AECD: Wednesday, 17th June
This Wednesday, 17th June, our Kindergarten teachers will be completing the Australian Early Development Census, whilst their students will attend class as usual with a casual teacher. This census is nationwide and will help our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being well done and what can be improved upon. Students included in the data will not be able to be personally identified when the data is compiled and published. A letter went out to each family with a child in Kindergarten on Monday and we have sought their consent to include their child’s data in the census. For more information go to www.aedc.gov.au

Working Bee
Save the Date: Sunday 12th July. Parent and Community Working Bee: WE NEED YOU!
On Sunday 12th July, the last Sunday of the holidays, we will be having a Parent and Community Working Bee at Appin PS. Some local businesses, including Walkers Inc. will be assisting any volunteer parents to do many beautification and maintenance projects around the school. There will be a BBQ and jumping castle for the kids. If you are available, it would be wonderful to see you and get your help. In next week’s newsletter I will include a list of possible jobs we are aiming to get done and you may see an area you could help with.

Stage One Excursion to Trainworks: This Wednesday, 17th June
Our Stage One students are off to their excursion on Wednesday. Students need to be at school by 9.20am and will be returning by 3:20pm. Students need to wear their school sports uniform and pack their lunch, drinks and crunch and sip for the day, in a small backpack. Thank you to Miss McLeod for organising the excursion. We hope that they have a wonderful day!

School Reports: Home Thursday 25th June
Semester One reports are being finalised this week and will go home next Thursday, 25th June, 2015. I want to acknowledge all of the thoughtful, hard work that has gone into these reports by our dedicated class teachers. These reports are a comprehensive form of communication home about how your child is achieving at school to date. There will be no formal interview scheduled next term, however, if you have anything you need to discuss after receiving your child’s report please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

NAIDOC Week
NAIDOC week activities will take place during Week 1 next term. Students will have the opportunity to attend a performance by Adam Hill on Tuesday 14th July. Adam will share his original, humorous, highly energetic program of songs, puppetry, language, personal stories and Yidaki (didgeridoo). Adam is a multi-talented Dhungatti (Kempsey area of NSW) Aboriginal artist who works as a professional exhibiting painter, graphic artist, cartoonist and illustrator. The cost of $5 per student for this performance will be covered by the school. Please advise the school if you do not want your child to attend this exciting and enriching performance. NAIDOC activities will continue on Thursday 16th July, with a mufti day where students are able to wear red, orange, yellow and black clothing to school for a gold coin donation. These funds will go towards a craft activity where students can decorate their own wooden boomerang.

Staffing Information
Thank you to Mrs Katie Corcoran and Miss Heather McLeod who have each agreed to take on the role of relieving Assistant Principal whilst Ms Mozayani and Mrs Harrison are on leave and whilst I relieve as Principal. Thank you also to Mrs Melissa Griffiths who will be teaching Lone Pine whilst Ms Mozayani is on leave. Congratulations to Miss Sarah King who received a targeted graduate position at another school and so will be finishing up at Appin PS at the end of this term. We wish her well at her new school.
We are proud of our Students’ achievements!

Learning at Appin PS in Weeks 8 and 9
This week I am focusing on Years 2, 3 and 4. I have been impressed with the writing that has recently occurred in Throssell and Hamilton where students have written to Mrs Harrison to try persuade her to keep school occurring on weekdays and not on the weekend. I was amazed at the lovely art that Lone Pine students made with Mrs Kelly last week and they did some amazing writing about it with Ms Mozayani. Flanders Fields students have been doing some challenging division work with great success!

Sport Success: The Regional Cross Country Carnival took place last Thursday. Congratulations to Zoe Greenwood, Jordon Hall, Kane Osgood, Eve and Charlotte Wilson, Gemma Brittain, James Booth, Alec Rochaix, Demi Gay, Darcy Wilson, Jack Wilson and Ayla Cook. Special mention to James Booth who came 2nd and will now represent at State level. Well done James!

Great Writers: Congratulations to Charlie, Sophia, Emily and Ruby for some great writing in Tucker class.

Netballers: Hannah, Matilda, Paige

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:

Dardanelles: Joshua, Allegra, Lucas, Sophia, Amelia, Nevaeh, Ellah, Emily L
Tucker: Shakaya, Lily, Emily, Ruby, Shylah, Charlie, Hayley, Noah, Rylie, Mikaylah, Alex B, Claudia
Lemnos: Kaia, Hunter, Erin, Carter, Rhys, Joshua, Akira, Joel, Dylan, Noah, Chloe
Throssell: Connor, Aiden, Oliver, Jiselle, Paige, Holly, Eliza
Lone Pine: Alec, Ronald Jr, Amanda, Tess, Samuel, Ella, Tiarna, Leah, Alexis, Lucy, Georgie, Dylan
Burton: Jayden, Jordan, Aaron, Cherysh, Ava, Charlotte
Western Front: Eve, Olivia, Charlize

Keep up the fantastic efforts!
Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Nevaeh Metcalfe
Tucker – TBA
Canakkle – Elyse Stonebridge
Lemnos – Erin Still
Hamilton – Evie Richards
Throssell – Coby Hilton
Flanders Fields – Sienna Withers
Lone Pine – Holly Brown
Burton – Blake Mann
Western Front – Zac Thompson

Band News
Just a reminder to all Band members that there will be no Band for the last two weeks of this term, as Mr Bishop is involved in a musical concert elsewhere. Please remember to practise over the holidays and be ready for lessons to commence on Wednesday 15th July.

