Welcome to Week 2 and a very settled start at school. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and children who are eager to learn. We also welcomed five new students to our school, which apart from our annual Kinder intake, is probably the most new students we have had at any one time.

Education Week
Please keep Wednesday of Week 3 free to visit our school to see what we do well. We love to have grandparents visit on this day, as well and marvel at their stories of what school was like in their day compared to now. This year’s Book Week theme is “Find your treasure” and students are encouraged to dress up as pirates searching for their treasure, which is their favourite book. Students, aka pirates, are to parade with this favourite book, which can be their own book or borrowed from our school library. Our librarians, Mrs Newey and Ms Kiddle, will coordinate a Book Fair, which will be open on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th August.

The day’s program will be:
• Picnic lunch from 11:00am-11:45am
• Open classrooms from 11:45am – 12:45pm
• Book Week Parade with the theme “Find your Treasure” from 12:50ish -1:30pm
• Recess and normal school day continues from 1:30pm

Our canteen will be open for visitors to purchase food and drinks including Sausage Sizzle, Fruit Cups and Cakes.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019
We are now taking enrolments for next year’s Kindergarten. If you have a child, or know of a child who will be starting school next year, please collect an enrolment form from our school office as soon as possible as we need to start organising numbers now. Thank you for your assistance.

School Swimming Scheme
NB: There are only 5 places left for the Swim Scheme. Please ensure your permission note has been accepted at the office before making online payments, to avoid disappointment. Any payments made prior to July 27th have been accepted. School Swimming Scheme notes were sent home last week. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 and 3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6 also. The total cost for the 5 day scheme is $40.00 (Transport $25 and Pool entry $15.00 for the week). Instruction will take place at the Gordon Fetterplace Swimming Pool, Bradbury. The Scheme will continue daily for one week from Monday, 24th September to Friday, 28th September, 2018. There will be no charge for swimming lessons. Students leave school at 12 noon and return at approximately 3:10 pm. Accounts can be paid off in instalments, finalised by Friday 14th September, 2018.
Student achievements
Congratulations to all 13 classes for a conscientious start to learning this term. Swan class were “happy-snapped” enjoying their healthy fruit break on their first day back and Heath has proudly achieved his learning goal. Keep up these fantastic efforts!

Stamp Chart Superstars
Congratulations to the following students who have filled their stamp chart, or accumulated dojo points, by demonstrating and following classroom rules.

- Darling: Jaxon, Ava, Lauren, Heath, Macie, Zavier, Kooper, Ilias, Beau, Cayden
- Snowy: Matilda, Thomas, Jasper, Aidan
- Swan: Joshua, Isobel, Heath, Thomas
- Franklin: Noah
- Nepean: Lily, Ava, Sophie, Chelsea, Riley M-H, Ruby, Lylie M, Emily, Jet, Annalise, Shakaya, Will, Hamish, Naite, Noah, Jack, Joel, Brady, Justin, Harry, Shane, Bailey, Claudia, & Jayden

Styx: Tobias, Josh
Congratulations to all and keep up the fine efforts.

Athletics Carnival
P&C have generously offered to pay for seat belted buses to transport our students in Year 2-6 to Campbelltown Sports Stadium for our upcoming Annual Athletics Carnival. Students need only pay $5 entry and $5 equipment hire with our fabulous P&C paying approximately $15 per student for the bus. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to run on and use the facilities of this venue. Well done and thank you to our P&C!

Please remember that just because your child gains a place in their event at our carnival, this does not ensure they proceed to the next level of Zone Athletics Carnival. More information will follow closer to our carnival.

Special Photo Orders
Special Photo orders of House Captains, School Ministers and Year 6 class photos are available to purchase. Photos can be viewed both online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and at school in the office area.

Please order: by visiting the website and ordering online. (School Online Code is 18S033EL39A)

Prices are: $16.00 each, 2 for $30.00, 3 for $42.00, 4 for $52.00 or 5 for $60.00

All orders are due by 24th August, 2018.

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 5
Issue 5 has now been sent home. Please follow the instructions on the Bookclub brochure for LOOP orders and payments. Twenty percent of sales come back to the school. Every order earns free books and learning resources for our school. The last day for payments for Order 5 is Wednesday, 8th August, 2018.

Southern Stars
Our Dance group have had their first rehearsal for Southern Stars with some of the other participating schools and choir will have enjoyed their first rehearsal today. It is wonderful to hear parents organising which performance they will attend and organising who is dropping off and picking up each other’s children. It really highlights the community spirit and camaraderie of our Appin school family.

Southern Stars and Athletics Carnival
Unfortunately, our Annual School Athletics Carnival (which has been booked for 12 months) falls on the same day as the major dress rehearsal for Southern Stars, which is Thursday, 30th August 2018. We encourage students involved in Southern Stars to attend the dress rehearsal, however, we understand that some students may face a difficult decision as to whether they attend the athletics carnival or the dress rehearsal.

