We are proud of our Students’ achievements!

Welcome to Week 6 and some crisp wintry mornings where we congratulate those students who are wearing their winter uniform. As our grass areas at school stay wet for quite a while these days please consider purchasing leather shoes for your child to ensure their socks and feet remain dry and comfortable whilst learning.

Student Achievements:

Western Front class students stated that they enjoyed their best writing lesson ever last week when they had to start each paragraph with a pronoun, engage the reader and use interesting, descriptive language. Way to go! Lone Pine class continue to make gains in their numeracy skills using the Mathletics program. Last week’s recipients of certificates were Alex, Tiarna, lucy, Tess, Loukas, Georgie, Riley and Rhys.

Our six minister leaders Lauren, Cooper, Shelby, Zoe, Russell and Tasmyn very capably led our second parliamentary sitting last Friday. Our Years 3-6 students participated respectfully and with enthusiasm. Students confidently spoke for and against the motions that were presented. Following last term’s parliament, students will soon participate in a “Pyjama Day” where for the donation of a gold coin, they can wear their pyjamas to school. Slippers can also be worn in the classrooms although appropriate shoes need to be worn on the playground and to and from school. All proceeds will go to Down Syndrome NSW.

Congratulations to all!

Dates to Remember:

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Semester 1 Student Reports

Teachers gather information continually about your child’s academic learning through observation, speaking with them about tasks they are completing, listening to them, analysing their work over time and formal assessments. Each student’s progress is then assessed against syllabus objectives and outcomes. Teachers adjust your child’s learning in literacy and numeracy to suit their individual learning needs and the comments you will read as a parent reflect this.

If your child is in Years 1-6, they will also be assigned a grade to match their academic ability so far.

Following is information outlining how grades are awarded to students. Kinder students do not receive A-E or Outstanding-Limited grades but an indication of their efforts and attitude.

Schools will use the following achievement scale to report to parents for students in Years 1 – 10. The achievement of students is to be assessed in relation to syllabus standards.

A and / or Outstanding: The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B and/or High: The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C and/or Sound: The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D and/or Basic: The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

E and/or Limited: The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in a few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.
Awards this Week

Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Alegra Difazio
Tucker – Emily Wallace
Canakkale – Rylie Martin-Henry
Lemnos – Alisha Collis
Hamilton – Jordan Hughes
Throssell – Reuben Deering
Flanders Fields – Amber Mason
Lone Pine – Tiarna Spajic
Burton – Russell Hampson
Western Front – Thomas Bebb

Gold Awards: Maddison Ryde, Loukas Petrovski

Silver Awards:
Dylan Kelly, Lily Atkins, Paige Sellick, Maddison Ryde, Elyse Stonebridge, William Shearer, Mitchell Button, Loukas Petrovski

Bronze Awards:
Dylan Kelly, Lily Atkins, Paige Sellick, Maddison Ryde, Connor Lewis, Jiselle Petrovski, Reuben Deering, Bryce Peer, Bridget Shearer, Tess McEvoy-King, William Shearer, Finn McEvoy-King, Amber Mason, Sophie Hughes, Sharna Dewar, Zarah Goddard, Shejana Roberts, Cooper Bridge, Matilda Peer

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students:
Dardanelles: Annalise, Hayley, Hamish, Ellah, Joshua, Emily, Sophia, Gillian, Mia, Joel, Lucas, Cooper, Amelia, Chloe
Tucker: Caylen, Emily, Hayley, Alex, Aston, Layla, Noah, Aleksander, Shylah, Joshua, Ruby, Lily, Ella, Shakaya, Riley, Mikayla
Lemnos: Rhys, Alyx, Noah, Akira, Hunter, Joel
Canakkale: Logan, Ava, Ethan, Elyse
Hamilton: Leonardo Hannah
Throssell: Callum, Killara, Ayla, Bryce
Flanders Fields: Katelyn, Hana-Maree, Hannah, Amber
Lone Pine: Holly Brown
Keep up the fantastic efforts!
School Starting Times
Please keep your comments about the possibility of changing our school operating times coming in. They are truly appreciated.

If your time permits, please come along to our P&C meeting tonight at 7pm in our Library and have your say about this proposal.

Attendance
Thank you to all of our students who attend school each and every day. It is so rewarding to see happy smiles each day as students get on with their learning and socialise with friends. It is also great to see most students arriving at school on time. Giving your child some time to socialise before our bell at 9:20am is important as it means they can start the day unhurried and also don’t miss out on instructions for the day from their teacher.

