

Appin Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 10, 2024

17 December, 2024

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

This Week

18 Dec	Last day for students for Term 4
18 Dec	Year 6 and leaving staff & students to ring school bell – 2:15pm to 3:00pm
19-20 Dec	Staff Development Days for Staff

Term 1, 2025

6 Feb	Kindergarten to Year 6 students return for Term 1 Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival at Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury – Buses depart at 8:15am and return at 3:00pm
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Principal's Message

It's sad to know that this will be my last newsletter post, ever. I have so much enjoyed my time at Appin Public School over the last four years. Your students are a credit to you and have made our School the best place to work and learn. Thank you.

Next year sadly, Miss De Abel will also be leaving Appin Public School. We wish her all the best as she ventures to teach in London. Any school that she works in is a very lucky school. I know you share our best wishes to her.

Whilst I am on leave pending my retirement, Mrs Cheney Collins, current Principal of Buxton Public School, will be relieving as Principal and she is most excited at the opportunity. Best wishes and have a fantastic Christmas break. Regards, Anne Webb

2025

We look forward to seeing **Kindergarten through to Year 6** back at school on **Thursday, 6 February, 2025**. While our Year 3 to Year 6 is at the Swimming Carnival, **Year 1 and Year 2 students** will place their bags outside their 2024 classrooms when they arrive at school and line up outside their 2024 classroom when the 9:00am bell rings.

Body and Mind Wellbeing Program 2025

Each Tuesday of Term 1, students in Years K-6 will participate in a Body and Mind Wellbeing Program at Appin Public School. The program will run for eight, 40 minute sessions each **Tuesday from 18 February to 8 April 2025**. The purpose of the program is to have students become more aware of their emotional responses to every day problems, the impact it has on their bodies and concentration and the tools to better self regulate in school. The program explores social health, mental health, emotional health and physical health. It is delivered with the use of wireless headphones. Students will be supplied with headphones and a yoga mat to use at each session. No permission note is required and the cost of this program will be covered by school funds.

Student Numbers for 2025

If your child/ren are not returning to Appin School next year, can you please advise the office as soon as possible.

Medication

If your child has medication at the office, please come and collect it for the holidays. This is a perfect opportunity for you to check expiry dates and renew before returning to the office in 2025. Thank you.



Student Items Required to be Purchased in 2025

Students are requested to purchase the following items for 2025. You may like to purchase these over the school holidays:

K-6: Library bag, paint shirt, 2 boxes of tissues, 2 x paper towel rolls, 1 soap bottle cream hand wash (optional)

3-6: Pencil case (no bigger than 30cm x 15cm) to include these items: 2 lead pencils – HB preferably, black felt tip pen (optional), scissors, 2 x glue sticks, 1 standard ruler, 1 soft white rubber, coloured pencils, sharpener, 2 x blue and red ball pens **(Pens not needed for Year 3 students.)**

Change of Details

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

P & C Uniform Shop New Year Open Days

The P&C will be opening the Uniform Shop on the following days:

Monday, **3 February, 2025** - 8:30am-11:00am

Tuesday, **4 February, 2025** - 3:00pm-5:00pm

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.



Lost Property & Naming of Clothing

Please ask your child to check our lost property bin before the end of term as we will donate any unclaimed items to the Uniform Shop or to a charity. Please also clearly label your child's clothing or things they bring to school and replace these names when they wear off. Thank you.



