

# Appin Public School Newsletter

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Week 1, 2024

30 April, 2024

## APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

### This Week

**3 May** Whole School Assembly – **2:15pm to 3:00pm in School Hall**  
Class items by **Lithgow** and **Dorrigo**

### Week 2

**7 May** Mother's Day Stall - **\$5.00** per gift (**limit of 2 gifts per child**)

### Week 3

**14 May** P & C Meeting – **6:30pm in the School Staffroom**

**17 May** Zone Cross Country – Ambarvale Sports Complex  
Whole School Assembly – **2:15pm to 3:00pm in School Hall**  
Class items by **Parkes** and **Huskisson**

### Week 4

**20 May** Online Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement closes

**24 May** PSSA Gala Day – more information to follow shortly

### Week 4

**27-31 May** Reconciliation Week

**31 May** Whole School Assembly – **2:15pm to 3:00pm in School Hall**  
Class items by **Silverton** and **Kiandra**

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the break from school routines. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new families who have joined the APS community this term. We hope you enjoy being a part of our wonderful school!

### Term 2 Events

Traditionally, Term 2 is always a very busy term with lots of activities planned. We have the Mother's Day Stall, Zone and Regional Cross Country, Public Speaking Competition, Premier's Debating Challenge, P&C Meetings, PSSA Gala Days, NAIDOC Week Celebrations, School Reports, and excursions, just to name a few! So that you can prepare for our upcoming events, please ensure you keep up to date via the weekly Newsletter, the Appin Public School Facebook page and our Community Calendar which is now available for each family via School Bytes.

### Staffing Update

During the school holidays, Mr Darcy Crane welcomed a lovely addition to his family – Theodore, a beautiful baby boy. Mr Kelsey Bax will be teaching Cootamundra for the first 6 weeks of this term.

## School Development Day

Yesterday, our teachers at Appin Public School engaged in professional learning which was centred around curriculum implementation and explicit teaching. Explicit teaching is about making sure our students know what is being taught, why they're learning it, how it connects to what they already know and then to check for understanding. Learners build foundations through bite-sized chunks, before making room for the next piece of information. It's a tried and tested method that helps all learners lift and reach their potential. It was great to see teachers working together to share practice, focusing on the powerful work they do every day to improve the learning outcomes of the children and young people in their care.

## Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children. You can help build positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- making sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day
- contacting the school to explain any absences (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- making sure any holidays or medical appointments are taken outside school hours
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

## 2024-2027 Strategic Improvement Plan

We have developed our new Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) in consultation with our community, identifying student outcomes and connected to a budget. The School Excellence Framework (SEF) underpins our school planning and reporting approach. The framework provides a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across learning, teaching and leading. The SIP is a working document that details the steps our school will take to improve learning outcomes, and the achievement and growth of all students. To ensure continuous improvement, the SIP reflects where our school is at and how it will further improve learning, teaching and leading. It demonstrates our alignment and our commitment to excellence as part of public education in NSW to ensure a profound difference to the ongoing growth and development of our students. The new SIP can be viewed via our school website.

## Mrs Belinda Partridge – Relieving Principal



### Mothers' Day Stall

Thanks to our wonderful P & C, this annual opportunity for students to purchase a gift at school for their mum or grandmothers will take place next **Tuesday, 7 May 2024**. Students are asked to bring **\$5.00 per gift on the day**. Please note that we are limiting the amount of gifts to **2 gifts per child**. If there are left over presents, there will be an opportunity later in the week for students to purchase more gifts. For younger students in K-2, it is a good idea to **place your child's money in a plastic lock-seal bag that is clearly labelled with their name and class**.

## Stewart House

Thank you to everyone who sent in envelopes for Stewart House last term. We raised \$135.00 which goes towards supporting the 1,600 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT. **The chance of winning \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher will be drawn at 12:00pm on Friday, 24 May, 2024.**

## PSSA Gala Days

As you are aware, Appin Public School is participating in Winter Gala Days in 2024, in Terms 2 & 3. The dates are as follows: **24 May, 21 June, 16 August & 13 September, 2024.** An alternate date may be arranged in the event of wet weather. Our first PSSA Gala Day for winter will be held on **Friday, 24 May.** **Please be on the lookout for the online PSSA note to be emailed shortly and we ask you respond immediately through the link in the email.** Thank you.

## Attention: Year 4 Parents

Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2025 open **4 April and close 20 May 2024.** Opportunity classes are an important way for us to support high-potential and gifted students. It's important we let parents and carers know they need to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement while their children are in Year 4. The tests will be held in designated government high school test centres or other facilities. For more information on what to share with parents and carers, refer to [Information and actions for principals of primary schools \(PDF 279 KB\)](#).

### Key dates

- **Thursday 4 April to Monday 20 May 2024** – Applications open for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes in 2025. The application link will be published via [Application process](#) on 4 April.
- **Wednesday 22 May to Friday 7 June 2024** – After applications close, principals with students with specific reasonable adjustments will be asked to provide additional information about applicants online via the [Selective High School and Opportunity class schools system](#) (SHS and OC schools' site). School assessment scores are not required.
- **Thursday 1 August 2024** – Candidates sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test.



