Welcome to Week 7, winter in Appin and another proud Principal moment at last week’s Zone Cross Country Carnival. Miss Buglass and I had the pleasure of accompanying fifty seven fantastic students to Thomas Acres Reserve to run a 2, 2.5 or 3 kilometre race representing our school. Not only were our students good sports who tried their personal best but they were supportive of each other and demonstrated superb behaviour. Many students will now compete at the Regional Cross Country Carnival, many finished in the top 10 and 20 runners out of around 80 in each age group and four won medals for finishing in the top three. We are so proud of them all! More detailed results will follow later in this newsletter.

Semester 1 Student Reports
As the key learning areas of English and Maths make up 50% of teaching time in a school week, teachers are preparing detailed comments in these areas outlining your child’s skills, progress and goals for future improvement. Please celebrate your child’s learning and progress when you receive these reports in the last week of this term as every child has made progress. They are all on their lifelong learning journey.

P&C Thank you
Our school would like to publicly thank our P&C who have generously subsidised this year’s Gala day bus fares. As every student who wishes is now able to play in a team at our four Gala Days, this means we require two buses for transport which in turn is more expensive. Our P&C have generously donated $1800 to keep the cost of bus travel at $7.50 per student per Gala day. We are truly grateful. This is a fabulous example of our P&C working to support everyone’s child at Appin Public School. Well done!

### Dates to Remember:

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**School Starting Times**
Your child will receive some information this week about providing our school with your thoughts about changing our school operating times. Please complete the survey and return it to our Office before the end of this term.
Now is the chance to have your say.

**Staff Leave**
Next Saturday I will fly to Sweden for four weeks to visit our youngest son who is currently studying at a university in Stockholm. This visit had been planned twelve months ago long before I took up my position here as Principal. I am very much looking forward to seeing my son as you can appreciate, but now that I have settled in so well here at Appin, I know I will miss seeing all 235 happy smiling student faces. I will return to school the first day back next term.
Ms Sellick will relieve as Principal in my absence for the last three weeks of this term.
Ms Mozayani will be taking leave for the last two weeks of this term and the first three weeks of next term. Miss Sarah King will teach Lone Pine class in her absence.
Miss McLeod will relieve as Assistant Principal whilst Ms Sellick is relieving Principal for me. Mrs Corcoran will relieve as Assistant Principal whilst Ms Mozayani is on leave.

**Southern Stars Performance**
This year the senior Dance Group will perform at The Southern Stars Arena Spectacular “Beyond the Frame”, to be held at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre on Friday 28th August and Saturday 29th August 2015. Tickets for this performance are available through www.ticketmaster.com.au. Students in the Dance Group do not require a ticket.
We are proud of our Students’ achievements!

All of our students are going from strength to strength with their learning. Jayden C from Burton class expertly explained the learning involved in “Photo of the Day” which is observation, prediction and inference. Students then use these three skills to create written questions.

Holly and Cody in Lone Pine are demonstrating commendable improvements in their spelling and their photo reflects their pride and support of each other.

Hamilton class are learning many clever ways that are also fun to practise and learn their spelling words. Well done to Jemma, Sienna, Amy and Theresa.

Lone Pine, Flanders Fields and Year 3 Throssell students participated in a fantastic Colonial day last Thursday. They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for a Video Conference focussing on early British settlement. We saw many astronomers, botanists, cooks and British marines in our playground!

Dardanelles and Tucker classes are practising their sentence writing on little whiteboards by using sentence starters, known sight words and trying to write the sounds they can hear in words. They are also confidently reading familiar readers on their own and to each other. Well done to Isabella, Shylah and Ruby in Tucker class.

Noah from Burton class and Patrick from Western Front class proved to be fabulous role models and mentors to younger students during volleyball for school sport on Friday.

Congratulations to all!

