

Appin Public School Newsletter

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9 April, 2024

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

This Week

10 Apr	Online Year 7, 2025 High School Expression of Interest Form closes today
11 Apr	Wellbeing Program Final Session
11-12 Apr	State Swimming Carnival – Homebush Aquatic Centre
12 Apr	Whole School Assembly – 2:00pm to 3:00pm in School Hall Class items by Dubbo and Orange AOM for March will be presented at this Assembly & ANZAC Day tribute (students can bring in flowers)
12 Apr	Last day of Term 1 for Students and Staff
14 Apr	Appin Massacre Memorial at Cataract Dam – 11:00am to 3:30pm (Cultural Group and Ministers Involved)
25 Apr	ANZAC Day Service at Appin Park at 8:30am (Ministers involved)
Term 2 Week 1	
29 Apr	SDD – Teachers and Admin Staff return for Term 2
30 Apr	Students return for Term 2
Week 2	
7 May	Mother's Day Stall
Week 3	
14 May	P & C Meeting – 6:30pm in the School Staffroom
17 May	Zone Cross Country

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Principal's Message

Staffing

As we approach the end of the school term, we reflect with gratitude on the invaluable contribution of our dedicated School Learning Support Officer, Jodie Jedryhowski, over the past 16 years, who is moving north to be closer to her family. Her commitment and support have been invaluable in creating an inclusive and nurturing environment for our students. We would like to thank Jodie (Mrs J) for her positive impact on our school community and wish her all the best for the next chapter ahead. We will be holding a quick assembly, under the COLA, on Thursday afternoon (Mrs J's last day) at 2:40pm where we will farewell Mrs J as she rings the school bell for a final time.

During Term 2, Mr Crane will be taking parental leave for a period of six weeks. While we will miss Mr Crane's presence in the classroom, arrangements have been made for Mr Bax, who is already well-acquainted with the students, due to team teaching opportunities this term, to take Cootamundra class.

Mr Ayuso will be utilising the remaining portion of his parental leave during the initial 5 weeks of Term 2. Miss Beckingham, who has prior experience working at our school, will be stepping into his RFF role during this time. We would like to send warm wishes to both Mr Crane and Mr Ayuso as they take their parental leave. May this special time be filled with love, joy and unforgettable moments with their growing families.

End of Term message

We wish everyone a fantastic and safe holiday break as we wrap up Term 1! Enjoy this time to relax, recharge, and make lasting memories with loved ones. On Monday, 29 April, teachers will be engaging in our Term 2 school development day with a focus on curriculum implementation, deepening our collective understanding of explicit teaching. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 30 April.

We look forward to seeing both staff and students all refreshed and ready for Term 2!

DUE NOW!!! Online Year 7, 2025 High School Expression of Interest Forms

The new EOI for Year 7, 2025 closes tomorrow, 10 April, 2024. For more information about moving to high school, please visit <https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au>

EOI Link (opens 6 March, 2024)

<http://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=1045>

Placement Not Required Link:

<http://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/no-placement/?schoolCode=1045>

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Hunt in the office for clarification.



Last chance to hand in Stewart House Donations

Please return the envelope sent home to the office by this **Friday**, clearly marked with your child's name and class. Donations over \$2.00 will go into a draw for a chance to win a **\$4,000 Holiday Travel Voucher**.

ON 12TH APRIL AT OUR
WHOLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY

We remember Anzac Day.

We remember heroes and what
they gave for our tomorrow.

**PLEASE BRING FLOWERS
FOR STUDENTS TO PLACE
AT THE FRONT OF OUR
ASSEMBLY TO HONOUR
OUR ANZACS**

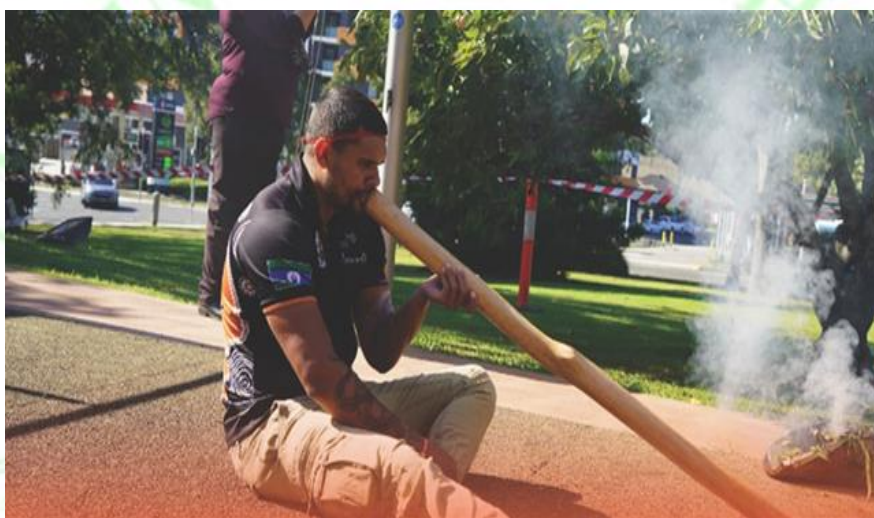
Please come and claim any items from our Lost Property Tub, located in the office, before the end of term, as we will be donating unwanted items to the Uniform Shop or to a charity. Just a reminder to make sure that all articles of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Parents are also 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.