Canteen News
In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint on the environment, our canteen will be going straw and plastic utensil free (pasta dishes & salads will still be given a fork). Also, there will be no free plastic bottles of water given with lunch orders anymore and we would like to encourage students to put their empty plastic bottles or poppers into the tub at the canteen. From next week the Canteen will no longer be available to peel or cut-up fruit for students during ‘Munch & Crunch’. We are encouraging students to bring their own cut/peeled pieces of fruit in a reusable plastic container.

A new canteen menu will follow in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your assistance in helping us with these environmentally friendly changes.

Students of the Week
Swan - Joshua
Darling - Ilias
Snowy - Matilda
Yarra - Imogen
Franklin - Zeus
Margaret - Joshua
Murray - Seth
Daly - Imogen
Grrha - Emily
Nepean - Jayden
Styx - Isabella
Daintree - Mark
Murrumbidgee - Chloe

Wellbeing/PBL Suggestion Box
The Wellbeing/PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team is committed to ensuring a happy, supportive and inclusive environment for both students and the school community at Appin Public School. You can assist us in our role by giving us your feedback, comments and suggestions, which can be put in to the Wellbing/PBL Suggestion Box in the school office.

Change of Details
If there have been any changes of your details e.g. address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, could you please advise the office as soon as possible.

Parent Online Payments
Our Payments Online system (POP Payment) is available for parents to use. Visit the school website: www.appin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Access the “Make a payment” button and follow the prompts. Please ensure you return ALL permission notes with your receipt number noted on them. Please DO NOT pay for P&C items or Canteen items online!!! These payments need to go to P&C and Canteen separately.

Stylist
Congratulations to all 13 classes for a conscientious start to learning this term. Swan class were “happy-snapped” enjoying their healthy fruit break on their first day back and Heath has proudly achieved his learning goal. Keep up these fantastic efforts!
This year Southern Stars Iconic The Arena Spectacular is being held on Friday 31st August & 1st September, 2018. Approximately 3,000 public school students, including Appin’s very own Primary Choir and Primary Dance Group will take part in the two hour arena style show. The performance, an inspiring and energetic mix of dancers, vocalists, orchestras, bands, choirs and other outstanding young performers, is held annually at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong. Behind the scenes, Southern Stars provides opportunities for teachers and students in stage production, event management and performance skills and composition. This wonderful creative showcase attracts an audience of more than 12,000 every year. Families, extended families, friends, communities and businesses alike are delighted and enthralled by some of the most talented and gifted young performers from Public Schools across NSW. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster and can be purchased from http://www.ticketmaster.com.au
No knives at school
Parent Fact Sheet

Safety and Security Directorate

There is no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances

What kind of knives are prohibited?

- If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.
- The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Carrying a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child’s wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.
- Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including good sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a child to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.

As school policy is designed to keep all students safe, no type of knife is allowed at school. No type of knife is allowed at school. That means no bullies knives or fruit knives in food offences, or knife tools for work purposes.

- Flick knives, butterfly knives, switch knives, push daggers, bench knives, billy clubs and other knives are all prohibited.
- Your child cannot bring to school any item that can be used as a weapon, such as a chisel.
- In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or butchery, your child’s teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.
- There are some senior experts, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make sure your child is aware of the school’s rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

- The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.
- Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.
- It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 10 years old.

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Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In Support of:
Appin Public School

Saturday 25 August 2018
Appin Public School
97 Appin Rd, Appin

Tickets: $30 at comedyforacause.net/APPIN
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm
(18+ only)

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APPIN WHEELS FESTIVAL

MAJOR FUNDRAISER PRESENTED BY
APPIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018

10AM TO 3PM
APPIN PUBLIC SCHOOL - 97 APPIN ROAD, APPIN

Following a very successful inaugural Appin Wheels Festival last year with over 160 vehicles on display, we’re doing it all again in 2018!

Please come along to this family friendly community event, enjoy a day full of fun and motoring entertainment with all these fantastic machines.

There will be Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Market Stalls, Hot Food and drinks, Major Raffles and Prizes.

Pinky will be announcing this event.

This is the Major Fundraiser for Appin Public School P&C Committee - with all profits distributed back into the school.

For all enquiries please contact Melissa 0420662396 or mlovecue@tpg.com.au
Check out our Facebook Page & Event @Appin Wheels Festival

Open to all makes/models of Cars, Bikes and Trucks

*$10 vehicle entry fee (payable at gate, muster onsite by 9.30am)
*$2 entry per person
*Kids under 5 free

Prizes awarded on the day to:
Top 15 Vehicles
Best Ford
Best Holden
Best Truck
Best Bike
Best Engine Bay
Best 4cyl, 6cyl & V8
Best Interior
Best Paint
Best Hot Rod
Best Overall
People’s Choice

WE WANT YOU!

Do you want to be a part of this Major Fundraiser for Appin Public School P&C Committee.

We have a number of sponsorship packages available if your business would like to be involved in the 2018 Appin Wheels Festival.

We are looking for major sponsors to help with costs for running the event, and trophy sponsors starting at $50.

We are also taking expressions of interest for Stallholders and Food Vendors.

In case of inclement weather, show can be canceled at short notice.
A wet weather date is set for Sunday 23rd September 2018.
The following are not permitted on the grounds during the event - dogs, alcohol, smoking, kids bikes, scooters and skateboards.