The advertisement features a dark blue background with the School Bytes logo at the top left. The main text reads 'Parent App Available now!' with a sub-note 'Download on the App Store or Google Play'. A central image shows a smartphone displaying the app's interface, surrounded by icons for calendar, payments, messages, and notifications. A 'Key Features' box lists: 'Get real time push notifications from your school', 'Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions', 'Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts', and 'View the school calendar and news'. At the bottom, there are 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' buttons.

## Download School Bytes Parent App

Appin Public School uses the School Bytes Parent App. **All parents are requested to download the School Bytes Parent App to make and view payments and receipts, and to complete and return permission notes.** The App makes it easier to use School Bytes for your mobile devices. School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. Our school uses the parent portal for various things, including online permission notes, attendance, and payments, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction. All fees can be paid off in instalments, by adjusting the amount you wish to pay at the time. Please assist us by downloading the App and using this system to make payments and return notes.

## Newsletters

Our latest newsletter is emailed every Tuesday via the School Bytes app. You can also view the current newsletter and any previous newsletters on our school website. Just google Appin Public School, go to the website and click on the newsletters tab or click on this link <http://appin-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html>

## Updating School

It is very important that we have up to date and correct contact details for our students. If you have a new home address, mobile phone number or email address, please contact our school office to update these details as soon as possible.

## P & C Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every **Monday**, from **8:30am to 9:30am** The Uniform Shop has Eftpos available for payments, as well as cash. Online order form at <https://form.jotform/212808469354867> - or scan the QR Code.

Orders will be filled when the shop is open on Monday mornings and left at office for pickup, or given to child if paid by credit card. Full cash payment must accompany orders left at the office, or pay cash on pickup of online order. Prices subject to change, depending upon suppliers.



**Please come and claim any items from our Lost Property Tub, located in the office.** Just a reminder to make sure that all articles of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Parents are also asked to check their child's hat and jumper to make sure they have not taken home someone else's by mistake. Please return any items that are not your own to the office. Thank you.

## Canteen Online Ordering

Mel's Lunchbox have introduced online lunch orders with Spriggy Schools Online Ordering App. If you have any questions, or suggestions, please contact Mel on Mb: 0456 815160.

Spriggy Schools  
Introducing Spriggy Schools for online ordering

How to get started

1. Download the Spriggy Schools app
2. Create a profile for your child
3. Conveniently place orders online

Download the app now!

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## Birthday Buckets \$20

Pre Order for your Childs Birthday

At the office

Cost: \$20

All money raised goes towards  
the Year 6 Farewell

Return with payment to the school office or  
pay through the School Bytes Portal

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Important note: If you have paid through the Portal Please  
advise the office so we can process your order



## Aussie of the Month

An **AUSSIE of the MONTH** is someone who:

- \* Consistently obeys the school rules;
- \* Is helpful to students and teachers;
- \* Is caring to other class and school members;
- \* Is a good friend;
- \* Always gives of their best and tries hard to improve;
- \* Displays a wonderful attitude to school.

The 'Aussie of the Month' for March were:



**Infants - Alessio**



**Primary - Tom**

## Students of the Week – Term 1 Week 10

Lithgow – Noah

Parkes – Charlie

Silverton – Olivia

Dubbo – Theodore

Cootamundra – Jackson

Eden – Boston

Mudgee – Jett

Huskisson – Kaiyan

Kiandra – Chloe

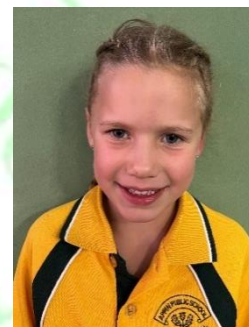
Orange – Koby

Dorrigo – Lilly

Scone – Shane

Hay – Thomas

Millthorpe – Maddison



## Grounds Improvement

During the school holidays, the Future Appin Team and Walker Corporation improved our school grounds through a Community Team Working Bee. This involved:

- High pressure cleaning of hard surfaces
- General grounds tidy and rubbish/green waste removal
- Weeding and some gutter clearing
- Installation of a Yarning Circle

We really appreciate their time and effort in coordinating these school improvements during the holiday period.



## Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony

On Sunday, 14 April some of our students, and Ms Paxton, represented Appin Public School by attending the Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony. It is an annual event hosted by the Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group in honour of the Dharawal People who perished in the massacre of 1816. The Appin Massacre was a tragedy of Australia's frontier wars, and remembering this every year is an important part of healing and reconciliation. The Memorial Ceremony is held at Cataract Dam Picnic Area each year on the Sunday nearest to the actual massacre date of April 17th.



## Appin Anzac Day Service

Our school's Ministers proudly represented us at the Appin Anzac Day Service on Thursday, April 25th. They shared valuable information about past wars with the public and communicated effectively.



# THE DILLY WANDERER



9am - 11am



17 Locations



Activities

## JOIN THE DILLY WANDERER EVERY **MONDAY - THURSDAY**

The Dilly Wanderer is a **FREE** mobile information service for families and the community to come together, make new friends, participate in children's activities and find out more about local services.



Scan the QR code to find out more!