PJ Mufti Day: Next Thursday 25th June
Please bring along a gold coin donation and dress in your warm Pj’s for this School Parliament initiative on the last Thursday of this term. Money raised will go towards research into Down Syndrome.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2015
This Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday 15th August 2015. It is available to all children who are in Year 6 or above and have made their First Communion. If you wish your child to receive this Sacrament and did not come to the enrolment night last year you MUST attend the first lesson for this programme on Saturday 18th July 2015 commencing at 4.15p.m. Children will participate in group lessons within the Parish School classrooms. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2015. The programme fee of $25 is also payable at the first lesson. NOTE: If you will be enrolling at the first lesson, then please arrive at 3.45pm to the Parish Meeting Room before the lesson to complete the paperwork. You will need a copy of your child’s birth and baptism certificate. Thank you

ICACS Writing test
On Monday, Samuel Martyn, Maddison Ryde and Paige Sellick sat the ICACS Writing test. We wish them well and are proud of their effort. Our next ICACS test will be English and held in Term 3 Week 3. These test opportunities are offered to all students. Look out for information on next year’s ICACS tests early Term 1, 2016 if you want your child to be involved.

Practicum Students at Appin PS
I wish to thank Mrs Katie Corcoran, Mrs Danielle Brumpton, Miss Patricia Lewis and Miss Suzan Turhanlar for agreeing to mentor training teachers from the University of Wollongong this term. Thank you for the extra time and care you have put into assisting these students along their journey to becoming teachers. These students Courtney, Lachlan, Emma and James are completing their practicum in the last two weeks of this term and have been an asset to our school. Classroom without Borders Students from the University of Western Sydney have also been working on a trainee volunteer program which places them in our school for 10 weeks, one day a week, so that they may assist students and in turn learn more about teaching. They will be finishing up at our school at the end of this term. Thank you Ian, Benjamin, Amara, Leah and Jeremy for all of your wonderful work with our students.
Gala Day Results

Congratulations to all our Gala Day teams on a wonderful effort last Friday. Many thanks to all the parents who came along to support the teams. Thank you to the students from Ambarvale High School and John Therry Catholic High School who assisted with umpiring and refereeing on the day.

Soccer:
- Game 1: Appin v Woodland Road A Juniors won 8-0 Seniors won 8-0
- Game 2: Appin v Woodland Road B Juniors won 8-0 Seniors won 12-0
- Game 3: Appin v Ambarvale Juniors won 8-1 Seniors won 2-0

Touch Football:
- Game 1: Appin A v Appin B Juniors drew 3-3 Seniors A won 6-3
- Game 2: Appin A v Rosemeadow Juniors A won 4-0 Seniors A won 10-2
- Game 3: Appin A v Ambarvale B Juniors lost 6-0 Seniors won 4-3
- Game 1: Appin B v Appin A Juniors drew 3-3 Seniors lost 6-3
- Game 2: Appin B v Ambarvale A Juniors lost 5-0 Seniors lost 5-6
- Game 3: Appin B v Lomandra Juniors Bye Seniors drew 3-3

Netball:
- Game 1: Appin A v Claymore Juniors lost 3-0 Seniors won 17-8
- Game 2: Appin A v Rosemeadow Juniors lost 7-2 Seniors won 3-2
- Game 3: Appin A v St Helens Park Juniors lost 4-3 Seniors won 8-3
- Game 1: Appin B v Thomas Acres Juniors won 5-2 Seniors lost 8-3
- Game 2: Appin B v Rosemeadow Juniors won 7-0 Seniors lost 12-2
- Game 3: Appin B v Blairmount Juniors lost 6-0 Seniors lost 7-0

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 23rd June

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd June. Please come along and be a part of your child’s school. Agenda items: Bell times, Twilight fair, Update on Eftpos machine, Markets, Shopping trip, Winter uniforms/pleats in uniform, expenditure, Shade tent

Gymtastics Program

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).

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.

Permission notes were sent home earlier in the term. Please return the permission note even if your child is not participating in the program, as rolls and timetables need to be organised.

Thank you.

Fun Run Prizes have arrived!!

Fun Run prizes have been sent home with students today. Please let the office know if there are any problems. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

Term 3 Change of Sport Days *

Please be advised of the following changes to Sport for Term 3:

* Kindergarten and Year 1 students will participate in Gymtastics each Friday. This will replace their regular sport program for Term 3.

Please wear sports uniform each Friday.

* Students from Years 2 to 6 will participate in their regular sport program on a Wednesday for Term 3 and also participate in Gymtastics each Friday (except weeks 4 and 8 - PSSA Gala Days).

Please wear your sports uniform each Wednesday and Friday for Term 3.

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