Welcome to Week 5 where I am an extremely proud Principal after visiting the venues for our touch and soccer teams last Friday on Gala Day. I was thrilled to watch some of the games and hear of scores and also of terrific sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour of our Appin Years 3-6 students. You should all be very proud of your efforts and conduct! Thank you once again to our P&C for subsidising the bus fares for this day.

Athletics carnival

Please join us, if your time permits, this Thursday 13th August for our annual school athletics carnival. Miss McLeod has done an exceptional job in organising this whole school event but would still appreciate parent help for some events even if it is for one hour. Please let her know if you can assist.

Our P&C have organised a coffee van for the comfort of our parent spectators.

Book Fair, Author Visit, Mad Hatter’s Parade

Our Book Fair will commence this Friday 14th August and continue next Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th August in our Library. Parents are most welcome to visit with students before and after school on these days. Students will also be able to purchase books during their Library lesson, at lunch or recess times.

On Friday 21st August 2015, Craig Smith, illustrator of books such as “Windy Farm”, “Cat”, “Emily Eyefinger” and the “Too Cool” series will be visiting our school to speak with our students. We are very fortunate to have such an esteemed illustrator come to our school and as our school has not had an author or illustrator visit for a few years, this learning experience for students will be paid for by our school and therefore free to all K-6 students.

Please keep Tuesday 25th August 2015 free from 2:30 onwards for our Book Week Parade where every student is encouraged to make a crazy or mad hat to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Alice in Wonderland.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers

Our school is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards program. For each $10 spent at Woolworths stores you will be given one sticker. Place all your stickers collected onto the card provided. Return full cards to school or your Woolworths store. At the end of the promotional period we will tally our cards and receive educational resources according to the number of sticker cards we have collected. ($$$ spent at Woolworths).

Thank you for your support.

Gold Award Celebration Recognition

In recognition of our students who have attained a gold award and have been “Aussie of the Month” this year, they will be invited to attend the primary schools only day at Jamberoo Water Park early in December. More information including cost will follow when it becomes available.

Father’s Day Stall

Father’s Day is fast approaching! Our annual P&C organised Father’s Day Stall will take place on Tuesday 1st September 2015. This year, to make things a little easier for our office, P&C volunteers, teachers and you as parents, **students need only bring their $5 on this day**. Please do not send it in earlier. For K-2 students you may like to consider placing their $5 in a lock seal plastic bag clearly labelled with your child’s name. They will take it to the stall and hand their money over as they buy their gift.
**Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Tiarna and Jemma in Lone Pine class who have attained their times tables passport which means that on three occasions they have correctly completed 100% of their times tables. Way to go girls!

On Gala Day last Friday the small number of Years 3-6 students who choose to stay at school participated in some interesting art work celebrating an endangered flora or fauna local to our area. Some gorgeous pictures were produced by Lexie, Amanda, Alexis, Sharna, Tyler, Lucy, Leah, Madison, Jessica, Starleah, Tanahlia, Anthony and Jayden.

Achieving a bronze or silver certificate in Mathletics recently were Madison, Leah, Jemma, Amylia, Sam, Georgie and Starleah from Lone Pine class. Well done!

Congratulations to Jake from Flanders Fields class who has completed an outstanding project on Pemulwuy, an Aboriginal Australian born around 1750 in the Botany Bay area.

**Stamp Chart Superstars!**

Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:

- Dardanelles: Joshua, Bede, Joel
- Tucker: Noah, Aston, Bailey, Aleksander, Leila, Mikayla, Alex, Caylen, Riley, Shakaya, Ella, Emily, Isabella, Hayley, Ruby, Lily, Claudia
- Lone Pine: Rhys, Lukas, RJ, Sam, Alexis, Leah, Tess, Sharna, Jessica, Jemma, Tanahlia, Amylia
- Weston Front: Nick Jnr

Keep up the fantastic efforts!

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**Parliament Assembly**

Please be advised that we are holding a Parliament Assembly **TOMORROW** (Wednesday 12th Aug) at 2.30pm in the school hall. Parents are warmly welcome to attend.

