



APPIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



7 February, 2019

Hello Everyone,

We are back into the swing of things as the end of our first full week back draws to a close. We have had a great start and have enjoyed having many new students and families begin at Appin Park. This past week we have had Bluearth begin, our school leaders announced and had a flying visit from three Collingwood players.

Pupil Free Day - Reminder

On **Friday, 15 February** we have a Pupil Free Day. All teachers will be at Yarrunga PS for the day with Mathematics Professor Peter Sullivan. This will be a day full of learning and will support the great work that our staff have completed in 2018 around our teaching and learning.



Gumleaf winners

Congratulations to Will, Ella and Max for their Gumleaf Awards this week.

Ella chose free time with a friend, Will a class game and Max to be a PE assistant.

Well done.



Bluearth begins

Bluearth coach 'Swanny' held his first session with our junior and middle classes last Friday. A good time was had by all as students tried the mountain pose and games Flinch and Jump. Swanny will be here fortnightly over the course of the year.

Student Leaders

A great start to the week as we announced our Student Leaders at assembly. Last week I was fortunate enough to see some very courageous Year 6 students put their hand up for both School and House Captain positions. The votes were so close and the applications of such a high quality that we have named 4 School Captains for 2019. Our 2019 **School Captains** are: Lily Knox, Bailey Walch, Flynn Carson and Ben Feldtmann Congratulations. Our House Captains for 2019 are: Sam Mitchell and Chelsea Hoffard (Clarke) Miles Lovett and John Wohlers (Freeman), Mitch Vincent and Ruby Snowdon (Fraser) and Max Bihun and Corey Petersen (Bradman).

Badge presentations will take place on **Monday 11th February** at assembly. I would like to invite parents of our leaders to assembly to present the badges if they are available to do so. In speaking to all of our school captain applicants, we talked about not only the courage to stand up and talk in front of a large group but r also the courage to know that you may miss out on a role but put your hand up anyway. I was very impressed with the group and look forward to working with our leaders and senior students in 2019.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meeting times are now on Compass. Secure your time for this meeting to discuss your child's needs with their 2019 classroom teacher.

Newsletter competition - reminder

This year we are holding a newsletter competition, **each week there will be a random letter somewhere in the text. This is not a typo and will make a word after 4-8 weeks.** Once all letters have been revealed, the first student to bring the correct answer to the office will receive a yet to be determined prize!

Dale Carmody - Principal

New families who hold a current Health Care Card, please fill out a CSEF form at the office (if you have not already done so).

Upcoming Events

14 Feb	Pool Party	19/20 Feb	Parent Teacher Meetings	6 Mar	Finalise Gr 5/6 Camp Payments
15 Feb	Student Free Day	11 Mar	Labour Day	18 Mar	Grade 5/6 Camp

Collingwood Player Visit



From the Chaplain

Welcome to 2019. I happy to say I am at Appin Park from Monday to Thursday 9am to 1pm.

The year has started well, with my focus on meeting up with our new students and finding out what they like about Appin Park so far. I have met most of them and have been pleased to hear they are finding our school fun and friendly. Thanks to all of you for helping our new students settle in and showing our values of Respect, Responsibility and Caring.

Literacy is obviously a top priority at Appin Park. We are keen for our kids to grow their vocabulary, learn the meaning of words, as well as when and how to use them.

We think **Emotional Literacy** is an important part of **Learning for Living**. This Term I will be in class once a week to help students develop their Emotional Literacy.

This means they will be learning how to name their feelings, increase the number of words they have to describe their feelings, and most importantly, understand what those feelings mean for them, and those around them.

Please ask your children about what they have learned, or even check to see how many feeling words they can name.

Feel free to drop in any time if you'd like to chat.

Chaplain Bec



Breakfast Club starts next week. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8.30am to 8.55am. Come to the canteen for toast, cereal and juice.



Pool Party

It's on again! Next Thursday, 14th February Appin Park School Council have organised a pool party at the Olympic Pool in Swan St. This is a great way to have a relaxing fun evening with your family and the school community.

Time: 5.00 – 7.30pm **Cost:** \$3.20 per person entry

This entry fee will also include the use of the slide. Payment at the pool entrance.

Bring along your own snacks & picnic tea or School Council will be selling sausages in bread and cans of drink. Sausages: \$2, Drinks: \$2. We hope to see you all there!



Appin Park Parents' Association (APPA) – who we are, what we do

The Appin Park Parents' Association (APPA) is open to parents, grandparents, guardians and carers of students at Appin Park PS who would like to help contribute to the wellbeing of the school community. As well as providing a fun and engaging place to meet others, APPA also provides the opportunity to discuss issues concerned with the welfare and general education policy of the school.

In conjunction with School Council, APPA coordinates a major component of the fundraising activities for the school with the proceeds enabling the school to purchase valuable resources and equipment that will benefit current and future students and staff across all areas and year levels. Some of our annual fundraising events include; Hot Cross bun drive, Raffles, Sausage Sizzles, Hot Dog days, Family Pie drive, Footy Pie day and icy-pole days.

At the moment we have approximately 11 members who regularly attend the monthly meetings, along with our Principal Dale Carmody. Office bearers for 2019 are Vanessa Luscombe (President), Sheree Fraser (Vice President), Margie Moore (Treasurer), Melanie Martens (Secretary) and Michelle Webb (School Council Rep). We are more than happy to chat with anyone interested in becoming involved in APPA either as a member who can attend meetings, or as someone who is willing to help out on the odd occasion but cannot commit to monthly meetings. We do understand the demands of work and family and so don't wish to discourage anyone who feels it is a requirement to attend meetings – there are many options out there to be a part of APPA and the school community, so we would love to hear from you.

If you are available and would like to come along and see what we are all about, please join us at our next meeting on **Monday 4th March at 6.30pm in the Staff Room**. If this is not 'your cup of tea', however you would like to help out from time to time, please let us know your availability by completing the form below and registering on our **APPA Helpers' List**.

We look forward to meeting and/or hearing from you.

Kind regards

Vanessa Luscombe
2019 APPA President

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APPA Helpers' List

Name:

Phone:

Email:

I am interested in being involved with APPA in the following way (please tick):

- attending meetings, however would like more information first – please contact me
- helping out occasionally with the following fundraising activities:

- Sausage Sizzle and Hot Dog days
- Raffles
- Fundraising days ie lunchtime Icy-pole days (various)
- General bits and pieces (give me a call and I can see if I can help)

I am generally available to help on the following days if given enough notice (please circle):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Thank you, from the team at APPA