31st March, 2015

NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week10
From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to our last week of Term 1 2015 where we look forward to welcoming lots of parents and families to our school on Thursday for our K-2 Easter Hat Parade commencing at 2:30pm. Parents are also most welcome to enjoy a picnic recess from 1:50-2:20pm with their children beforehand.

Student achievements: Last Friday saw the first sitting of Appin School Parliament for 2015. Not having seen a school parliament in action previously I was very impressed. Our Prime Minister Lauren and Speaker Cooper kept the proceedings running very smoothly and were ably supported by our Ministers Russell, Tasmyn and Zoe. Well done to our Years 3-6 students who exercised their student voices and voting power. Nine motions were put forward on topics such as having a slushie day, having a remote control car race and having a free jug of milk once a week. Out of these nine, four were passed and five were defeated. Stay tuned for further information!

Congratulations to Lara in Western Front class for her engaging descriptive writing in the third person about the travels of a monkey from its jungle habitat to the unfamiliar city environment.

Braidyn in Canakkale class has done some wonderful writing about dinosaurs and is using his ability to hear sounds in words when he spells. Well done!

Tess, Riley and Laeisha from Lone Pine class have attained bronze certificates in Mathletics. Way to go!

Stamp Chart Superstars!: The following students recently visited my office with full stamp charts:
- Canakkale – William, Brady, Logan, Wiloe, Lily, Charlotte, Ashton, Sophie
- Hamilton – Jordan, Emily, Jemma
- Throssell – Liam, Evlyn, Jiselle, Ayden, Killara, Ayla

Evacuation Drill: Don’t be alarmed! On Monday just before 11am our school practised procedures for evacuating our classrooms in case of emergency. Our visiting playgroup parents were also lucky enough to be involved in this drill. Well done to everyone who took part and we only have a couple of minor items to “tweak” on our evacuation plan.

Student of the Week: As we have not held a formal Friday afternoon assembly these last two weeks and there will not be another assembly until Term 2 week three, Friday 8th May 2015, teachers will continue to nominate students from their class as the “student of the week”. These will be announced on Monday of each week in front of the whole school at our daily assembly following lunch. Photos will continue to be displayed in our front office.

Parent – Teacher interviews: These have been a wonderful success and we thank all parents who have taken this opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their child’s progress.

Primary Ethics: Thank you to the large number of parents of students attending our non-Scripture class who responded to our recent survey. Training in Primary Ethics for interested parents will be organised during next term with a plan to commence classes here at school in Term 3 2015.

Working Bee: Please keep Sunday the 19th April 2015 free for a working bee to be held in our school grounds. Representatives from Walker Corporation will be attending. Let’s make this a great community event with our students being the lucky ones to benefit.

Holidays: Our school staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday along with some gorgeous Autumn weather. We look forward to seeing our students return to school on Tuesday 21st April 2015.

Primary Sport: Grades 3 to 6 will be having sport on Thursday this week.
Easter celebration at school: Please keep Thursday afternoon 2nd April 2015 free to join us at school for our traditional Easter Hat Parade. Students will make their hats at school with the help of their older “buddy”. Please feel welcome to bring along a picnic blanket to have recess or afternoon tea from 1:50pm-2:20pm with your child before the parade commences. Just send normal recess food to school with your child so you can make the most of their company whilst they play and chat with friends. Our P&C raffle will also be drawn during the afternoon’s events.

Anzac Day: Our school will be holding a ceremony on Thursday 23rd April 2015, which is Thursday of the first week back at school next term to commemorate the 100th centenary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops on the shores of Gallipoli. As you know, our classes are named for World War I battle sites, Australian VC cross winners at Gallipoli or Australian nurses who nursed soldiers injured at Gallipoli so our students all have some contextual knowledge about this important event. We are being assisted with our plans by local resident Ken Wright. Our school will also be encouraging as many students as possible to march proudly in our school uniform representing Appin Public School at the Campbelltown Anzac Day ceremony on Anzac Day which falls on Saturday 25th April 2015. We are being assisted with our plans by local resident Ms King. More information is provided at the end of the newsletter.

School Fees Reminder: Swimming Carnival - $17
School Contribution - $40 per student or $70 per family (2 or more children) {Annual fee}
Photocopy Levy - $20 per student {Annual fee}
Software Levy - $20 per student {Annual fee}
Band fees - $20 per student {Per Term}
Senior Dance Group - $20 per student {Per Term}
If your child is in both Band and Senior Dance Group, $20 per term covers both groups.
All fees can be paid at the office at any time. EFTPOS facilities are also available.

