

Appin Park News

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

5th May, 2022

Save the Date

May

- 6 Family Breakfast/
Open Morning
- 10-12 NAPLAN
- 13 Grade 5/6 Bike Hike
- 14 2023 Foundation Open
morning
- 16 Grade 5/6 Camp
- 23 School Cross Country
- 24 Student Free Day

June

- 10 Student Free Day
- 13 Queen's Birthday
- 24 Last day of term 2

Hello Everyone,

This week has seen some beautiful days beginning with some very cool mornings. With that comes many jumpers being found around the school as students warm up during the day. We love being able to find missing jumpers but can only return them if they are named. Please help us out by naming all things that your children bring to school. Whilst on the cooler weather, there are many sniffly noses, if you are able to send along a box of tissues with your child to be used in the classroom that would be appreciated.

Tomorrow morning is our School Council family Breakfast and Open Classroom morning. Breakfast will be served from about 8:15 and classrooms will be open between 9:00 and 10:00. Breakfast will be served from the canteen. Tea and coffee will be available (sorry no coffee van!)

Next week our grade 3 and 5 students will take part in the annual NAPLAN assessments. This year the students will complete the tests online as opposed to paper (except for Gr 3 Writing). The tests will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Further information was sent home at the end of last term.

Fiona Carson - Principal

Volunteer Gardeners!



Do you have an interest in gardening and have a spare hour every now and then?

At Appin Park Primary School, we are extremely proud of our beautiful spacious yard and natural environment, however maintaining this is a big job. We recognise that weekends and after school are busy times and getting to planned working bees can be a challenge. If you find yourself or your family with a spare hour and would like to volunteer some garden time, please contact the office and we can suggest a part of the yard to work in. (Some tools can be made available, but you may also bring your own). Jobs include weeding, pruning, spreading mulch, digging and planting.

All help is greatly appreciated.



Appin Star

Emma James

For always being responsible, helpful and caring. She is always on the lookout for things that need to be done and other children who need help. Congratulations, Emma.

Isabel James

For her amazing start to the year. Isabel always demonstrates the Appin Park values of caring, responsibility and respect. She consistently looks for ways to help, shows great initiative and never has to be asked. Well done, Isabel.

Certificates of Recognition

**Linken Stow* *Chaise Mills* *Lylah Meloury* *Zara Pell*
Bonny Febvre *Ellie White* *Lacy Solimo**



**Book Club
orders due
Wednesday
11th May.**

What's Going on in Grade 3/4

Cross Country Practice



Achievement Awards

Congratulations to Linken and Chaise. They have received achievement awards for being responsible and being in the right place, at the right time.



Pen Licences

Congratulations to Lylah, Zara and Bonny



Reading

Our focus in reading at the moment is being able to describe the purpose and features of non-fiction texts. We have also completed some practice NAPLAN tests and are looking forward to showing off how clever we are next week when we do NAPLAN.

Environmental Studies

This term, Ms Selwood will be taking the 3/4 students for an hour a week for Environmental Studies. The focus will be on reducing waste in our school and sending less rubbish to land fill.



Is Summer better than Winter?



Grade 5/6 students have been working on persuasive writing this week. Below are two sides of the debate.

Do you think Winter is better than Summer? Well if you do I am going to change that. I know for a **fact** that Summer is better than winter because you can go swimming, summer holidays and you get a lot of much better weather. Do you think you can do that in Winter? Well you can't, at least without freezing your butt off.

Firstly, during Summer you can go to the pool and even the beach. You may say, but you can do all that in Winter, yes you can but I can guarantee you that you will come out almost frozen, especially at the beach.

Secondly, in Summer, there are the Summer holidays! Why do you think that the holidays are in Summer and **not** in Winter? Because if it was in Winter you would be stuck inside all day and have zero time to go outside and spend time with family or friends. Summer holidays are also a *perfect* time to go on family holidays.

Finally, in Winter there is tons of rain all the time and when there is no rain it's still super cold! This also means that in Winter you need to wear more clothes, and if you need to wear more clothes that means more washing, and more washing means higher water bills, so Winter is *way* more expensive than Summer. If I'm being initially honest, I wish my birthday was moved to Summer and Winter disappeared forever!

In conclusion, Summer is better than Winter for it has swimming, holidays, better weather and it's cheaper! If you didn't think Summer *is* better than Winter then that's just silly, because it is impossible to come up with as many arguments for Winter as Summer because there simply aren't as many!

By Lacy Solimo

I know that winter is better than summer in so many ways. What do you think? Being hot and sweaty or nice and cozy. In winter a fire is so much better and just on of the many reason that I support winter not summer. And don't get me started about the footy season. In winter it is the footy season. The footy season gets everyone talking about their beloved teams success or disappointment.

To begin with I'm just going to put out a little scenario. Just imagine you're snuggled up on the couch under a nice warm blanket with your loved one or ones watching your favourite show. Instead of spaced out and fanning yourself, you're nice and cozy. You should be cozy, not sweaty.

Aw, how I wish I could be out camping on a river with family and friends all rugged up and sharing funny/embarrassing stories around the campfire. In winter you can have a fire without worrying about restrictions, fire bans or just sitting meters away from the fire. In winter a fire, especially a campfire is a great way to talk, catch up or share stories with your friends or family.

Finally, in winter it is the footy season. The footy season brings joy to about 4.2 million AFL loving Aussies. In winter the footy season gets everyone talking about their beloved team's success or disappointment. I just love the winter Saturday mornings where I play footy and than I go watch the local footy team play.

In conclusion, I know that winter is much better than summer in so many ways. In winter you can be nice and cozy, learn funny/embarrassing stories about you friends and family sitting around the campfire toasting marshmallows and watch the footy season. That is why I know that winter is much better than summer in so many ways.

By Lenny Campbell