

Appin Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4, 2024

5 November, 2024

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

This Week

7 Nov	Online Selective High School Placement for 2026 is now open
8 Nov	Tombola Mufti Day – Donate a Tombola gift for Hoopla Day

Week 5

11 Nov	Remembrance Day acknowledgement
11 Nov	Paper Plate for Gift Plate donation to be sent home
12 Nov	Stemtastic Day – Dress up in a STEM Career Costume or STEM Invention
13-15 Nov	Stage 3 Camp to Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber
15 Nov	Whole School Assembly – 2:15pm in School Hall Class items by Cootamundra and Orange Golden Pencil Winners announced

Week 6

18 Nov	Minister Nominations for 2025 due to office
19 Nov	Kindy Orientation – 9:30am to 10:30am
22 Nov	Gift Plate Mufti Day – Donate a Gift Plate for Hoopla Day

Week 7

25 Nov	K-6 Colour Run – PBL Reward (no cost)
27 Nov	Thank You Breakfast for Volunteers – 9:00am – 11:00am
27 Nov	Final Scripture Classes for 2024
29 Nov	Whole School Assembly – 2:15pm in School Hall Class items by Dubbo and Millthorpe AOM for November to be presented

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Principal's Message



Remembrance Day

Our school will be holding a short and simple ceremony to mark Remembrance Day, on Monday, **11 November 2024**. Children are asked to bring single flowers to school on Monday. During the ceremony, there will be an opportunity for all classes to come forward and lay them near our Remembrance Plaque. Thankyou

Leave

As I look at the calendar for this term, it saddens me to see how quickly the end of the year is approaching. **From 11 – 27 November**, I will be on long service leave in Europe, a trip that I booked prior to my decision to retire. During my leave, Mrs Muntz and Mrs Hawkins will share the relieving role of Principal. Mrs. Kym Muntz will be the relieving Principal from Monday, 11 November to Tuesday, 19 November 2024. Mrs Melissa Hawkins will be the relieving Principal from Wednesday, 20 November to Wednesday, 27th November 2024. Regards Mrs Webb

Student Ministers for 2025

The Minister Election Speeches will be held on **Monday, 2 December, 2024** for students who wish to become a Student Minister in 2025. Parents are welcome to attend. Speeches will take place in the hall from **9:15am**. Nomination Forms and information will be sent home shortly and **notes need to be returned to the office by Monday, 18 November**.

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. If you are aware of any families that have not yet enrolled their children, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Gold Award, Aussie of the Month and Ministers Reward for Primary Students

It is a great achievement to have attained five Class Awards, three Bronze Awards and two Silver Awards to reach Gold Award status, to be an exemplary all-rounder student who becomes an Aussie of the Month and to fulfill the duties of a student minister tirelessly and responsibly at our school. As a way of saying "congratulations" or "thank you", a reward is offered at the end of each year to these eligible students. We will confirm reward details, at a later date.

Swimming Carnival 2025

The Swimming Carnival for 2025 will be held on **Thursday, 6 February 2025** at the Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury. Students will travel to the pool via seat belted bus. **Departing school at 8:15am and returning by 3pm**. Students in Years 3 to 6 (in 2025) are expected to attend. Year 2 (2025) students who turn 8 in 2025, who are competitive swimmers may also attend. **Year 2 (2025) parents please contact the school office for a permission note to be emailed to you if required**. Our 2025 swimming carnival is the **first week back at school**, so arrangements must be finalised before the end of this year. **The cost of this event has been reduced to \$5.00, due to the generosity of our P&C who will cover the cost of transport to and from the pool.**

IMPORTANT: NO MONEY is required this year. You will be invoiced in Term 1 2025 for this fee. Please return the online permission note emailed home, before the 16 December 2024 for organisation and risk management purposes. The school will provide coloured wrist bands to identify **weak swimmers** as an added safety precaution. Please record this information on the permission note, by ticking WEAK SWIMMER. This will enable us to order the correct number of bands needed for the carnival. **Please accept this permission note online by 9:30am, Monday 16 December even if your child is not attending the carnival.** Students who do not have permission notes returned by 9.30am Monday 16th December **WILL NOT** be allowed to attend the carnival. (This is for organisation and risk assessment purposes.) Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.