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Dardanelles: Annalise, Nevaeh, Bede, Amélia

Lemnos: Chloe, Kaia, Joel, Erin, Alisha, Martin, Alyx, Hunter, Cooper, Josh, Noah, Grace, Chloe, Akira

Canakkale: Mitchell, Sophie, Lily

Throssell: Trae, Reuben, Evlyn, Eddie, Oscar

Flanders Fields: Alana, Elisha, Scarlett, Jordan, Tahlia, Zac, Tyler

Keep up the fantastic efforts!
Awards this Week

Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Lucas Ridgeway
Tucker – Claudia Blunden
Canakkle – Logan Fitzgerald
Lemnos – Alyx Schaaphok
Hamilton – Mia Goodall
Throssell – Paige Sellick
Flanders Fields – Katelyn Foreman
Lone Pine – Alexis King
Burton – Ayla Costello
Western Front – Next week

Gold Awards: Dylan Cummins, Emma Beaton
Silver Awards: Emma Beaton, Sophie Hughes, Ethan Matthews, Joel Haeren
Bronze Awards: Emma Beaton, Ethan Matthews, Riley Wilson, Mia Goodall, Tahn Mansfield, Noah Thomas, Darcy Wilson, Joel Haeren, James Booth, Riley Wilson

Donations needed!
The following items are needed for K-2 Literacy Groups: plastic milk bottle tops, working iphone 4. If you can help please send them into the school office. Thank you.
Mrs Goldstein

PSSA Gala Day
Our next Gala Day is Friday 12th June 2015. All students have returned a permission note covering all Gala Days for this year. Travel to sporting venues is by bus. The bus leaves the school at 8.50am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time for the bus and ring the school office if your child is absent on the day so that the bus is not held up.

Students need to bring in their bus money ($7.50) before Thursday 11th June.
Parents are welcome to attend.

Venues are as follows:
Netball: Coronation Park, Minto
Soccer: Ambarvale Sporting Complex
Touch Football: Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow
School Uniform
It seems our school website has not kept up-to-date with our current school uniform. Please accept our apologies for this. Our school uniform information should read as follows:

Girls Summer Uniform
- Grey skorts with green polo shirt or green and gold check dress. Black shoes with white socks

Girls Winter Uniform
- Green tunic with lemon blouse and green stockings or green long pants with lemon blouse. Green polar fleece jacket.

Boys Summer Uniform
- Grey shorts with green polo shirt. Black shoes with white socks

Boys Winter Uniform
- Grey long pants with green polo shirt. Green polar fleece jacket.

Sport uniform
- Green unisex shorts with gold polo shirt. Green and gold jacket and track pants.

Our P&C are currently sourcing long green pants for girls as most girls do not wear the green dress and stockings. More polar fleece jackets should arrive soon. They are very warm and cozy in this cool weather and look terrific as well.

P&C Shopping Trip
The P&C have booked the shopping trip - one of our major fundraisers, again this year. We are trying a new company this year who come highly recommended. The cost will remain the same - $55.00 with all the inclusions of morning & afternoon teas, lunch with dessert, raffles and prizes. Its always a lot of fun and a good day out, so save the date - Saturday 24th October 2015. To book your seat, please pay at the office or contact Melissa Lovelee on 0420 662396. Payments must be finalised by Friday 18th September 2015 (last day of Term 3).

P&C Market Helpers!!
The next market day will be Sunday 14th June 2015. If you are able to assist on the day, please let the school office know.

Zone Cross Country Carnival
Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Regional Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 11th June 2015. Good luck to all! Zoe Greenwood, Jordon Hall, Kane Osgood, Eve Wilson, Charlotte Wilson, Gemma Brittain, James Booth, Alec Rochaix, Demi Gay, Darcy Wilson, Jack Wilson, Ayla Cook.

PSSA Soccer Knockout Day
Recently, Appin Public School competed in its first State Soccer Knockout competition and played against Camden South Public School. In a hard fought first round contest Camden South won 5-0. Our boys team was comprised of some very talented players from yrs 4-6 who showed some excellent skills while playing against a team that had just a little more size and speed than our team. Many thanks go to Mr Jamie Cook and Mr Gary Osgood who helped in coaching our team and preparing them. Our thanks goes to the other parents who supplied uniforms, transported and supported the team on the day. It was a great first up experience that we hope will prepare us better for next years 2016 knockout. For Appin, Tasmyn Reynolds and Kane Osgood provided some headaches for the opposition in both defence and attack whilst our goalies, Loukas Petrovski and Ethan Ross, did a fantastic job making many saves.
Our team photo shows Ethan Haldenby, Loukas Petrovski, James Booth, Dylan Jones, Kye Thompson, Riley Wilson, Zac Thompson, Liam Croker, Ethan Ross, Aaron Stonebridge, Jayden Cook, Kane Osgood and Tasmyn Reynolds. Well done boys! ... By Mr T