Watch this space for our star students who have attended school every day in first semester!

Parental Attendance Tip
If a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education. Regular school attendance is important. It helps children develop the skills needed to access the world of work, to learn the importance of punctuality and routine and to make and keep friendships.

Community Noticeboard
Last week an additional noticeboard was placed in our COLA near the Kinder rooms. We now have one for information about school, one for our Eco-Committee and one for community information. If parents have any flyers or posters they wish to have placed on this noticeboard please see our lovely Office ladies or Mrs Harrison.

Safety Around Schools
I received a letter from Wollondilly Council last week about road safety concerns around our school. The following is an exert;

A matter has been brought to Council’s attention of a road safety concern of conflict between school children and traffic at the rear of the school in Elizabeth Close during the afternoons. The children are reportedly dashing between cars without looking and the cars are not driving to the slow speed conditions. It would be greatly appreciated if you could reinforce the message of safety for children to your school community such as P & C. I have attached a link to the NSW Transport Safety Around Schools brochure (see below) for your information. http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/safety-around-schools.pdf

Please talk to your children about the importance of road safety and be cautious when dropping off and picking up children at school. The staff car park is only for staff and parents are reminded NOT to park here or walk through the car park at any time. Please use the paths to the front gates when entering and exiting the school.
Fruit break
Thank you to all parents who regularly supply a healthy fruit break for their child each day. Some teachers have fruit break during roll call as the school day is commencing but many also have students eat their fruit whilst they are completing a learning activity. Students need only a small amount of bite size pieces of fresh fruit or vegetables that are cut up and that take 2-3 minutes to eat. Oranges that need peeling or very sticky fruit means messy hands and school books and time away from learning.

School Cross Country Carnival
Sponsorship money and prize order forms were due back to school last Friday. Please return your money and prize selection so that all prizes can be ordered. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Walsh needs our Help!!
In November this year I am again participating in the Chris O’Brien Life House walk to raise money for cancer research and support. My daughter, Lyndell Walsh and my soon to be daughter in law, Liana Sedges are both joining me in walking 60 km over two days. Our team - called ‘Crazy for a Cure’, needs to raise $6000 ($2000 per walker). Last year a number of parents and staff donated money to this worthy charity and I am hoping for the same generosity this year. Please visit the following webpage and join the fight!!
(http://www.endcancer.org.au/goto/crazy_for_a_cure)
Thank you. Vicki Walsh

Book Clubs Loop for Parents
LOOP is the new Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering and Payment platform for Parents. Log into www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the iPhone and iPad app from the App Store. Parents can now order and pay for Book Club online. There is no need to return anything to school. The books will be delivered to your child at school and reward points will be added to your school’s account. Thank you for your continued support of Book Club at Appin School.

Gymtastics
Each Friday of Term 3, students in Years K-6 will be participating in a Gymnastics sports program presented by Gymtastic. The program will run each Friday from 17th July to 18th September (8 weeks, excluding weeks 4 and 8 – Gala days).
Gym is a mandatory component of the PDHPE syllabus. It is recommended that staff who teach gym are qualified. As staff here at Appin are not proficient with current gymnastics qualifications, we have organised weekly gymnastic sessions for the children, run by coaches who do have the expertise and the qualifications. We would like all the children to participate in this program as it is very worthwhile.
If you have any financial difficulties please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Harrison to discuss alternative payment arrangements.
The program will run for eight weekly, 40 minute sessions, at a total cost of $32.00 per child.
You may pay by instalments or a lump sum, as long as all session costs are paid in full before the end of Term 2 (26th June 2015). A reminder that we are now able to accept EFTPOS and/or credit card payments at the office. Please return the permission notes sent home last week before Monday 22nd June.

P&C News
Don’t forget P&C meeting TONIGHT at 7pm in the school library. All welcome!!
The next markets will be held on Sunday, 14th June. Please return the slip below if you are able to assist.

MARKET HELPERS – Sunday 14th June 2015
I am able to assist with:

0 Setting up from 8am 0 Packing up from 1pm

0 BBQ – please circle time slot: (8am – 9.30am) (9.30am – 11.00am) (11am – 12pm) (12pm –1pm)

Name: ___________________________________ Contact Number: ________________________________