2025 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications are now due for Kindergarten 2025. If your child turns 5 before July 31, 2025 they are eligible to start school next year. To apply online just go to the Appin Public School website: <https://appin-p.schools.nsw.gov.au> and go to the Enrolment tab. **100 points of Residential ID** is required for all enrolments and to be provided to our school office. Thank you.



STEMTASTIC DAY

FANTASTIC STEM ACTIVITIES TO DO

Dress-up In A STEM Career Costume or as a STEM Invention

STEM Career Ideas - scientist, archaeologist, mathematician, builder, doctor, surveyor, astronaut.

STEM Technology Ideas - rocket, appliances, instruments, machinery, tools.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

At Appin Public School, we celebrate the power of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in shaping our world. Let's continue to inspire curiosity, innovation and discovery in this field, empowering future generations to solve tomorrow's challenges.

Ambarvale High Schools' Orientation Days for Year 6 to 7

Ambarvale High School will be conducting an Orientation Day for students attending Ambarvale High next year, on **Tuesday, 3 December 2024**. Parents with students attending Ambarvale High, should have received information from the High School about the Orientation session. Please contact the High School for further information on Ph: 46271800. The day will run from 9:00am to 1:50pm. **Parents are required to transport their own child to and from Ambarvale High.**

AMBARVALE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS



Ambarvale High School is pleased to award one scholarship to Appin Public School to a Year 6 student for their **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

- all excursions paid in Year 7 including the Year 7 Camp
- vouchers for uniform for Year 7
- a \$50.00 book voucher to QBD Books

Ambarvale High School Visit

On Tuesday, 29 October, staff from Appin Public School, Thomas Acres Public School, Rosemeadow Public School, and Woodland Road Public School had an exciting opportunity to visit Ambarvale High School. Throughout the day, they explored various classrooms and subjects, including Ceramics, Woodwork, Advanced English, PD/H/PE, Multimedia studies, and Science, witnessing students happily engaged in their learning. The visiting teachers were impressed by Ambarvale's state-of-the-art woodwork equipment, an impressive industrial kitchen serving coffee, cake, and bacon and egg rolls, as well as a hands-on agricultural space where students grew fruits and vegetables. They also enjoyed a school tour, which included the newly updated Yarning Circle and edible garden. A highlight was learning that Year 7 students get to build a gigantic Lego City in their 4SEE subject, focusing on liveability and sustainability through problem-based learning. The warm welcome from the staff and students at Ambarvale High School made the visit both informative and enjoyable.



APPIN PS CUBS



We invite 2025 Kindergarten students to join us for our
Coming Up to Big School
Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday 19th Nov 9:30-10:30am

Teddy Bears' Picnic
Tuesday 3rd Dec 12:30-1:30pm

Selective High School & Opportunity Class Placement for 2026

Applications will be open each year from November to February (the following year) for both selective high school and opportunity class placement. Parents and carers will apply online using the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement application website.

Applications for selective high school and opportunity class, entry in 2026, will be open from **7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025**. There will be no late applications due to the longer application period, and the application closing date being closer to the test dates and logistical constraints around organising test centres and devices.

This change to the application period means that parents and carers will now need to apply for Opportunity Class Placement when their child is in Year 3 (or by the end of Week 4, Term 1 when their child is in Year 4). This change applies to students currently in Year 3.

For Selective High School Placement, parents and carers will continue to apply when their child is in Year 5 and can now apply when their child is in Year 6 until the end of Week 4, Term 1. For more information, please click on the following link: [Application process \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

Birthday Buckets \$20

Pre Order for your Child's 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

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____ D.O.B _____

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



Ice Block Donations For Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser

Thank you to those parents who have donated Ice Blocks for our Year 6 Fundraiser, which has been an outstanding success. We would greatly appreciate some more donations which will help support this fundraiser for our Year 6 students to celebrate their formal at the end of the year. Thank you.

