Welcome back, to all of our students, staff and community members! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and you are ready to embark on a wonderful Term Three of learning at Appin Public School. I wish to extend a special welcome back to our Principal, Mrs Harrison, who has returned from her overseas holiday.

**Staff Development Day Monday, 13th July**

Our staff members were joined by the staff members of Yanderra Public School to focus professional learning on student welfare and on student learning. We looked at how to set learning intentions and success criteria to enhance the learning opportunities for our students.

*From the Principal*

Welcome back to school and Term 3 after what I am sure has been some quality relaxing time spent with precious children and a much appreciated break from routines, school lunch boxes and homework.

What a delight it is to see so many happy children excitedly swapping holiday stories and eager to commence another term of learning. An added bonus on our first day back at school was our beautiful renovated school grounds thanks to a handful of hard working parents and some Walker Corporation representatives. Our huge sandpit and quieter play area with wooden blocks for stepping and sitting really delighted many.

Our term begins with a flurry of events including our recognition of Naidoc Week with a performance today and mufti day on Thursday.

**Working Bee:** I cannot thank enough the parents who volunteered their time on Sunday to assist in our much publicised working bee. Sincere thanks to Heidi Beaton, Jo Greenwood, Sandra Hale, Paul Hughes and Gary Osgood who worked so long and hard to ensure our school grounds look spectacular. Your work is truly appreciated. Please check our website for before and after photos.

**Education Week:** Please keep Thursday 30th July 2015 free for our celebration of Education Week with Open Day and Grandparents’ Day. More details will follow next week.

**Dates to Remember:**

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**NAIDOC Week**

NAIDOC week activities will take place from 13-17th July.

**Tuesday the 14th of July:** ADAMORIGINAL- the Didgeridoo’s and Don’ts of Aboriginal Urban Culture. Adam Hill is coming to Appin to celebrate NAIDOC week with us, by sharing his original, humorous, highly energetic program of song, puppetry, language, personal stories and Yidaki (didgeridoo). Adam is a multi-talented Dhungatti (Kempsey area of N.S.W.) 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.

**Thursday the 16th of July:** NAIDOC WEEK MUFTI DAY and Buddy Class Boomerang painting! Please bring a gold coin donation. 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 will decorate their own wooden boomerang.

**Thursday and Friday 16th -17th July:** Sharon Shelton is coming back to Appin, to help paint a lovely indigenous themed mural under the Kindy rooms!

**Thursday 23rd July:** Stage 3 Museum: Stage 3 have been working hard to create a museum of indigenous learning all term, collating everything they have learned about indigenous rights. The Museum will be open all week for classes to visit and on Thursday before assembly for parents and the community to view. Please come along and take look. Lauren Buglass: Burton Teacher
Stamp Chart Superstars!

Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:

**Dardanelles**: Lucas, Chloe, Hamish, Nate, Ellah, Emily L, Alegra, Nevaeh, Joel, Cooper

**Tucker**: Emily, Shylah, Joshua, Hayley, Aston, Rylie, Ruby, Bailey, Caylen, Mikayla, Alex, Charlie

**Lemnos**: Martin, Hunter, Dylan, Alisha, Rhys, Grace, Carter, Kaia, Erin, Alyx, Mia, Joel, Noah, Akira, Chloe, Joshua Santos

**Canakkale**: Rylie, Wiloe, Logan F, Mitchell, Angus, William, Justin, Ava, Connor, Braidyn, Ethan, Lily, Shejana, Brady

**Flanders Field**: Lauren, Corey, Jake

**Lone Pine**: Western Front: Tasmyn, Riley, Rachel, Shelby, Alex, Hayley S, Gemma, Hayley G

**Burton**: Aaron, Emma, Liam, Lauren, Brianna, Ryan, Sam, Anthony, Russell

Keep up the fantastic efforts!

