3rd March 2015

NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week 6
From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to Week 6 where we have said a sad farewell to Ms Tara Silverstone for this year as she joins the Rosemeadow Public School staff to assist in the area of Language, Learning and Literacy. We wish her luck and know she will be sadly missed. Taking her place will be Mrs Kate Kelly on Wednesday to Friday and Mrs Wendy Littlejohns on Monday and Tuesday.

Our successful barbecue!: Thank you to all those families who attended our “Welcome to School” Barbecue last Tuesday evening. So many wonderful and positive comments have come out of this and it was definitely an informal and friendly way for both staff and parents to meet. We look forward to even more families attending next year!

This barbecue would not have been the success it was without the generous support of our school by the following people:

- Meagan, whose butchery supplied 300 sausages at a wonderful discounted price
- Appin Bakery who supplied the bread at a wonderful discounted price
- Chantelle from Appin IGA who supplied the drinks, ice, sauce and serviettes at a wonderful discounted price
- Adrian Harrison who cooked the sausages, with some help from Tim Beaton.
- Our fantastic Appin school staff who prepared the sausage sandwiches, cleaned and washed up, served food and drinks and made everyone feel so welcome

Student achievements: Lone Pine class have created some interesting writing following research about Steve Irwin. Congratulations to Tess, Jemma and Cooper on their commendable efforts. Well done to Lauren from Flanders Fields class who completed a detailed and highly engaging daily record of her recent family holiday.

Our students have access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs which are both high quality and highly engaging online individual support programs in maths and literacy. Students can access these at school and at home. Congratulations to the following students who have attained bronze, silver or gold certificates:

- Bronze – Tess, Sam, Loukas, Nicholas, Alec, Cooper, Georgie, Lucy, Jemma
- Silver – Laeisa, RJ, Jemma
- Gold - Rhys

Stamp Chart Superstars: No doubt many parents are aware that when a student has completed their stamp chart they visit my office for a gold principal sticker and have their photo taken and name in our weekly newsletter. I am delighted to be interrupted each and every day with these stamp chart superstars. This week’s students are:

- Rhys and Jemma from Lone Pine class
- Jacoby, Jordan, Cooper, Cameron, Zarah and Leonardo from Hamilton class
- Alegra, Cooper, Emily and Lucas from Dardanelles class
- Akira, Kaia, Alyx, Joshua, Noah and Alisha from Lemnos class
- Kyle and Killara from Throssell class
- Logan, Mitchell, Elyse and Lily from Canakkale class

Please find these students’ photos at the end of the newsletter

If something happens at school……From time to time something may happen to your child at school, such as, another child says or does something to your child. If this is the case and you are concerned, please contact our school for further information or clarification. Please do not approach another child’s parent out of school about an issue that has happened at school. This will inevitably lead to tears, anger and a very negative experience that is difficult to repair. Please let school deal with it.
Our students are actively encouraged to tell the teacher on playground duty if an incident occurs whilst playing or their class teacher if it happens during class time. This way, the matter can be dealt with immediately.

**Rules at school:** Our school has four rules or values and they are:
- Be safe
- Be friendly and respectful
- Be responsible
- Be resilient

These are fabulous rules for school and for life in general. It is also appropriate for families to use these rules at home and whilst out and about in the local community.

At school we are continually working on ways to make things as safe as we possibly can. At the moment we are working on creating separate soccer areas for each stage to avoid too many enthusiastic children of various sizes on the one field.

**P&C News:** Thank you to the parents who stayed after our welcome BBQ and attended the P&C Annual General Meeting last Tuesday night. The following positons were filled for 2015.

- **President:** Heidi Beaton
- **Vice-President:** Donna Crane and Melissa Lovelee
- **Secretary:** Natalie Shearer
- **Treasurer:** Sandra Hale
- **Uniform Shop:** Kirsten Martyn
- **Banking Co-ordinator:** Donna Crane
- **Fundraising:** Samantha Richards and Melissa Lovelee

The agenda for our next meeting, on Tuesday 24th March is as follows: Twilight fair, Eftpos machine, Fun run-red food day, Sound System, Markets- class roster, Social dance, Shopping trip, Social media ethics

**Awards**
- Gold: Kane Osgood
- Silver: Grace King, Alexis King
- Bronze: Jayden Cook, Liam Coulter, Riley Coulter, Corey Lovelee, Grace King, Jacob Deering, Alexis King, Holly Bridge, Seth Gilmore, Callum Gay

**Student of the Week:**
- Dardanelles – Cooper Yendall
- Tucker – Caylen Goldsbrough
- Canakkle – Elyse Stonebridge
- Lemnos – Alyx Schaaphok
- Hamilton – Georgia Smith
- Throssell – Killara Hughes
- Flanders Fields– Lauren Perrin
- Lone Pine – Bridget Shearer
- Burton – Kane Osgood
- Western Front – Kye Thompson

**Book Club:** Issue 2 brochures were sent home last week. Please ensure that all orders are returned to school by **Thursday 12th March 2015**.

**FREE Positive Parenting Program:** Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is one of the most effective evidence based programs in the world with more than 30 years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them confidently manage their children’s behaviour, prevent problems, and develop and build strong healthy relationships.

Community Links Wollondilly will be offering this FREE parenting program to families next term.

- **Starts:** Wednesday 29th April for 8 consecutive Wednesday mornings finishing on 17th June
- **Where:** Tahmoor Community Centre
  - 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor

Bookings and enquiries contact Vida or the Community Centre on 4683 2776.

**Canteen News:** The canteen will now be open for **recess** on Fridays!! Bring some pocket money for recess snacks.
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.

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).

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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 _____________

2015 International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)

For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2015. ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

This year Appin Public School will participate in the following competitions:

- Computer Skills – 19 May 2015 ($8.00)
- Writing – 15 June 2015 to 19 June 2015 ($17.00)
- English – 28 July 2015 ($8.00)
- Mathematics – 11 August 2015 ($8.00)

An entry form has been sent home with students (3-6) today. Please return the permission slip with the entry fee by: **Friday 23rd March 2015** if you would like your child to participate. **Please note that no late entries are accepted.**

### Reminders and Diary Dates

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Visitors to Mrs Harrison’s room