Welcome back to Term 2 where staff enjoyed a very successful day of professional learning on Monday in preparation for another busy term. I hope everyone enjoyed some restful holiday time away from school routines and it is wonderful to see so many happy smiles from students who are bursting to share their exciting holiday news.

**Student Achievements:** Congratulations to all of our friendly and respectful Appin students who worked together to decorate creative and colourful Easter hats for our finale event to last term, our Easter Hat Parade. A beautiful afternoon of sunny weather provided a perfect setting for our students to sit outside and parade to catchy music with their buddies. Our thanks go to Mrs Brumpton and Ms Quince for their superb organisation of this event. Thanks also go to our hard working P&C who organised the Easter Raffle with five lucky winners. Congratulations to all!

**Stamp Chart Superstars!** I am eagerly awaiting the patter of student feet accompanied by their excited chatter as they burst into the office to proudly display their completed stamp charts. Watch this space next week!

**ANZAC Day:** As you know our school will host a commemorative ANZAC Day service, weather permitting, this Thursday commencing at 10:30am and concluding at 11:10am. All community members are most welcome to attend. We will locate all of our available seating from our Hall to our concrete area near the COLA on a first come basis. We thank Mr Ken Wright for his assistance. Many students will also join us on ANZAC Day as we march at the Campbelltown service which will be a wonderful experience for our young students. We thank Bronwyn King for her assistance.

**Child Protection:** All classes will be participating in Child Protection lessons this term. It is mandatory for schools to teach this part of the syllabus. If you would like more information about what will be taught, please contact your child’s teacher and request more information.

**Band Timetable for Term 2:** Thank you for your continued support of the Appin School Band. The following timetable for Band will commence **Wednesday 22nd April 2015**. (Term 2 Week 1) Please remind students to bring their instrument to school each Wednesday and meet at the canteen hall at 8.45am sharp. There will be no Band on Wednesday 13th May (Week 4).

- **8.45am to 9.20am** Whole Band
- **9.20am to 9.45am** All band members in non–scripture group (Any instrument) (Tyler Smith, Holly Brown, Tanisha Jell-Smith, Hana-Marie Riley-Brown, Jemma Still, Lucy Wicken, Tahn Mansfield, Riley Wilson, Deklyn Griffin and Blake Mann)
- **9.45am to 10.05am** Trumpets (Alec Rochaix, Scarlett Corcoran, Dylan Cummins, Ethan Ross, Nicholas Meznaric, Killara Hughes, Tahlia Greenwood, Ruby Iriarte)
- **10.05am to 10.25am** Clarinets and flutes (Tess McEvoy-King, Brianna Coulter, Hayley Spiteri, Jordon Hall, Hannah Deering, Paige Sellick, Star Fallon)
- **10.25am to 10.45am** Sax, trombone, guitar, keyboard and drum players (Lucas Marks, Corey Lovelee, Zane Wilson, Demi Gay, Patrick Mannix Georgie Kerron, Katelyn Foreman, Samuel Martyn, Jacob Deering, James Booth, Rhys Haeren, Cooper Brittain, Amylia McKenzie)

**NAPLAN:** It is very important that all students in Year 3 and Year 5 attend school on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May to sit NAPLAN assessments in literacy and numeracy. We will use Friday 15th May as a “catch-up” day if any students are absent on these days. Please note that all scripture and band lessons have been cancelled for Wednesday 13th May.
These assessments are not in any way stressful nor should students feel nervous about them as the purpose for doing them is to provide data for our school. This data arising from student results will be used to identify student and school areas of competence and for improvement. Students and parents are to view these days as normal school days where their children will participate in literacy and numeracy tasks as usual. The difference is that their work will be sent away to be marked by different teachers.

**School Cross Country Carnival:** Our school will run its annual Cross Country Carnival on Friday 1st May 2015 commencing at 12.30pm. If your time permits, we would love you to attend. Our carnival will commence with the 12yr boys race, followed by the 12yr girls and so on down to the 8yr races. Our 11 and 12 year olds run 3kms and our 8-10 year olds run 2kms. Our K-2 students will run a shorter distance in the middle of our grass playing field. Our P&C will be selling popcorn during this carnival.

**Cross County Carnival Helpers Needed!!**
We are once again looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the Cross Country Carnival (Friday 1st May). If you are able to assist please fill out the slip below and return it to the office by Wednesday 29th April. Thank you

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**Thanks:** Our heartfelt thanks go to Mr & Mrs Hampson who spent a couple of hours pruning and tidying up the garden around our flag pole in readiness for ANZAC Day. Their generosity, time and effort are greatly appreciated.

**Year 2 Sport:** This term, from next week, Year 2 students will be doing sport on a Friday. Please remember to wear your sports uniform each Friday this term. However, sport will be on Wednesday just this week due to the Stage 2 excursion.

**School drop offs and pick-ups:** It is always timely to remind our students that when they are dropped off by parents or walk or ride into school they come straight in and place their bags outside their classrooms. If it is before 8:50am, students should proceed straight to our COLA, where they can sit quietly and chat with friends. At 8:50am teacher supervision commences and students will be supervised as they play on our COLA and concrete area.

