



## APPIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



20th December 2018

**Hello Everyone,**

We made it! A reminder that school will finish at 1.30pm tomorrow for those who make it.



### Awards

This week it gives me great pleasure to introduce our recipients of the most gumleaf awards for each class for 2018.

Skye, Lily, Coby, Abby, Rosie, Charlotte, Charlotte, Imogen, Seth and Grace have displayed our school values consistently over the year and should be congratulated on their efforts. Mr Kerlin and I will be taking this group to Apex Park for lunch on Friday as a reward for consistent effort.

Well done!

### Thankyou

I would like to repeat my list of thankyou's from Family Night. In what at times, has been a challenging year, we have much to look back on and be proud of and even more to look forward to. We are in a fantastic position moving into 2019 with time and resources being allocated to our Learning Specialist roles for Mrs Carson and Ms Sayers, DET funded Teaching Partners to focus on our reading, the return of Music, the introduction of Bluearth to the school and everything else that we already provide our kids. This would not be possible without a dedicated, experienced professional team working together for the benefit of our students. Right now, we cannot offer flash, new buildings - what we can offer is our wonderful teachers and support staff and I maintain that I would back them in against any team going around. To our teachers, ES staff and Chaplain Bec – thankyou and all the best for a well deserved break. Special mention to Nicole, as most of us know, if the Principal is away, life goes on but if the Business Manager is, the place could well fall apart! I am under no illusions as to who runs the school so thankyou Nicole. To Tracey and Peter our cleaning contractors, thanks for keeping our 35 year old buildings in as good order as they possibly could be. Your work is much appreciated.

To our parent community, thanks for your continued support in a year of some changes but also the return of some stability as we move forward. To our SC and APPA reps, thankyou for the extra time and effort given for the sake of our kids, it is much appreciated. To Kevin as SC President, thankyou for the support and time we have taken over many emails and phone calls.



Last but not least, to our kids. Thanks for your efforts over the year. Especially to the 95% who continuously display our school values and do the right thing. At times, there has been levels of chaos around you but you continue to get the job done. Our goal for you is to provide you with the skills and experiences to be productive and valuable members of your community when you leave us. The ability to choose right and show resilience to life's challenges are key to this and once again, thankyou.

Happy holidays! I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing safe and well deserved break! See you in 2019.

### Goodbye and good luck!

The celebrations that happen at the end of every school year are tinged with sadness as we farewell our Year 6s. This is especially the case with this wonderful group. As I said on Tuesday, this is the first time that I have not given the 'Too big for your boot' speech to a group of Year 6 students. We wish them well and are confident that they

have the skills and experiences to hold them in good stead to be those productive and valuable community members that we hope them to be. Good luck to you all and may you look back on your time at Appin Park fondly.

### **Upcoming Events**

21 Dec	Last Day - 1.30pm finish	30 Jan	School starts for 2019
24 Jan	Book Collection Day	15 Feb	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>

**Reports—repeated message**

Reports will come home via Compass today. You will notice some slight changes to the set up of the achievement and areas for improvement comments. The bullet points are indicators straight from the Victorian Curriculum and give an insight into which exact indicators your child has demonstrated and which they will continue to work on. The other slight change is a self assessment of Personal and Social capabilities, also from the Victorian Curriculum. Teachers have given a rating against chosen capabilities and we have left the self assessment blank as we would love you to discuss this with your child. Where they see themselves and reasons for the teacher rating would be a great conversation starter.

**Family Night**

Thanks everyone for your attendance on Tuesday night. A big crowd filled the hall and we saw all classes strut their stuff on stage. A big thanks to WHS for the use of the facility.

**2019 Start Dates**

Our first day for students in 2019 will be Wednesday, 30th January. Our Prep students will begin on Thursday, 31st January as they do not attend school on Wednesdays at the beginning of the year. A reminder that we also have a **new dismissal time of 3.15pm beginning in 2019.**

*Dale Carmody - Principal*

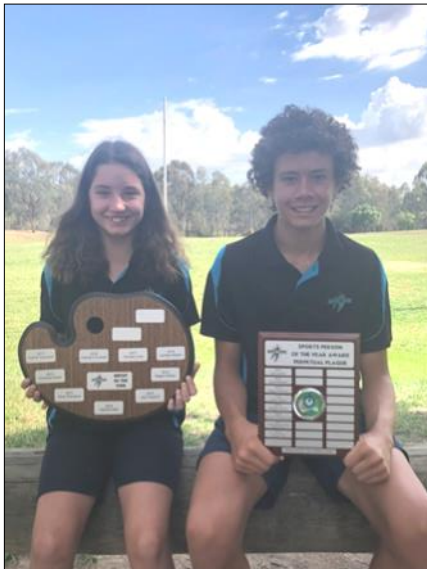


**House shield winners!**

The winners of this year's House Team Competition was Fraser (Blue) Sports Team. Felicity O'Connell, team captain, accepted the House Shield on behalf of her team.

Well done to all our students for their participation, team work and encouragement throughout the year in all the competitions.

*Congratulations to our Award Winners - Tayah Martens, Xavier Pitt (Mary Baldwin Academic Excellence), Lizzie Moffat and Max Glover Hill (Walter Bob Harris Community Award) and Coby Gedling (Rotary Scholarship).*



*Congratulations to Felicity O'Connell (Artist of the Year) and Xavier Pitt (Sports Person of the Year).*

**Merry Christmas**