Appin Massacre Memorial and Flag Raising Ceremony

April is a time for remembering, healing, and reconciliation. Wunga Myamly Reconciliation Group, the Aboriginal community and supporting service providers invite all interested residents to attend the Appin Massacre Memorial Service. Ms Paxton will be the supervising teacher on the day. The ceremony is to remember the Dharawal people who perished in the massacre in 1816. **The ceremony is being held at Cataract Dam Picnic Area, Baden Powell Drive, Appin on Sunday, 14 April 2024 from 11:00am to 3:30pm.**

Participants are advised to bring appropriate footwear, hats, sunscreen and bottled water. Fold up chairs are also recommended as seating is limited. Food variety is limited so those with special dietary requirements are advised to bring something of their own. There is accessible parking and a short walk to the memorial site. There will be a bus service for those unable to walk the short distance to the site. Campbelltown City Council will also hold a Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony in the forecourt of the Council building. This ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, 17 April 2024 from 10:00am to 11:00am.**



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.

An advertisement for the School Bytes Parent App. The background is dark blue. At the top left is the School Bytes logo. The main text reads "Parent App" in large white letters, with "Available now!" in blue below it. Underneath, it says "Download on the App Store or Google Play". In the center, there is a smartphone displaying the app's interface, surrounded by various icons representing features like payments, attendance, and notifications. At the bottom left, there is a "Key Features" section with a list of benefits. At the bottom right, there are logos for the App Store and Google Play.

Key Features

- 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
- View the school calendar and news

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

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>

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.



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 on **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**.

Staff Car Park Reminder

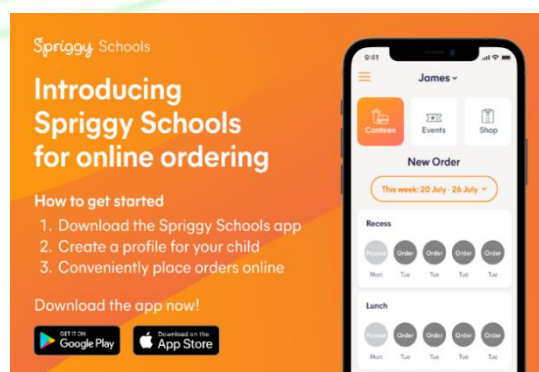
As most parents are aware, our school has a dedicated gate and path for families entering and exiting OOSH in our school hall, before and after school or in the holidays for Vacation Care. This alleviates the need for any parent or child to use our school car park thus ensuring the safety of all families. This safety initiative and improvement has come directly from the Department of Education as a direct result of the terrible tragic accident 6 years ago in a Western Sydney school car park, when a car driven by a parent, injured students and a student lost their life. We understand that some parents using OOSH find this frustrating, however, it is to maximise the safety of everyone's children. It is suggested that parents park on Appin Road then enter and exit OOSH via the OOSH gate and path. Parents are asked not to walk through our staff car park in the afternoons but enter and exit from our front pedestrian gate. **There is no staff car park access at any time**. We thank you for your support.

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.

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.



Student of the Week

Students of the Week – Term 1 Week 10

Lithgow – Hunter

Parkes – Tao

Silverton – Milana

Dubbo – Macie

Cootamundra – Justin

Eden – Dakota

Mudgee – Harper

Huskisson – Karim

Kiandra – Imogen

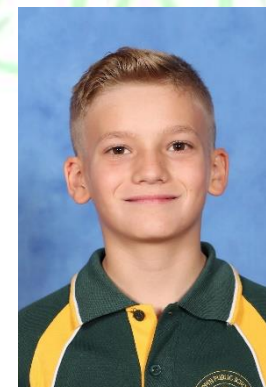
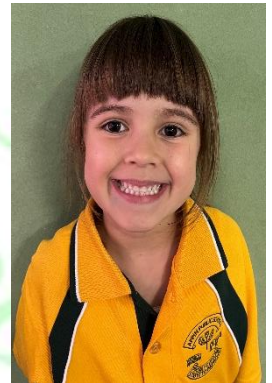
Orange – Pippa