Students who walk to school are reminded to walk directly to school and enter either the front or back gates before they meet up with friends.
It is also a sensible idea for parents to frequently remind children about “stranger danger” and not accepting rides, gifts or food from unknown adults in unrecognised vehicles.

Students who are being picked up after school by parents are required to wait inside the school gates for safety, until parents arrive or parents are sighted.

We also extend another friendly reminder to parents in the interest of the safety of everyone’s child, that it is not permissible for any parent to drive into or park their car in the staff car park.

**Cyber Safety:** As children grow up and become aware of the world around them and what is available to them, many begin to nag their parents about accessing social media. It is not permissible for your child to become a FaceBook, Instagram etc friend with their teacher. Following is some interesting information and helpful hints:

For Facebook the minimum age requirement is a hard and fast 13. It’s the same for Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat and Secret, too.

For Linkedin it’s 14. On WhatsApp it’s 16, and on Vine it’s 17. Some platforms, such as YouTube, WeChat and Kik, have a minimum age required of 18, although kids aged 13-17 can sign up with parent’s permission.

Teach your child to:
- Never share their password with anyone
- Understand privacy settings
• Report people that violate proper codes of conduct
• Block anyone that might be sending unwanted content
• Watch their own use of language and comments "We strongly recommend that minors 13 years of age or older ask their parents for permission before sending any information about themselves to anyone over the Internet and we encourage parents to teach their children about safe internet use practices," says Facebook on their Safety page. So when your 11-year-old approaches you to start a Facebook page for them because “everyone else is doing it," use it as a teaching moment to take a stand and say “no.”

See more at:  [http://www.parentalguide.org/parentalcontrols_age-requirements-for-facebook-twitter-myspace.html#sthash.SeOtAr9Z.dpuf](http://www.parentalguide.org/parentalcontrols_age-requirements-for-facebook-twitter-myspace.html#sthash.SeOtAr9Z.dpuf)

Tell your kids to think before they post. Remind them that everything can be seen by a vast, invisible audience (otherwise known as friends-of-friends-of-friends), and, once something's online, it's hard to take back. Each family will have different rules, but, especially for younger kids, it's a good idea for parents to have access to their kids' pages, at least at first, to be sure that what's being posted is appropriate. Parents can help keep their children from doing something they'll regret later.

Keep private information private. Don't share your home address or other sensitive information online. Be respectful of others. Kids may use social media to act out because they feel anonymous and that their actions are consequence-free. Make sure they understand that the Internet is a giant community that works best when everyone respects each other.

New Library Service: Wollondilly Shire school students can now receive tutoring help online through the yourtutor service. Yourtutor creates an online classroom where students in years 3-12 are connected to qualified, expert tutors for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions. All core subjects are included as well as essay writing, research skills and general study tips. The service is available Sunday to Friday, 3pm to midnight AEST during school term and school holidays, from either library or home computers. Help is immediate, professional and secure and it’s free to library members. Simply visit the library’s website, click on the link to access the program and log in with your library card number and your password (pin). For more information refer the our website – [http://www.library.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/page.aspx?docid=117](http://www.library.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/page.aspx?docid=117) or the yourtutor site [http://www.yourtutor.com.au/](http://www.yourtutor.com.au/)

Mother's Day Breakfast: Rosemeadow/Appin Anglican churches would like to invite our students and their mums to a Mother’s Day breakfast at Appin Public School on Thursday 7th May 2015 from 8.15am to 9.00am. Pancakes, cereals, juice, tea and coffee will be available. Please RSVP: appinbreakfast@gmail.com or return the slip below to the school office. This is a FREE event hosted by Rosemeadow/Appin Anglican churches. Please indicate below if you are attending.

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We will be attending the mother/grandmother/child breakfast at school on 7th May from 8.15am to 9am. To assist with catering – Total attending: ______ (Include students and adults)

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.

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: ___________________________
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:_________________________________
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Number of GIFTS___________________ AMOUNT ENCLOSED $______________________

Please return to school with your money by 1st May 2015 (Friday Week 2 Term 2)

Work Health and Safety: Our school takes safety seriously. We encourage all staff, volunteers, parents or others who use our site to report anything that they believe could impact on someone’s safety. We have informal arrangements in place to deal with WHS issues. There is no need to wait for an incident to occur – prevention is far better. If you see something of concern please let our office staff or executive know as soon as possible, so we can address the issue. Remember: If you see something - say something!

ANZAC Day March: On Anzac day, Saturday 25th of April, students from Appin Public School are invited to participate in an Anzac March. In full school uniform, students will march up the main street of Campbelltown behind our school banner. 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

Yes we would like to attend the Anzac Day March, 25th April 2015
Parent name and mobile phone number:________________________________________
Student name ___________________________________________________________
Student name ___________________________________________________________

Stewart House: We are hoping to support Stewart House once again this year. Stewart House provides ongoing support to disadvantaged children in NSW. If you would like to make a donation, please return the envelope sent home today, clearly marked with your child’s name and class to the office by Friday 8th May 2015. Donations over $2 go into a draw for a fantastic Family Holiday, valued at $4000.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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