



APPIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



7th March, 2019

Hello Everyone,

Another week flies by and we are well and truly settled in to the routines for 2019. The Preps will have their first full week next week as we prepare for the last 4 weeks of term! A reminder that there will be **no school on Monday** as this is a public holiday. Enjoy the extra day with your families and make the most of the cooler weather. The final letter is hidden today, first student into the office with the correct word earns a prize!



Gumleaf winners

Well done to Ned, Wyatt and Charlie on their gumleaf awards. Ned chose free time with a friend, Wyatt a basketball game and Charlie a bakery lunch. Congratulations!

Bunnings BBQ - Help still needed!

We have our first Bunnings BBQ for the year on **this Sunday**, March 10th and we need volunteers! The roster has one hour timeslots from 9am-4pm so if you can assist please let us know at the office. For an hour of your time you can help us raise around \$1,000 for resources around the school. We are short in numbers from the **12pm-3pm** timeslots. If you can help it would be much appreciated.



Appin Stars



Pixie Dalton

for being a very responsible and self-motivated learner. She enjoys learning and improving and always tries to produce her best work.

Lily Knox

Lily has made an exceptional start to the year. Her dedication to her schooling and caring nature displayed to those around prove that she will be a great school captain for 2019.

Focus on Numeracy

As a part of our work with Professor Peter Sullivan from Monash University, all classrooms are working on maths skills and fluency through problem solving and challenge tasks. Children are posed a problem and given time to try and work out for themselves how to tackle it and discuss with classmates what they think they should do. They are then given the opportunity to show how they would go about it and learn from classmates who may try it differently! Each class will work through a sequence of challenge tasks and then reflect on the work n samples after 4 weeks. If you hear the 'Zone of confusion' mentioned at your house, this is a saying used around being given a problem and not being shown how to go about working it out. Some student reflections below from 5/6A ;

'We had a situation where we had to make multiple solutions to match the equation. Cam and I found 3 solutions which we could make 6 by swapping numbers around. It was different because we had to work it out for ourselves and not be shown what to do'. - *Samia*

'It was hard! We had quite a few answers but they turned out to be wrong. We worked out what not to do and that helped us to find the correct answer'. - *Mitch*

Office

Nicole will be on Long Service Leave for the next 2 weeks. Linda will be in the office at these times completing the admin and some finance tasks. If you could please have camp payments finalised tomorrow that would be great!

Excursions

Over the last 4 weeks of the term, all classes will be attending an excursion. Grade 3-6 on March 29 and P-2 on April 4. Any time where bus travel is required will mean permission will be done through Compass. These excursions are covered by the fee payment, if you have not paid this as yet, you will receive a note in school bags. Please keep an eye out for permission notifications on Compass in the coming weeks.

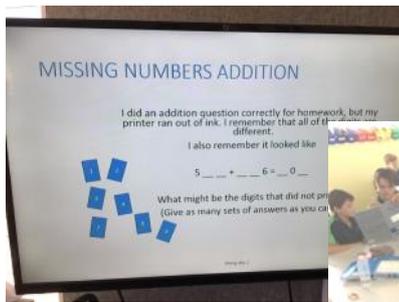
Enjoy the long weekend!

Dale Carmody - Principal

Upcoming Events

11 Mar	Labour Day	18 Mar	Grade 5/6 Camp	28 Mar	Easter Casual Day
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Sports News

YMCA Aquathon

Last night 13 students participated in the local YMCA Aquathon event held at the Barr Reserve. This is a running and swimming event, catering for a variety of ages over different distances.

Year 1 student Judd Campbell began the evening events with a win in the short course swim school event. Older brother Lenny placed 3rd after competing in the 7 - 9 year old age group as an individual, running 500m, swimming 50m before finishing with another 500m run. Jimi Pell and Charlie Bell combined to enter as a team in the same event. They held off some strong finishers to win the event. Zeah Nelson and Mia Gambrell also competed in the team event.



Aston Lau won the individual male section of the 10 - 12 year olds. This event consisted of a 1km run, 100m swim, 500m run. Ben and Mitchell Feldtmann, James Long and Isaac Moore, Charlotte Marshall and Ella Nelson also competed in this event as teams, with one of them completing the running stage before tagging their partner to compete the swim leg.

APPA EASTER RAFFLE

This year APPA will be holding an Easter raffle. Each family will receive a book of 10 tickets to sell and the family that sells the most tickets will receive a Chocolate Surprise! To be eligible for the prize your raffle books must state your **family name on the front of tickets or on the envelope you are returning them in.**



Tickets will be sent home today and we ask that they be returned to school **by Monday 1st April**, with the raffle being drawn on the last day of the term, **Friday 5th April.**

To help with prizes for our raffle we will be holding a **'Casual Day'** for students on **Thursday 28th March.** To wear casual clothes for the day each child will be asked to bring along a donation for the raffle. This may be a chocolate egg, bunny, candy eggs, Easter colouring book, craft item, basket etc.

Along with the casual day APPA will also be running a sausage sizzle lunch on **Thursday 28th March**, notes also being sent out today.

APPA sell icy poles every Wednesday in Term 1. 50c each.



Playgroup runs every Tuesday morning 9.30-11am in the Multipurpose Room. Free to attend. All parents, grandparents, carers, toddlers & babies welcome. We would also love some volunteers to help set up & pack up whenever you can.

