



APPIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13th June, 2019

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend as we head towards the final two weeks of term. The end of Term 2 is a very busy time and we still have much to look forward to in the last two weeks. We will have QUEST celebrations, 5/6 sports carnival, a Ballet workshop and performance just to name a few, all along side our day to day teaching and learning. Term 2 is traditionally long and demanding as the weather changes and the cold and flu season kicks in. We are looking forward to a great final 2 weeks and then a well deserved break for all.

Mid year reporting

Mid year reports will be available on Compass on Thursday 27th June. I want to thank all of our teachers for their dedication to this huge task for all of their students. The format of reports remains the same as Semester 2 last year with a place for you to discuss with your child their reflection of the Personal and Social Capabilities listed. Parent teacher meetings will take place mid-late Term 3 in order for you to see your child's class teacher and discuss their progress.

Attendance

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

North East Victoria as a region of the Department of Education is having a strong focus on attendance. The time is right to focus on improved attendance rates at **Appin Park**. Over the last weeks of term there will be an article each week which highlights the importance of school attendance.

Last year on average each student was absent for 15 days. This means that on average each student will miss 6 months of school during their time at our school.

Local and international research demonstrates a strong correlation between students' learning, longer-term life outcomes and attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs.

It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance from an early age, as the older a child gets the more difficult it can be to establish new habits.

Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and future potential as adults. Once learners have begun to absent themselves from pre-school or school, and the initial cause of this remains undetected or unresolved, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate through their subsequent schooling and adulthood.

Please remember that if you are experiencing difficulty in having your child attend school, discuss the matter with your child's teacher.



Next Week: Why every day counts

Healthy Eating

A healthy lunch keeps active kids alert and focused and gives them the nutrition they need every day. But no matter how healthy your child's lunch box is, it won't provide any nutritional value if it doesn't get eaten! What is in a balanced lunchbox? Pack the core 4 + 1 for active kids - main lunch, core snack (piece of seasonal fruit) +1 extra snack for active kids. If possible, keep "occasional" foods such as snack food bars, sweet biscuits, flavoured or coated popcorn and savoury biscuits and chips out of the lunch box.

We have Breakfast Club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are happy to feed as many kids as possible in order to have them fuelled up and ready to learn.

Healthy School Lunchbox

A healthy lunchbox should include-



Cheese, meat, or fish sandwich.



Water, milk or fresh fruit juice.



Fruit



Yoghurt



Enjoy the rest of the week and the weekend!

Dale Carmody - Principal

Upcoming Events

26 June	Semester 1 Reports Available	28 June	Last Day of Term
27 June	5/6 Sports Carnival	15 July	Term 3 Commences

Playgroup is on every Tuesday morning from 9.30am to 11am. All parents, grandparents and carers of children from birth to school age are welcome. Come and share a cuppa and make some new friends. There is no cost, fruit is provided.

Rachael and Lisa do a wonderful job with Playgroup and are asking for anyone who may be able to help out once or twice a term. If you could help out please let us know at the Office and we can pass the message on.



This week at Appin Park



Quest Celebration Morning
Wednesday 26th June 9.15-11am
Dinosaurs, Bridges and Bright Sparks



Just Kids is open every day from 3.15pm-6pm and 8am-6pm during school holidays. Casual & permanent bookings are available.

