Welcome to Week 7 where we have rubbish free school grounds thanks to all students cleaning up a designated area around our school last Friday as our way of being involved in “Clean-up Australia”. Special thanks go to Miss Turhanlar and her Eco Committee for their wonderful organisation of this annual event. Please check out our school website for photo evidence of our students cleaning up!

**Walkathon**

Our Walkathon was a fantastic afternoon of happy chatting students walking with their friends whilst striving to complete as many laps of our circuit as possible. It was wonderful to see so many parents walking with us as well. Last Friday our first 8 names were drawn out from the students who had already returned their sponsorship money. These lucky winners chose a surprise from the box and they were Darcy, Demi, Seth, Charlee, Amy, Oliver C, Mitchell and Aden. Well done and please keep the sponsorship money coming in. More names will be drawn out this week.

**Aussie of the Month**

This award is highly regarded at our school and this year we are simplifying the nomination process. Each school month every teacher will nominate two students from their class. Two students will be chosen from this “pool” with one from K-2 and one from 3-6. To be nominated, students need to demonstrate continuously that they are being a safe, friendly and respectful learner at an outstanding level. Students will now be able to receive this honour more than once if they fit the criteria, as it will be a merit based award; one which is earned. Parents will be notified if their child is the “Aussie of the Month” and informed which Friday assembly this award will be presented. These awards will not be re-presented at the end of year Presentation Assembly.

**Staff changes**

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen family circumstances, there will be some staff changes as from next week that affects two of our Kinder classes. For Sydney class, Mrs Brumpton will replace Ms Kiddle on a Monday and Tuesday and work with Mrs Quince. Mrs Grace will reduce her days to 5 days a fortnight and move to the Learning and Support teacher role. Miss Lauren O’Keeffe will join our staff and become the teacher for Melbourne class for the rest of this year. Students in each of these classes have received a letter outlining these changes. We thank you for your understanding.

**Dates to Remember:**

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Student Achievements
Rio de Janeiro students Angus, Braidyn, Isabella, Erin and Benjamin have produced some interesting writing about a snake featuring alliteration. Way to go Year 2! Continuing on with the writing theme in K-2, many students in Tokyo and Mexico City are achieving their goal of correctly forming tricky letters and also spacing them correctly. Well done to Lucas, Rhys, Austen, Hayley, Joel, Emily, Connor, Lily, Hunter and Logan in Tokyo class, to Kaya, Cayden, Chelsea, Charlie, Shyla and Alyx in Mexico City class and to Kayden in Melbourne class. Keep up the great achievements!
Congratulations to all!

Stamp Chart Superstars
Congratulations to the following students who have filled their stamp chart by demonstrating our classroom rules.
Tokyo: Hayley, Shakaya, Logan, Hunter
Mexico City: Joshua, Logan, Emily, Maverick
Rio de Janeiro: Dylan, Akira, Elyse, Joel, Brady, Tennia, Noah, William, Joshua
Student of the Week
Seoul – Ned Carmont
Sydney – Cameron Bartley
Melbourne – Alex Beaton
Mexico – Alyx Schaaphok
Tokyo – Joel Blunden
Rio de Janeiro – Brady Wilson
Beijing – Hannah Iriarte
Moscow – Sienna Southgate
Athens – Cooper Brittain
Barcelona – Jett Smith
London – Jessica Santos

Good Guys Fundraising
We have just purchased an iPad (prize for the Walkathon) from the GoodGuys using our GoodGuys school dollars. This is an easy fundraiser. Whenever anyone (friends, family, parents, etc) purchases an item from the Good Guys, just ask for your school dollars. You receive $1 for every $25 you spend. Just make sure you ask before leaving the store. They will give you your school dollars and you simply send them into school where we can accumulate them until we have enough to spend. Thanks for your support of this simple fundraiser!!

No Hat No Play
Our school policy is that students who do not have their Appin school hat at school, must sit or play under the COLA near our Kinder rooms. For health and safety reasons, we do not keep spare hats for students who forget to bring their own to school.

2016 (ICAS) Competitions (For Yrs 3-6)
Please return permission notes by Friday 18th March 2016. No late applications can be accepted. Students are able to participate in the following tests:
- Computer Skills – 17 May 2016 ($8.00)
- Writing – 13 June 2016 to 17 June 2016 ($17.00)
- English – 2 August 2016 ($8.00)
- Mathematics – 16 August 2016 ($8.00)

Evacuation Drill
Don’t be alarmed if you hear the evacuation siren at school over the next couple of weeks. We will be practising our emergency procedures.

Canteen
Don’t forget to order your Sydney or Mexican Lunch Showbags. Orders due by Monday 14th March.

School Photos - Thursday 24th March
The photographers will visit our school on Thursday 24th March 2016. Envelopes were sent home today with students. Parents wishing to purchase these photos are asked to return the envelopes with payment to the office before photo day. Each child needs to have their own envelope on the day to have their photo taken. Please take advantage of the online payment system now available. Go to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the ‘Click here for Online Payments’ button and follow the on screen instructions. or call our office on 9674 9824 and we will take your payment over the phone. If paying by cash, correct money must be placed in the envelope or a note to say that the money is in oldest child’s envelope. Sibling photos are available (only students enrolled at Appin School). Please ask at the office for a sibling photo envelope if you wish for these photos to be taken. Sibling packs start at $15.00.

Sport 3-6: Change of Day: THIS WEEK ONLY!
Sport will be on Thursday this week for students 3-6.