Dorrigo – Imogen

Scone – Finn

Hay – Zhaiden

Millthorpe – Aela

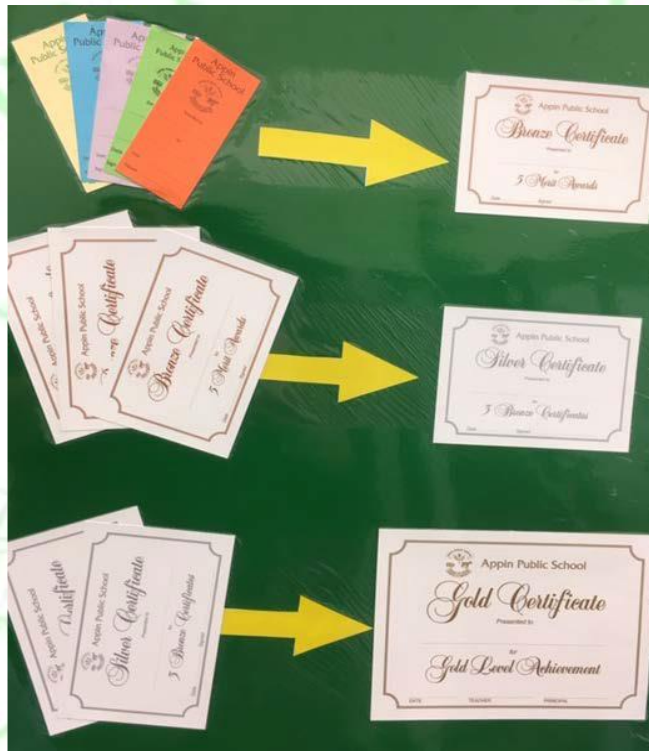


CUMULATIVE POSITIVE AWARD PROGRAM

Students at our school regularly receive awards to celebrate classroom learning and achievements. Students are encouraged to keep their awards in a safe place at home as these awards accumulate to earn more awards over your child's years at our school. At whole school assemblies, teachers acknowledge class merit award winners. These awards have a focus on our school rules:

- Orange merit awards for being safe
- Yellow merit awards for being a learner
- Green merit awards for being respectful
- Blue merit awards for being resilient

When a student has received 5 merit awards, a Bronze Award will be presented at our next Whole School Assembly. When 3 Bronze Awards have been received, a Silver Award will be presented at our next Whole School Assembly. When 2 Silver Awards have been received, a Gold Award will be presented at our next Whole School Assembly.



Holidays

Our school staff would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing our **students return to school on Tuesday, 30 April, 2024.**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

**STAY SAFE
AND ENJOY
THE BREAK!**



Eden Class

It has been a busy few weeks in Eden class. Students have been working hard in the classroom improving their phonics and spelling, focusing on plurals and homophones. They have also been busy publishing their circular narratives in writing sessions. In Mathematics, Eden have been learning about patterns and place value. They have also been learning about our continents and oceans in Geography as well as how to show empathy in PDHPE. The students have enjoyed attending Wellbeing sessions every Thursday and have had a ball celebrating Easter and Harmony Day!



Mudgee Class

What a wonderful end to the term Mudgee has been having. We have been building our understanding of mass, by learning to compare the weight of different objects, by using the strategy of hefting and equal balance scales. During wellbeing we have been developing strategies to help improve our social, emotional and physical health. The Easter hat parade saw our class design some extravagant hats to display to our community. Keep up the great work Mudgee.



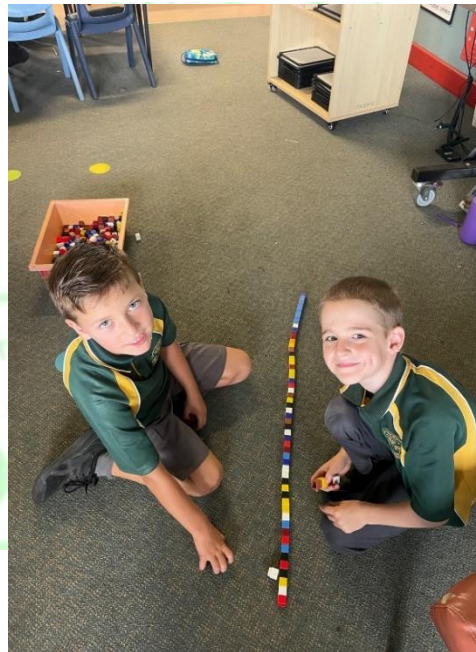
Huskisson Class

Huskisson have had a fantastic finish to Term 1. There have been a number of exciting events including the Easter Hat Parade and Harmony Day. We have been working hard on our informative writing skills and learning how to read an Analog clock.