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**Musica Viva Performance**

We have booked a ‘Musica Viva’ performance at Appin Public School for all students, K-6 on Monday 10th August 2015. Teaching music is a mandatory component of the NSW Creative Arts syllabus. Earth, Wind and Sea by Zeeko, offers the unique experience of live performance by a professional music ensemble, supported by resources for teaching music in classrooms. Zeeko’s performance is inspired by the natural world. Each environment has its own voice, each ecosystem is its own symphony. The performance uses original compositions to explore the natural environment and how different cultures interact with it. Zeeko delivers a strong eco message and shows the connections between music and the natural world around us.

We would strongly encourage all students to attend the Zeeko Performance at school on Monday 10th August 2015. Please return the permission note sent home today with your payment of $9.00 by Monday 3rd August 2015. If you have difficulty in paying for the performance, please contact Mrs Harrison to discuss alternative arrangements, as we do not want students to miss this opportunity.

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**Reminder about change to Assembly and Sports Days**

Kinder and Year One wear their sports uniform only Fridays this term.

Years 2 – 6 wear their sports uniform Wednesdays and Fridays this term.

Assemblies will be on Thursdays from 2:30pm to 3:10pm in Term Three.

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**State Cross Country Carnival**

Well done, James Booth!

James Booth will be attending the State Cross Country Carnival on Friday. We wish him well and are all very proud of his achievement to represent our school and region. Good luck, James!
**Student of the Week**

Dardanelles – Mia Perrett  
Tucker – Aden Brown  
Canakkle – Connor Lewis  
Lemnos – Joshua Santos (T2W10) Kaia Thompson  
Hamilton – Riley Coulter  
Throssell – Oscar Haldenby  
Flanders Fields – Scarlett Corcoran  
Lone Pine – Georgie Kerron  
Burton – Jayden Lewis  
Western Front – Hayley Greenwood

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**Southern Stars Rehearsal**

The first Southern Stars rehearsal is Thursday 23rd July 2015. Students are to meet at Wilton Public School at 8am. Good luck to all these performers: Elisha Hampson, Lexie Nonenmacher, Scarlett Corcoran, Demi Gay, Ella Goodall, Tess McEvo King, Katelyn Foreman, Tahlia Greenwood, Jessica Santos, Ayla Costello, Emma Beaton, Ella Crompton, Ellie Hodges, Sam Hogan, Gemma Brittain, Hayley Spiteri, Olivia Dunbier, Rachel Lorenz, Lauren Goodall, Shelby Brown, Cherysh Flexman, Breanna Kennedy, Maleah Mayol, Sophie Melville, Hayley Greenwood.

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**Swimming Scheme**

The Department of Education and Training School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is usually conducted over ten days, however due to increased bus costs, this year our sessions will run over five days. Each daily lesson will be extended to 90 minutes with a short break in between the lesson. This will help to keep costs down and encourage more students to participate.

The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 and 3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6.

Instruction will take place at Bradbury Swimming Pool, Campbelltown. The Scheme will continue daily for one week from Monday 14th September 2015 to Friday 18th September 2015. There will be no charge for swimming lessons. Students leave school at 12 noon and return at 3pm.

Transport will cost $25.00 for the week. (Non-seatbelt bus) Pool entry will cost $15.00 for the week.

The total cost for the 5 day scheme is $40.00.

If you would like your child to participate in the Swimming Scheme, please complete and sign the form sent home today and return it to the office with payment by 31st August. Accounts can be paid off in instalments, finalised by Monday 7th September 2015.

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**Assembly Timetable - (Assemblies on Thursdays for Term 3)**

- **23/7** Week 2: Assembly Item - 3-6 Choir + June Aussies of Month presented
- **30/7** Week 3: Open Day - Details to follow
- **6/8** Week 4: Assembly Item - Hip Hop Dance Group + July Aussies of the Month presented
- **13/8** Week 5: No assembly - Athletics Carnival
- **20/8** Week 6: Assembly - Athletics ribbons presented
- **27/8** Week 7: Assembly Item - K-2 Choir + August Aussies of the Month presented
- **3/9** Week 8: Assembly - No item
- **10/9** Week 9: Assembly Item - Senior Dance Group
- **17/9** Week 10: Parliament Assembly