From the Principal

Welcome to Week 6 and another proud Principal moment following Thursday’s athletics carnival.

Athletics carnival

Congratulations to all of our students on their amazing participation, enthusiasm and sportsmanship in last Thursday’s school athletics carnival. It was fantastic to see students having a go at every activity and hear so many encouraging words from their friends.

Congratulations to Miss McLeod on doing such an exceptional job organising this whole school event. Perfect weather and lots of spectators added to the ambience of the day. Special thanks go to the parents who volunteered to help with time keeping and raking the long jump pit and to our Ambarvale High School student helpers on the day.

Book Fair, Author Visit, Mad Hatter’s Parade

Our Book Fair has commenced! Don’t miss out – it finishes today!

This Friday 21st August 2015, Craig Smith, illustrator of books such as “Windy Farm”, “Cat”, “Emily Eyefinger” and the “Too Cool” series is visiting our school to speak with our students about the books he has illustrated and about life as an illustrator. This is a free incursion for all K-6 students.

Please keep next 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. Students will parade in their class groups. Each student who makes a hat will have a chance to win something from Mrs Newey’s special Book Week awards collection.

Our special thanks go to Mrs Newey, our Librarian, for all her organisation of these three events to celebrate Book Week.

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Kinderstart

This Kinder preparation program will run on seven Thursday mornings starting on Thursday, 3rd September 2015. It will continue into Term 4 finishing with Orientation Day on 29th October 2015. This program will give your child social skills, early literacy and numeracy skills, fine and gross motor skills and will also give them a chance to familiarise themselves with our school, classrooms and teachers. Parents are welcome to stay with their child in the classroom.

If you are interested in your child joining Appin Public School’s KinderStart this term please notify our school office. It is not compulsory for your child to attend every session. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact our Office or Principal.

Thursdays 3rd, 10th, 17th September from 9.30 to 10.30am
Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd October from 9.10am to 10am
Thursday 29th October from 9.10am to 11am (Orientation Day - mandatory attendance please)

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. 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
Flanders Fields class were fortunate enough to play in some real snow last Monday following Mr Thompson's weekend trip where he brought back an esky full of snow. This was a wonderful experience for many students who had never seen or touched snow before. Not only did they make a snowman following discussions with Mrs Talintyre using her real life experiences making snowmen as a child in England but some rich language resulted around the five senses ready for some entertaining writing.

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Canakkale: Justin, Braidyn, William, Brady, Logan, Ava, Lily, Charlotte, Shejana
Throssell: Coby, Haylie, Reuben, Bryce, Eddie, Callum, Ayden, Jiselle, Eliza, Ayla, Holly, Oliver, Oscar, Killara, Hayley, Evlyn
Keep up the fantastic efforts!

Book Club
Book Club brochures were sent home on Friday. Please return orders to school by **Friday 28th August 2015**. Thank you for your continued support of Book Club at our school.

BEYOND THE FRAME SOUTHERN STARS 2015
Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2015 Beyond The Frame are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance and vocal rehearsals around the state. The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster (Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140) as soon as possible to make sure you don’t miss out. Beyond the Frame, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm). To keep up with all the news about Beyond The Frame including recent media stories and picture galleries, as well as profiles of performers and teachers involved in the show, visit the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site. Like us and share with your friends and family!

School Survey
Thank you to those parents who have returned their completed survey to the school. We will be drawing 6 names out at the assembly on Thursday 20th August. These lucky students will receive a voucher to redeem at the canteen. Its not too late to get into the draw. The survey can be found on the website under the newsletter section. Simply fill out and return it to the office before next Tuesday 18th August to go into the draw. Thank you for your support of our school.
Awards this Week: Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Nate Gilmore
Tucker – Alex Beaton
Lemnos – Ben Cohen
Canakkale – Sophie Hughes
Hamilton – Leonardo Difazio
Throssell – Allyssa Barry
Flanders Fields – Tyler Jones
Lone Pine - Amanda Dawson
Burton – Ella Cohen
Western Front – Tasmyn Reynolds

Uniform Shop
I am currently looking for additional volunteers in the uniform shop. I am sometimes unavailable to open on a Friday morning due to work commitments or other issues and unfortunately no longer have another volunteer who is available and trained. If you could spare some time on a Friday morning from 9-10am to learn how the uniform shop operates and work along side me initially it would be greatly appreciated. Then we could continue to offer this service every week rather than having unexpected closures. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
Thank you. Kirsten Martyn: Uniform Shop Co-ordinator (0411 166339)

Athletics Carnival 2015
Congratulations to all of our students who participated in a wonderful fun filled day. Our Zone Team has been announced  and permission notes given out today.
Congratulations to the winning House: 1st place Hovell (green) on 251 points. They were followed by:
2nd place Hume (yellow) on 228
3rd place Tyson (Red) on 225
4th place Macquarie (Blue) on 172.
Well done to everyone who participated in the events.
Special congratulations to the age champions:
Age Champions: Maleah Mayol and Tasmyn Reynolds
Runner-up Champions: Abby Jones and Jayden Cook
Athletics ribbons will be presented at the assembly on Thursday 20th August (Week 6). Parents welcome to attend.

School Records Broken
Congratulations to the following students who broke school records at the Athletics Carnival.
This is an outstanding achievement. Well done!!
Coby Hilton: 9yrs 100m 14.78sec
Amber Mason: 8yrs 100m 16.81sec
Maleah Mayol - 3 records broken: 12yrs 100m 13.90sec
Snr High Jump 129cm (equal)
Snr Long Jump 3.95m
The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school is participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey. 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 takes 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. The link to the survey can be found below as well as on our facebook page and on the skoolbag app. Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent18434&j_password=App1045

Thank you for taking the time to complete it!!

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item. Thank you.

2015 Zone Athletics Carnival

Students in the Zone team have been given a permission note today.
Dates: Wednesday 2nd September (Field Events from 9am to 3pm))
Thursday 3rd September (Track Events from 9am to 3pm))
Thursday 3rd September (Track Finals from 4pm to 5pm)

Please note:
* Notes and payment should be returned to the office by Wednesday 26th August 2015.
* Students are responsible for organising their child’s attendance for the Track Finals on Thursday afternoon.
* Students only attend on the day or days that they are participating.
* Students are needed to assist with transport to this event. If you are able to help please let the office know.
* Students who make it to the Regional Carnival are required to purchase a shirt for $15. This must be purchased on Wednesday or Thursday - please send $15 with your child, just in case they are successful. Track representatives may hire a singlet instead of purchasing a shirt if they prefer.
* Campbelltown PSSA merchandise will be available to purchase on the day.

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.

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: ___________________________