Kiandra

Kiandra have been exploring the concept of 'estimation' and why it is important. Students learnt that we are actually estimating everyday! They were then challenged to create a structure that was 1 metre in length. They did not have access to a metre ruler. Some students used their knowledge of MAB blocks (a tens block = 10cm) and others used their body as a comparison. One group even used Miss Kennedy as a comparison. It was a great, hands-on activity.



Meet our School Administration & Support Staff



Mrs Hunt
School Administration Manager

Favourite things about working in the school office: I absolutely love being a part of the whole school system. I love working with students, staff, parents and community members. I enjoy interacting with the students on a daily basis. No day is ever the same as the last and the funny stories I could tell are endless. The energy and enthusiasm the students bring, brighten my day. Its great to watch them start off in Kindy and grow and develop and become independent and respectful Yr 6 students going off to High School.

Hobbies: I love going to the beach, fishing, reading a good book and spending time with my beautiful family and friends.

Here at Appin Public School, I am looking forward to celebrating the achievements and milestones of all of our students, staff and community, fostering a sense of pride that we play one small part in the nurturing of each and every one of our students at Appin Public School.



Mrs Penman
School Admin Officer - Office Staff

Favourite thing's about working in the school office: I love the community feeling of Appin Public School. Families are so friendly, I have a real sense of belonging.

Hobbies: Baking, craft, AFL (watching not playing) reading and movies

Here at Appin Public School, I am looking forward to I always enjoy seeing the children grow from kinder and graduate! It's always nice when they come back for a visit. I like to be the familiar face the children can come to when they need anything.



Mrs Reynolds
School Administration Officer

Favourite things about working in the school office: I love being a warm and friendly face, greeting students and parents everyday. Also, getting to know each and every student, looking after them when they come up to sickbay and watching them grow into lovely young adults during their time at Appin Public School.

Hobbies: Spending time with my family (especially my grandkids), shopping, going out to lunch or dinner with friends and going on holidays.

Here at Appin Public School, I am looking forward to continuing to build friendships with families to make them feel comfortable coming into the office at any time to ask questions or help sort any issues that may arise.



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Miss Papa
School Learning Support Officer
(SLSO)

Favourite things about my role: Having the opportunity to work closely with students, witnessing their growth academically and socially. This role is a good eye opener to Primary Teaching which is a path I want to follow in the next few years to come.

Hobbies: Going to the gym, watching footy, playing any sort of sports, going on long adventurous drives and spending time with family and friends.

Here at Appin Public School, I am looking forward to all the new learning opportunities our Cultural students can participate in and to develop positive relationships between students, parents and the community.



Miss Amigo
School Counsellor

Favourite things about working in the school office: I am a primary school trained teacher, and a registered psychologist and love my work as a school counsellor. It allows me to support students to become the best they can be by addressing one of the things that has a huge impact on their learning and general life outcomes- their mental health and wellbeing. I love supporting students to learn about themselves and their brains, and how they can look after them in a way that helps them be happy and healthy.

Hobbies: Outside of school, I love going to see live theatre productions, singing karaoke, spending time with my friends and family, and watching netball.

Here at Appin Public School, I am looking forward to becoming a part of the school and local community. Everyone has been so welcoming, and inclusive. I can't wait to get to know more of you better.



Attendance

It is a legal requirement that your child attends school each day unless they are unwell. If your child is absent, it is also a legal requirement that a parent supplies a note or responds on our School Bytes app, explaining the absence from school. This explanation must be received by our office within 7 days otherwise the absence will remain as unexplained. If you believe your child will be absent from school for more than 2 days, it is a good idea to phone our office informing them of this or enter on School Bytes app as a planned absence.



EVERY DAY COUNTS.... day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**School starts at
9am
DON'T BE LATE!**

NSW Police Force
With your help, a safer community.

DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

Disobey 'No Parking' Sign

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ONLY

8 AM - 9:30 AM
2:30 - 4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

- ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
- Stay within **3 metres** of your car
- Stay less than **2 minutes**

Fine = \$201 & Lose 2 Points

'KISS & DROP' ZONE

Section 198 Road Rules 2014

NO STOPPING

Fine = \$362 & Lose 2 Points

DO NOT STOP for ANY reason

Section 167 Road Rules 2014

Child or Passenger Not Restrained

Fine = \$362 & Lose 3 Points

(Not wearing a seat belt or not in a child seat)

Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law

Fine = \$481 & Lose 5 Points

DO NOT talk, text or view your phone while driving.

Section 300 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: Road Rules 2014
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>
*Fines are current as of January 2023. Fine amounts change regularly.

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

