Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, our school is keen to change school operating times and would like community feedback. Over the past 3 weeks information has been included in our newsletter and there was an opportunity to share your thoughts at last Tuesday’s P&C meeting.

At present our school day commences at 9:20am and concludes at 3:20pm. We would like to change this to a starting time of 9am and finishing time of 3pm in line with the vast majority of schools.

Some reasons are as follows:

• Only five students catch a bus which arrives at school around 8:15am each morning. In the afternoon these 5 students need to leave class at 3:05pm to catch the bus at 3:10pm.
• Roads and Maritime Services school zones operate from 8 -9:30am and 2:30- 4pm. Our morning time in particular does not ensure enough safety for students.
• Most students commute to school on foot, by bike or car so can easily do so at an earlier time.
• Sport such as Gala days run in line with 9-3pm school times. We always have students who forget it is Gala day or a Zone Carnival and the bus needs to wait for them. With school starting at 9am these students would already be at school.
• Teacher supervision of students would commence at 8:30am allowing students to be at school earlier which may assist working parents
• Children are generally fresher in the mornings allowing more quality learning time
• Finishing at 3pm benefits after school activities eg dancing, sport, family time
• Students who are picked up after school by high school siblings could wait with Mrs Harrison near the front gate and be collected as soon as the high school bus arrives
• School Development Days for staff run from 9-3pm
• Staff professional learning after school would be supported as staff could arrive on time

Please complete the survey below and return to our school office before the end of this term Friday 26th June 2015. Now is the chance to have your say!

Kind regards,

Vivian Harrison
Principal - Appin Public School

I support Appin Public School changing its operating times to 9am – 3pm. Yes ☐ No ☐

Further comment, if applicable:

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