24th March 2015

NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week 9
From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to Week 9 and the realisation of just how fast this term has flown. I have set myself a personal goal to learn every child’s name by the end of Term 1 and I think I have achieved 75% so far which means I still have some work to do in a very short amount of time!

On Monday and Tuesday this week my executive team of Mrs Goldstein, Ms Mozayani and Ms Sellick and myself will be attending professional learning centred around “Leading at the speed of trust” which we are very much looking forward to.

Student achievements: The learning that is taking place in our Kinder classes of Dardanelles and Tucker is simply amazing. Students can point to each word they read and are building up a bank of known sight words that they can read and also write. Not only that, but they are learning about simple addition and counting two groups of objects and problem solving to work out how many objects altogether. Way to go Kinder students!

Congratulations to Western Front class who have written interesting Haiku poetry in class.

Congratulations to Lone Pine class who presented some very entertaining scenarios at Friday’s weekly assembly following their class learning about building and showing confidence followed by their singing of a very catchy song displaying their confidence.

Stamp Chart Superstars!: As always, my days have been brightened by the patter of eager students’ feet who are thrilled to share with me the reasons for acquiring stamps on their completed stamp charts. The following students recently visited my office:

- Dardenelles – Lucas, Annalise, Amelia, Hamish, Sophia, Joshua, Mia
- Tucker – Layla, Charlie, Riley, Ella, Ruby, Shakaya, Alex, Emily, Bailey, Mikayla, Hayley, Lily, Isabella
- Lemnos – Dylan, Joshua, Akira, Kaia, Hunter, Erin
- Throssell – Paige s, Rueben, Hayley, Oliver, Oscar, Holly, Callum
- Lone Pine – Leah, Amanda, Tiarna

Easter celebration at school: If your time permits please keep Thursday afternoon of 2nd April 2015 free to join us at school for our traditional Easter Hat Parade for our younger students. 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 McEvoy-King. More information on both will be provided closer to Anzac Day.

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.
Resilience: Everyone needs some help or reminders about resilience from time-to-time. It is normal for everyone to experience high and low feelings throughout the week and in life generally. Following are some helpful hints for parents:

I HAVE ...
- Trusting relationships
- Structure and rules at home
- Role models
- Encouragement for autonomy and independence

I AM ...
- Lovable and my temperament is appealing
- Becoming autonomous and independent
- Proud of myself

I CAN ...
- Communicate
- Problem solve and use creativity
- Manage my feelings and impulses so I do not act out with anger
- Seek trusting relationships

Parent – Teacher interviews: Sincere thanks go to all those parents who are visiting classrooms over the next few days to meet with their child’s teacher about how their learning is progressing so far. It is so vitally important for home and school to work together to support the education of our students who will be tomorrow’s decision makers, planners and problem solvers.

School Photos Thursday 26th March 2015

The photographers will visit our school this Thursday 26th March 2015. Please ensure students are in full school uniform.

Parents wishing to purchase these photos are asked to return the envelopes with payment to the office before photo day. Each child must have returned their own envelope to school. 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.

School Band: Thank you to those students who have chosen to be a part of our School Band for 2015. Students who participated in the three week ‘Come and try Band’ sessions must return their note indicating if they are continuing for 2015. Please ensure that these notes are returned to the office by TOMORROW. Students wishing to hire instruments from the school will also be allocated with their Band instrument tomorrow if this note has been returned.

Students are reminded to bring instruments and music to school each Wednesday and attend Band in their appropriate time slot in the Canteen/Hall.

From next term, all students will attend Band together from 8.45am to 9.15am each Wednesday. A group timetable will be organised to follow the whole band session. These times will be advised next term.

Band Timetable for Weeks 9 and 10:
- 8.45am to 9.15am: Trombones, Bass Guitar, Drums and Keyboard
- 9.15am to 9.45am: Trumpets
- 9.45am to 10.15am: Clarinets and Flutes
- 10.15am to 10.45am: Alto Sax

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.
Assembly News: This Friday will be a Parliament assembly for Primary students only. There will be no Infants assembly. Aussie of the Months for March and April will be presented on Friday 8th May 2015. (Term 2 Week 3).

Free Vision Screening for Year 1 students: Year 1 students were given a permission note to participate in free vision screening (Eyecare Plus Campbelltown – Rod Tracey Optometrists) at school on Wednesday 6th May. If you would like your Year 1 student to participate please return the permission note by Friday 1st May.

Awards
Gold: Ethan Ross
Silver: Ethan Ross, Paige Ross, Nicholas Jr Constantin
Bronze: Hayley Greenwood, Rhys Haeren, Dylan Cummins, Samantha Hogan, Ethan Ross, Mitchell Button, Eliza Brady, Paige Ross

Student of the Week:
Dardanelles – Xavier Kumar
Tucker – Shylah Winley
Canakkale – Justin Lovelee
Lemnos – Dylan Kelly
Hamilton – Amy Hale
Throsell – Edward Talintyre
Flanders Fields – Lachlan Smith
Lone Pine – Cooper Brittain
Burton – Sophie Melville
Western Front – Annaleise Morgan

2015 International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS) – LAST CHANCE, TOMORROW!!
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 was sent home with students a couple of weeks ago for the ICAS Competitions. Entries will be accepted tomorrow, Wednesday 25th March. Please note that entries cannot be accepted after tomorrow.

Harmony Day: Thank you to all those students who dressed in orange or wore crazy socks last Thursday. We raised $253.50 for the Kids of Macarthur Foundation.

Have you collected your Fun Run Sponsorship Form!! Great prizes!!
- Gather your sponsors over the holidays.
- Run in the Fun Run at school on 1st May.
- Collect your sponsor money.
- Receive your prize!! Its that easy!

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CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL 2015 SPONSORSHIP PERMISSION NOTE
I give permission for my child/ren:
____________________________________ 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 ______________

Good Guys School Dollars: Thank you to the many parents, relatives and friends who are supporting the Good Guys School Dollars venture. We have just purchased a new video/camera, 6 mouses and 6 new SD cards for the video cameras using Good Guys vouchers. If you need to purchase an appliance and you decide that the Good Guys offers the best value, don’t forget to ask for your School Dollars. Fill out the details on the back of the School Dollars and send them to school. We then save them and are able to use them to ‘purchase’ resources for our school. This is an easy fundraiser that enables the school to purchase resources using the free dollars!! Please remind your relatives and friends to ask for the Good Guys School Dollar vouchers when buying your appliances.
Become an Ethics Teacher or Coordinator at Appin Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in ethics classes. Appin PS now has ethics classes available and they will be commencing soon but we desperately need ethics teachers to teach these classes. We have vacancies for volunteers to teach ethics classes. The classes are run by the ethics teacher according to the Primary Ethics curriculum relevant to that stage. Examples of topics are on the Primary Ethics website – www.primaryethics.com.au

Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. For more information please visit our website to apply or contact;
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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 2\textsuperscript{nd} April 2015 at the school. Please return raffle tickets to school by Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} 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

### Reminders and Diary Dates

Parent/Teacher interviews during weeks 9 and 10

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

19\textsuperscript{th} April | Working Bee at school – Please come along and help out!! |
20\textsuperscript{th} April | Staff return to school |
21\textsuperscript{st} April | Students return to school |
24\textsuperscript{th} April | Stage 2 Excursion – Nan Tien Temple – Permission notes due 2\textsuperscript{nd} April |
1\textsuperscript{st} May | Fun Run Cross Country Carnival |

Visitors to Mrs Harrison’s Office