# Appin Park News

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## 19th October 2023

## Save the Date

October

30 Assembly

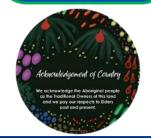
#### November

Melbourne Cup Day 7

#### December

- 1 Student Free Day
- 8 Grade 6 Graduation
- 12 **Statewide Transition**
- 14 Family Night

20 Last day -1.15pm finish



# **Certificates of Recognition** \*Chester

Glendenning\* \*Tyler Colston\*

#### **Hello Appin Park Families**

It has been another busy week at Appin Park, with classroom programs well into the swing of term 4. This week has seen the last of our swimming lessons for this year with bookings already made for 2024. Congratulations to all our students who put entries into the Wangaratta Show in the various categories with some coming away with prizes. It's great to see Appin Park PS represented out in the community celebrating the diverse skills and talents of our students.



This week students in grades two, three and four received information regarding the camps program for 2024. We are excited that we can offer camps for both 3/4 and 5/6 students and value the experiences that the programs provide. The grade 3/4 students will travel to Sovereign Hill for an overnight experience, while students in grades 5 and 6 will spend two nights at Nilahcootie Outdoor Education Camp. We are asking for students to return an expression of interest in attending. Payment is not required at this stage however if you wish to start contributing towards the cost see Nicole in the office.

At School Council on Monday night the team went for a walk around the buildings to prioritise improvements for next year. We are in the early stages of putting together next years' budget including preparing the Voluntary Fees Contribution List. We thank everyone who has contributed so far this year. The money from Voluntary Contributions goes towards providing the quality programs and resources for your children at Appin Park, including iPads, art materials, books for our library and other classroom materials.

Over the last few weeks several sets of data from 2023 surveys have been released to schools including Student Attitude to School Survey, Parent Opinion Survey and Staff Opinion Survey along with this year's NAPLAN results. The results of all three surveys were overwhelmingly positive and compare favourably with similar, network and state schools. Both staff and School Council have had opportunity to discuss the results considering meeting this year's goals and then in terms of looking forward to plan targets for next year. Appin Park students were particularly positive around school safety, classroom programs and teacher student relations, all of which are to be celebrated.

## Fiona Carson - Principal



Applications available at the office.



This week in Digi Tech, students have been working on developing their own blogs using the Edublog website. They have to use their creative and formatting skills to create a website that provides information to others on a topic of their choice.



"This term we have been doing some teamwork games to help build our cooperation skills and our problem solving skills. I enjoyed doing the survival island challenge. We had to get in groups and gain points while getting off the island. You have to be able to communicate with your group effectively. We also did a fashion show using newspaper only. I liked how it has helped us mix with other students that we wouldn't work with. It has helped with our getting along skills". Zara McCrae & Chevy Hall





#### **Regional Athletics**

Last Friday Judd Campbell and Jimi Pell competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival, held in Albury. Against the best athletes from Wodonga, Shepparton, Seymour and Wangaratta districts both boys acquitted themselves very well. Judd won the 11 year old 800m event and ran second in the 200m. Judd will now compete in both events at the State competition in early November. Jimi competed in Long Jump and Triple Jump against other 12 year old boys. Although not placing in the top three, Jimi jumped much further than his qualifying jump in triple jump but not as well in his long jump. Some days can be hard work and may be a little disappointing with final results, however the true character of a person is how they deal with that disappointment. Although not performing at his best on the day Jimi accepted the efforts and bounced back with a positive attitude. Well done boys!