School Ministers for 2025

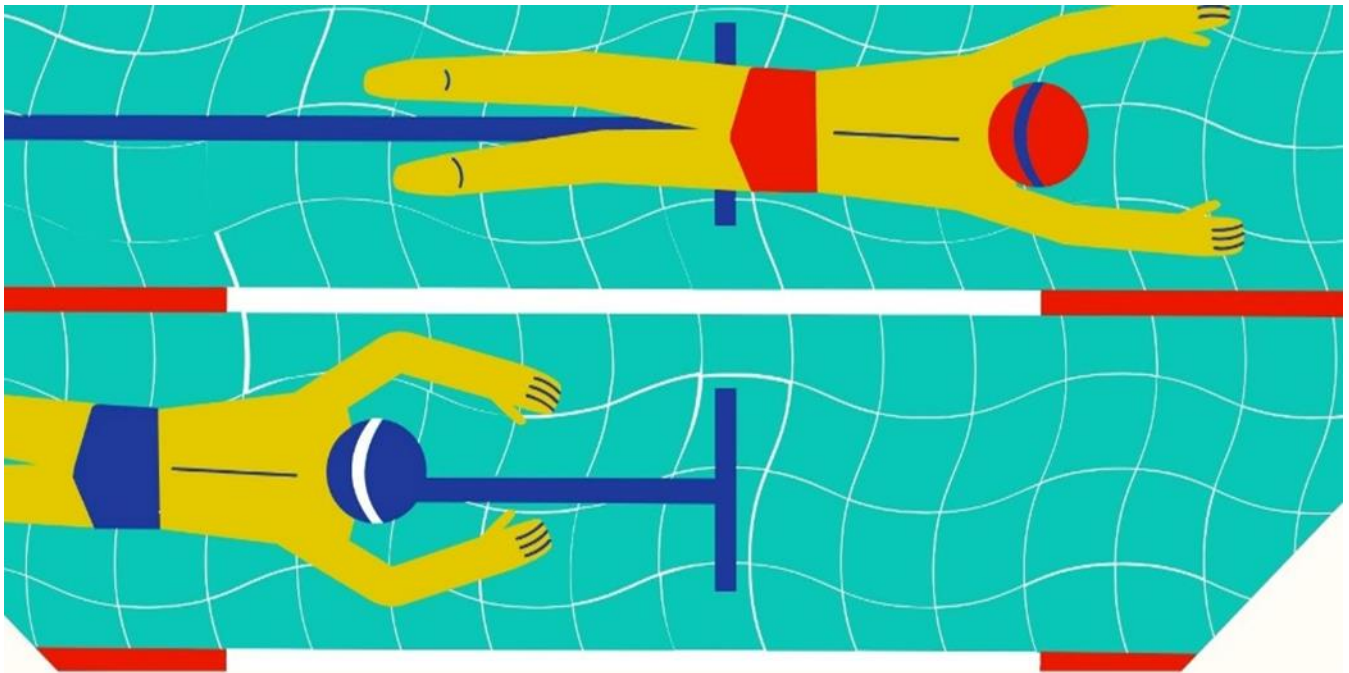


Jaxon, Mason, Jonathan, Emily, Jessica and Maddison

Sport Captains for 2025

2025 House Captains		
House	Captains	Vice Captains
Tyson	Beau Ivey	Oscar Amelia
Macquarie	Zachary Tyler	Declan Ashton
Hume	Finn Aela	Cooper Aria
Hovell	Evie Nixon	Lawson Ryka





2025 Appin Public School Annual Swimming Carnival

Date: 6th February 2025 (Day 1, Term 1)

Arrive at school ready for departure:
8:15am

Event times: 9:30am-2:00pm

Venue: The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury.

Attending: 2025, Years 3-6

Volunteers required.

If you are able to assist on the day, please contact the office via email or in person.



Swimming Carnival

Information for Parents

What to pack:

- Swimwear under sport uniform or house colours
- Sunscreen (to be reapplied throughout the day)
- Water bottle
- Lunch and recess
- Healthy snacks
- Hat
- Towel
- Extra plastic bag for wet clothes

Expectations for the day:

- Students are to be seated in their house areas in the grandstand
- Parents are welcome to have a picnic lunch with their children during the lunch break. This must be within the fenced area.
- Students will only be signed out prior to the school leaving if they are leaving the venue.

Students will be provided with time to visit the canteen.



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 search 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>

Canteen Online Ordering

Mel's Lunchbox provides 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!

GET IT ON **Google Play** | Download on the **App Store**

The graphic also features a smartphone displaying the app interface with a 'New Order' section for the week of 20 July - 26 July, showing 'Recess' and 'Lunch' options with 'Order' buttons for each day.



School Bytes

Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or 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**

The advertisement includes a central image of a smartphone displaying the app's dashboard with various icons for navigation and a list of 'Students'.

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.

Huskisson Class

Huskisson has had a fantastic finish to 2024!

We had a blast on our excursion, learning how to solve challenges as part of a team and climbing the giant rock wall.

This term, Huskisson students have learned how to balance equivalent number sentences. Using their knowledge of addition, subtraction, and multiplication, they worked out the missing numbers to balance their equations.

In Technology, we've been learning how to block code using Microbits and Spheros. Students had the opportunity to code and create exciting projects, such as light sensors, music players, and LED signals. They also designed tracks and coded their Spheros to follow their creations.



Kiandra Class

Although we are quickly approaching the end of the school year, Kiandra students have continued to work hard! We have been revising maths concepts such as time, measurement, multiplication, addition and subtraction. Each day we have been revising these concepts through fun, hands-on games and activities. Last week, we joined classes with Huskisson for two lessons and learnt some simple ways to code using a micro: bit and computer. The micro: bit can be used to create games, step counters, disco lights, and more. It's designed for children aged 8 and up, but anyone can use it to code!

Kiandra students also loved going to Wedderburn Campsite for their recent Stage 2 excursion. It was fantastic to see them cheering each other up the rock-climbing wall and working together during initiative games. I was very proud of the resilience and teamwork they showed on this day.

