect the sponsor donations and then decide which prize they would like.

To enable your child/ren to participate in this fundraiser, please complete the permission note below and return it to school as soon as possible. A sponsor sheet will then be given out to your child to enable sponsors to be sought.

Sponsor sheets will only be given to those children who return this permission note. (Please note a permission note is not needed to run in the race. It is only needed to seek sponsors and collect money. All students will run in the race).

In order to help protect the children, parents are requested to ensure that their children do not indiscriminately solicit sponsorships in public places or go door-knocking alone to request sponsorships. Remember that your hard work is helping Appin Public School gain much needed funding. Thank you.

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CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL 2015 SPONSORSHIP PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child/ren:
____________________________________ of class ______
____________________________________ of class ______
____________________________________ of class ______

to participate in the Fun Run Sponsorship program to raise funds for Appin Public School. I understand that it is my responsibility to adequately supervise my children’s out-of-school fundraising. I have agreed to return my child’s sponsor sheet forms along with all proceeds raised.

Signed __________________________________________ Date _____________

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8 Easy Steps to our Fun Run Fundraiser:
1. Return your signed permission note for a sponsorship form. (Included in this newsletter)
2. Once given your sponsorship form, find sponsors and record details on your sponsor form.
3. Complete the Cross Country run on Friday 1st May and have your teacher sign or stamp your sponsor form. (This acknowledges participation)
4. Collect all sponsor money owing to you. (Write your total on the form)
5. Select a prize from the appropriate category. (Write your prize selection on the form)
6. Return your sponsor form and money to the school office by Monday 18th May 2015.
7. Once all sponsor forms and money have been returned to school our prizes can be ordered.
8. Delivery is usually three to four weeks.

Thank you for your anticipated support of our Cross Country Fun Run Fundraiser for 2015
CANTEEN SHOWBAG DAY!–Thursday 5th MARCH– $6 lunch bag!!
PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY 3rd March to ensure you receive your order....

Your awesome pack in our special showbag consists of the following choices:

- 5 Chicken NUGGETS OR Hot Dog
- Honey Soy Chicken Chips
- Apple Popper
- 2 wicked fizz chews

All for the fantastic price of $6 with a $1 donation made to the school from the Canteen for each bag sold. Please circle the following and return order to the canteen by 3rd March.

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CANTEEN SHOWBAG DAY!–$6 lunch bag!!

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Money Enclosed:_________ (Please hand into the canteen)

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School Fees: Thank you to those parents who have paid school fees already. Please be advised that EFTPOS facilities are available at the office. Fees for 2015 are as follows:

- School Contribution $40 per child or $70 per family (more than 1 child)
- Photocopy Levy $20 per child
- Software Levy $20 per child
- CAPA Levy (Band and Senior Dance) $20 per term
- Student Diary (Yr 5 and 6 students) $3

P&C AGM 24th February 7pm: All positions on the P & C committee will be declared vacant and it would be great to have all positions filled on the night. Everyone is welcome to come even if you don’t want to fill a position. We will also be discussing School Banking-replacement, Twilight Fair summation, Welcome Vivian Harrison, Criteria for Life Membership, Supervision at front gate and the markets.

Even if you are new to our school or have never been before please come along and see how the P&C contribute to our children.

The P&C meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm in our school library. It is a great way to get involved in ways to help our school, meet new people and to be informed of things coming up. Hope to see you there.

Whooping cough and Impetigo: We have been advised of a number of cases of whooping cough and impetigo in the community. A fact sheet has been uploaded to the school’s website for further information.

1st Appin Scout Group: Join the adventure at Appin Scout Hall for CUBS ages 8-11 Tuesday nights from 7pm to 8.30pm or for SCOUTS ages 11-15 Wednesday nights from 7pm to 9pm. All welcome.

John Therry Catholic High School: Year 7 2016 Enrolment applications will be available and accepted from 16th February to 2nd April 2015.

All enquiries welcome. Please contact Mrs Josephine Geer via the school office on 4645 8100.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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