**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Awards this Week

Aussie of the Month
An AUSSIE OF THE MONTH is someone who:
* Consistently obeys the school rules.
* Is helpful to students and teachers.
* Is caring to other class and school members.
* Is a good friend.
* Always gives of their best and tries hard to improve.
* Displays a wonderful attitude to school.
The ‘Aussies of the Month’ for July are:
**Infants** - Cooper Maroun
**Primary** - Ayla Costello

Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Bede Collings
Tucker – Hayley Nonenmacher
Canakkale – Ashton Strutt
Lemnos – Tennia T
Hamilton – Harry McKenzie
Throssell – Bryce Peer
Flanders Fields – Lexie Nonenmacher
Lone Pine - Loukas Petrovski
Burton – Jordan Hall
Western Front – Charlize Beattie

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
If you do not want your child or children to participate, please inform your child’s teacher or our school office by Friday 14th August 2015. FAQs are available from the website above.

Head Lice are back!!
We have had an outbreak of Head Lice in the older grades this term. All parents are reminded to check your child’s hair regularly and treat if any lice or eggs are found. All hats, pillow cases, sheets etc need to be washed at the same time to stop re-infestation. It is impossible to get on top of the problem if students are coming to school untreated. Please be vigilant and thoroughly check and treat your child’s hair if necessary. Thank you for your assistance and perseverance in this matter.
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. It’s fabulous to have such a great band of supporters on the day. Thank you once again 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 Ambarvale  Juniors won 7-2  Seniors won 4-0
Game 2  Appin v Bradbury B  Juniors won 12-0  Seniors won 8-0
Game 3  Appin v Bradbury A  Juniors won 5-0  Seniors won 3-1

Touch Football:

Game 1  Appin Yellow v Lomandra  Juniors Bye  Seniors won 3-0
Game 2  Appin Yellow v Rosemeadow  Juniors won 4-0  Seniors won 5-1
Game 3  Appin Yellow v Bradbury  Juniors won 4-1  Seniors won 7-0
Game 1  Appin Green v Rosemeadow  Juniors won 8-1  Seniors won 5-0
Game 2  Appin Green v Bradbury B  Juniors won 5-2  Seniors won 8-2
Game 3  Appin Green v Bradbury A  Juniors lost 6-3  Seniors won 5-0

Netball:

Game 1  Appin A v Woodland Road  Juniors won 6-0  Seniors won 12-3
Game 2  Appin A v Ambarvale  Juniors won 7-5  Seniors won 10-0
Game 3  Appin A v Leumeah  Juniors drew 1-1  Seniors lost 1-6
Game 1  Appin B v Briar Road  Juniors won 5-0  Seniors won 6-5
Game 2  Appin B v Campbelltown  Juniors drew 11-11  Seniors won 6-2
Game 3  Appin B v St Helens Park  Juniors won 1-0  Seniors lost 3-7

P&C News!!!

Annual Shopping Trip:
The P&C’s annual shopping trip is coming up and we are now taking deposits/full payments to secure your seat.
Date: Sat 24th October
Time: 7am until approx 6pm
Cost: $55, due by 18/9. Includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch.
Seats: 45, 19 already filled
We will be visiting more than 10 outlets on the day. Cash payments can be left at the office or with Sandra Hale. Eftpos payments can be made Friday mornings in the uniform shop with a $2 surcharge applicable.
There is more detailed information on the notice board outside the Kindergarten rooms or by contacting Melissa Lovelee on 0420662396.
A fun day out while raising much needed funds for our school.

Markets:
The P&C are happy to announce that the markets will be held on Sunday 30th August 2015 in the school grounds. If anyone is interested in having a stall, please contact Melissa on 0420 662396 or Angela on 0409 312024 for further details. We also require volunteers to help on the BBQ. Please help our school and support this major fundraiser. Return the slip below if you are able to assist.

MARKET HELPERS – Sunday 30th August 2015
I am able to assist with:

☐ Setting up from 8am  ☐ Packing up from 1pm
☐ BBQ – please circle time slot: (8am – 9.30am) (9.30am – 11.00am) (11am – 12pm) (12pm -1pm)
Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________

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Canteen Tender

Our School Canteen Licence expires at the end of the year. We are now calling for Tenders for 2016. An advertisement has been placed in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Campbelltown Advertiser. If you would like to tender for the canteen licence, please contact the school office for a Tender Information Package. Tenders must be submitted by 3pm on Friday 28th August 2015.

Appin Public School Canteen Licence
Tenders are called for the licence of the Appin Public School Canteen commencing from 28th January 2016 for a term of approx three years. Annual school enrolments will be approx. 240 students. Requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:

The Principal Appin Public School  
97 Appin Road
Appin NSW 2560

Tenders close at 3pm on Friday 28th Aug 2015. A tender briefing and site visit will be held on Tuesday 18th Aug at 2pm.