

# Appin Park News

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FOR LIVING  
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I CARE

24th February, 2022

## Save the Date

### March

- 2 Curriculum Day
- 14 Labour Day
- 15-23 Somers Camp
- 21 School Council AGM
- 29-1 Grade 3/4 Camp

### April

- 5 School Athletics
- 6 Last day of Term 1
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 First day Term 2

Hello Everyone

Yesterday I was able to catch up with our new student leaders for our first meeting of the year. As part of increasing opportunities for student voices to be heard at Appin Park, we plan to meet fortnightly to develop and build leadership skills, through conversations around trust and team building activities. It was a pleasure to sit down and chat with such a confident and enthusiastic group of students who enjoy being part of the Appin Park Community.

At School Council on Monday night our 2022 Annual Implementation Plan was shared and endorsed by team members. The plan outlines goals and targets for Appin Park PS over the next 12 months. It gives direction for staff professional learning and allows for an emphasis on student learning and wellbeing. Our main focus this year will be in the curriculum areas of Numeracy and Writing (with a stronger focus on spelling) and to further develop our whole school approach in supporting students' mental health and wellbeing.

Our next School Council meeting will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6:00pm, this will be our AGM, followed by a short regular meeting. There are several parent member places available. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of the planning and future development of our school. Please contact the office if you are interested. Nomination forms are available at the office and close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

APPA invite parents to their next meeting, this coming Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30 in the library. Current members will be discussing whether or not to continue with APPA or move to a fundraising subcommittee of school council. As mentioned in previous newsletters the numbers of volunteers have decreased significantly over the years and it is becoming increasingly difficult to appoint office bearers and have enough people at meetings to make decisions.

*Fiona Carson - Principal*

## Certificates of Recognition

*\*Xavier Hutton\* \*Braxton Patton\* \*Luke Welch\* \*Cooper Grimshaw\**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February the grade 3/4 students went to the BER building where they learnt about different types of engineers and what they do. After the talk we divided into groups of different countries. Each country had a certain amount of money to construct a water filter. Some countries instructions were not in English which made the task a little trickier. To make our water filter we used sand, rocks, cloth, dirty water and funnels. We watched the dirty water from the creek filter through. The water didn't appear very clean, but had improved. It was still dirty to drink. Lots of fun was had doing this experiment.



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# 5/6 HAPPENINGS

## Engineering Without Borders

On Friday last week, students were able to participate in a challenge brought to us by some students at Monash University. The focus was teaching them about engineering and problem solving with a humanitarian focus and a strong emphasis on sustainability. The workshops included a short presentation followed by a hands-on activity. The students enjoyed designing and creating a floating house, using sustainable resources and paying close attention to their allocated budget. The aim was to hold the most amount of marbles.

## Quest

Also pictured are some students completing their artworks based on this term's Quest, Desert Survivors. The students have been learning about the different plants and animals that call the desert home and studying their unique adaptations that have allowed them to thrive in such a harsh environment.



*Yesterday, Emily Martens and Zeah Nelson competed in the Division Swimming Competition at the Barr Reserve. We are proud of the way Zeah and Emily represented Appin Park. Emily won her butterfly heat and will now go to the Regional Swimming in Shepparton.*