Awards: Student of the Week:
Dardanelles – Mia Perrett  Tucker – Joshua Neloe  Canakkale – Charlotte Withers
Lemnos – Akira Smith  Hamilton – Cooper Maroun  Throsell – Connor Winters
Western Front – Riley Wilson

P&C Easter Raffle: Raffle tickets were sent home to each child yesterday for the P&C Easter Raffle Fundraiser. Please check your child’s bag. This year we are not asking for donations of Easter eggs from families. Five prizes have been purchased. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. (Book of tickets $10).

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at the school. Please return raffle tickets to school by Wednesday 1st April. There are 5 great prizes to be won:
• 1st prize Easter hamper valued at $150 including a family pass to the Royal Easter Show
• 2nd prize Easter hamper valued at $100 including 4 movie tickets
• 3rd prize Easter hamper valued at $70
• 4th prize Easter hamper valued at $50
• 5th prize Easter hamper valued at $30

Mother’s Day Stall 2015: The Mother’s Day Stall will be held at the school on Tuesday 5th May 2015. The number of gifts you require will need to be pre-ordered at a cost of $5.00 each gift. Please fill out your order form below and return it to the school with your money by Friday 1st May 2015.

P&C Mother’s Day Stall – 2015 Order Form
Name: ____________________________________________  Class: __________________________
Name: ____________________________________________  Class: __________________________
Number of GIFTS___________________ AMOUNT ENCLOSED $______________________

Please return to school with your money by 1st May 2015 (Friday Week 2 Term 2)
**P&C – Markets:** The P&C are holding our quarterly Market on Sunday 3rd May 2015 on the school grounds. We are asking for volunteers to help with set up, pack up and cook a few bacon and egg and sausage sandwiches. If you are able to help please either return the slip below to school or contact Melissa Lovelee on 0420 662 396. Just a reminder for any mums, dads or grandparents that work at BHP that they provide incentives for volunteering at local events. You need to contact BHP for details.

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**MARKET HELPERS – Sunday 3rd May 2015**

I am able to assist with:

- [ ] Setting up from 8am
- [ ] Packing up from 1pm
- [ ] BBQ – please circle time slot: (8am – 9.30am) (9.30am – 11.00am) (11am – 12pm) (12pm –1pm)

Name:___________________________________ Contact Number:_________________________

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**Appin Playgroup:** Appin Playgroup will be returning 2nd week of term 2, (Monday 27th April 2015) - All welcome to attend in the canteen hall from 9.15am to 11am.

Thankyou for a wonderful 1st term

Regards: Margaret Mohammed

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**ANZAC Day March**

On Anzac day, Saturday 25th of April, students from Appin Public School are invited to participate in an Anzac March. Anzac Day 2015 is extra special because it marks 100 years since the Australian troops landed at Gallipoli.

In full school uniform, students will march up the main street of Campbelltown behind our school banner. Students, together with other members of the community will then gather at Mawson Park for a ceremony. Student representatives of our school will be called up to lay a wreath in honour of our fallen soldiers. This is a perfect opportunity for our children to stand proud, show their school spirit along with their Anzac spirit.

Those wishing to participate will meet at approximately 8.00am at the Campbelltown McDonalds. This gives us time to group together before walking up to the mall where the march begins.

**Parents are responsible for their own children on the day** and please keep in mind the ceremony is quite long. If your child would like to participate in the Anzac March, please complete the slip below and return it to school, so that we can gain an idea of those attending or contact Bron King for further information: phone no. 0412652134.

**LEST WE FORGET**

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Yes we would like to attend the Anzac Day March, 25th April 2015

Parent name and mobile phone number:________________________________________

Student name ________________________________________________

Student name ________________________________________________

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Reminders and Diary Dates

Parent/Teacher interviews during weeks 9 and 10
2nd Apr    Last day for Term 1 – Easter Fun Day – Easter Raffle drawn

********Happy Holidays********

19th April  Working Bee at school – Please come along and help out!!
20th April  Staff return to school
21st April  Students return to school
24th April  Stage 2 Excursion – Nan Tien Temple – Permission notes due 2nd April
1st May     Fun Run Cross Country Carnival
3rd May     P&C Markets
5th May     Mother’s Day Stall
15th May    PSSA Gala Day #1

Visitors to Mrs Harrison’s Office