Welcome to Week 2 and even though we have had a very chilly start to this term our students are snug and cosy in their classrooms and happily run around in their play breaks. One positive outcome of all that rain was a welcome soaking for our hundreds of new plants! Our students are loving the enlarged sand pit and are inventing all sorts of interesting games to play using the logs of wood. Our mission now is to keep our school grounds rubbish free and have students walk to the closest bin in which to place their food packaging.

We extend a warm welcome to our Appin school family for Ben and Tennia who have joined Lemnos class, Haylie who has joined Throssell class and Ella who has joined Burton class.

**Education Week:** This annual celebration of public education is on again! Please visit our fantastic school on Thursday 30th July 2015 for our Open Day combined with Grandparents’ Day. We would love to see you all. Our classrooms will be open from 10am for you to visit and see what our students are learning and how they present this learning. If weather permits, please bring a picnic blanket or some folding chairs to have lunch on our playground with family and friends. Our canteen will be open for visitors to purchase hot food and drinks. Following our lunch break, we will hold an Assembly in our school hall commencing at 12 midday.

### Appin Public School Working Bee

The working bee went ahead as organised last Sunday, with close to 30 people giving up their day of rest, braving cold weather conditions and arriving early morning to complete compulsory works to the school grounds. We are extremely pleased with the result of the completed work – over 300 trees and shrubs were planted, the eco-garden refurbished, a new sandpit installed for the kids, planting and mulching of a new garden bed and the grounds decluttered and landscaped. In addition to the grounds work, new translucent panels were installed to the playground shelter and all pathways were edged and mowed, lattice screens were installed and a heap of rubbish removed.

The day involved plenty of digging, weeding, planting and lifting for those involved, and no doubt resulted in some aching muscles on Monday morning. The jumping castle, face painting and temporary tattoos kept the kids entertained while the adults rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty. The Appin Dogs RLFC organised the BBQ, supplying the workers and children with warm food and keeping them fuelled throughout the day.

The school grounds look great and the kids are particularly excited about the new sandpit. We would like to thank the local businesses, community, school staff and all involved on the day for their time and hard work. The upgrades would not have been possible without you.

A big thank you to all who participated and made the day a resounding success, including: Dianne Meznaric from Dimez Real Estate; Andrew Webb from Abatis fencing; Andrew Guesdon and team from Wisdom Homes; Darren Robins from Dazmow Property Maintenance; Peter Noruschat from Noruschat Enterprises; Rob Dries and Co. from Appin Dogs RLFC; Heidi Beaton from P&C; Tim Solan, Jason Crannage and Gerry Beasley from Walker Corporation, and the numerous school families.

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Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Hamilton:  Hannah, Callum
Keep up the fantastic efforts!

Student Achievements
Congratulations to Stage 3 students who have created a fantastic museum showcasing their learning in Human Society and its Environment about some “ordinary extraordinary” Aboriginal Australians and the impact they have made on our understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture and life. This museum is located in the small portable building near Stage 3 classrooms. It is well worth a visit before this Thursday’s afternoon assembly.
As usual after school holidays, there have been some really interesting holiday stories written in classrooms. Well done to all our budding authors.
Congratulations to the following students who have produced some commendable results in the recent ICAS Digital Technologies assessment, which was quite tricky:
Credit – Samuel from Lone Pine
Merit – Paige S from Throssell, Ethan from Flanders Fields
Participation – Lucas from Flanders Fields
Congratulations to all!

Gala Day #3
Our next PSSA Gala Day is on Friday 7th August. Permission notes have already been returned. Please ensure that your bus money $7.50 is paid at the office before Thursday 6th August. The bus departs school on Friday at 8.50am so please remember to be at school on time.

Head Lice Awareness
Parents please be advised that there have been several cases of Head Lice reported to school in these first two weeks. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated and will help to minimise outbreaks. Thank you.

Payment Delay for Private Vehicle Subsidy
Transport for NSW has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay in processing PVC subsidies. They estimate a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time. Transport for NSW apologise for the inconvenience.

Tahmoor Cricket Club
Registration days Saturday July 18th & 25th from 9am until 12pm and Sunday 16th & 23rd August from 10am until 12pm at Tahmoor Sportsground. Age 6 to adult all welcome. Girls are welcomed and encouraged in juniors. Enquiries phone Jane on 0419 296 508 or email secretarytdcc@gmail.com

Appin Playgroup
Appin Playgroup will return on Monday 10th August 2015. The group meets in the school Canteen/Hall each Monday from 9.30am to 11am. All welcome.

Down Syndrome Fundraiser
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pyjama Day dress up last term. Our school donated $261.00 to this worthy charity.

Book Club
Book Club brochures were sent home last week. Please return all orders to school by Tuesday 28th July 2015.

School Banking News
Thank you to those students supporting the School Banking Program. The commission received by the P&C for student banking for the period of April to June was $111.18. Well done to all our savers! Make 3 or more school banking deposits in Term 3 and be automatically entered into the Commonwealth Bank competition to win one of hundreds of prizes including mini iPads, headphones and Booktopia gift certificates. Thank you for your continued support of School Banking at Appin Public School.
Banking Co-ordinator: Donna Crane
**Student of the Week**

Dardanelles – Chloe Harrington
Tucker – Charlie Bryant
Canakkle – Braidyn Chinchio
Lemnos – Alisha Collis
Hamilton – Jemma Costello
Throssell – Emma Clissold
Flanders Fields – Corey Lovelee
Lone Pine – Leah Kelly
Burton – Abby Jones
Western Front – TBA

**Southern Stars Rehearsal**

Our dance group have been quietly and tirelessly rehearsing their dance routine throughout this year in preparation for their participation in this year’s Southern Stars performance on the 28th and 29th August 2015. They have a number of rehearsals coming up where they will meet the hundreds of other dancers from other public schools. We know that this is an exciting time for them and are so very proud of them. They would not be as polished without the dedication and high expectations of Mrs Corcoran.

**NAIDOC Week celebration**

A big thank you is extended to Miss Buglass for her wonderful organisation of our activities last week to celebrate NAIDOC Week. On Tuesday afternoon our students were entertained by Adam Hill and his Adamriginal show full of interesting yarns.

Then on Thursday our students thoroughly enjoyed coming to school wearing the Aboriginal colours of red, black or yellow. With their buddies, students worked collaboratively to decorate wooden boomerangs using traditional dots to form a design.

**Going Beyond the Frame for Southern Stars 2015**

Last Thursday saw the official launch of Southern Stars 2015 where details about the theme for this year’s show were announced.

This year Southern Stars is going Beyond The Frame and pushing the boundaries and taking risks with music, theatre, song, dance, staging, lighting and costuming in new and exciting ways.

The show will look beyond what you first see, leading to some amazing numbers including hundreds of students making their bodies a part of an original Aboriginal dot painting, a theatre segment on the ANZACS focusing on those left at home facing their own battles, and a cast of thousands performing the National Anthem.

Approximately 3,000 public school students from around Southern NSW will take part in the two hour show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

As in past years, community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows.

It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students is something not to be missed!

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm) - make sure you are one of them.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.

You can keep informed about what’s coming up in the show, by visiting the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site or by visiting www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au