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>

Lost Property

PLEASE label all your child's belongings including jackets, jumpers, hats, and coats. Call in to the front office to check if your child's belongings are in the Lost and Found tub. If they are labelled, we can return items to their rightful owner.



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.



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.

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.

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
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Mrs Webb's Picnic

PLEASE JOIN US TO HONOUR & FAREWELL
APPIN PUBLIC SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL
FOR THE PAST 4 YEARS

Friday, 13th of December 2024

1:40pm–2:15pm Picnic Recess on the school oval

2:15pm–3:00pm Special K–6 Assembly for Mrs Webb in the school hall

BYO rug/chair, food & drinks

Celebrating over 30 years of service in public education



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 October were:



Infants – Kora



Primary - Matilda

Students of the Week – Term 4 Week 3

Lithgow - Adelia

Parkes – Elizabeth

Silverton – Blayke

Dubbo – Hazel

Cootamundra – Hendrix

Eden – Logan

Mudgee – Alessio

Huskisson – Savannah

Kiandra – Maeve

Orange – Tayah

Dorrigo – Tippi

Scone – Ebony

Hay – Cameron

Millthorpe – Harmony



Huskisson Class

Huskisson has made a fantastic start to Term 4. During Writing, we have been learning to use figurative language within poetry to create imagery. In Mathematics, Huskisson has learned to use algorithms to solve addition and subtraction problems. We are looking forward to the rest of Term 4!



Kiandra Class

Kiandra students started off the term by exploring the world of measurement. They explored concepts of mass using scales and learned how to convert between units of measurement. They have since been learning to solve addition and subtraction problems using algorithms. This traditional approach, which many of us may remember, involves lining up numbers in columns to simplify calculations, making it especially useful for larger numbers and more challenging problems. We had a special visit from grandparents who joined us to celebrate Grandparents' Day, making it a memorable day of family connection. We also welcomed Massimo (Mr C) from the University of Wollongong into our classroom! Massimo is learning to become a primary school teacher and has taught a variety of engaging lessons.



An **algorithm** is a set of step-by-step instructions that describe how to perform a task.





Mr Pincock
RFF Teacher
(Release from Face to Face Teaching)



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Favourite things about teaching: Building meaningful relationships with students and watching them thrive. I believe that fostering a strong connection with each child creates a supportive and encouraging environment where they feel safe to explore their potential. It brings me immense joy to see their progress, whether it's mastering a new concept or developing their confidence.

Hobbies: Soccer, guitar, drums, reading and fishing.

Here at Appin Public School, I am looking forward to supporting the staff in creating and maintaining a nurturing and safe environment for our students and becoming a part of the community.



Mrs Kelly
RFF Teacher/Learning Support Teacher
(Release from Face to Face Teaching)



Favourite things about teaching: I truly love teaching at Appin Public School! The children, staff and community are the heartbeat of our school. They are the reason I keep on returning to teach again, again and again. I love building relationships with one and all and I thoroughly enjoy watching the students learn and grow.

Hobbies: I love holidaying around Australia and spending time plotting and planning world travel. Camping, biking, beaching, reading and sharing time with my family and friends are my simple pleasures.

Here at Appin Public School, I am looking forward to witnessing the children continue to smile, sparkle, share and shine!





Miss Beckingham
RFF Teacher/Learning Support Teacher



Favourite things about teaching: Building positive relationships with students and discovering each of their unique strengths and personalities. I love watching them grow in all areas, and creating an environment where learning is fun and students feels safe and supported.

Hobbies: Cooking, being active - swimming, walking, going to the beach and paddle boarding.

Here at Appin Public School, I am looking forward to creating meaningful relationships with students I haven't worked with yet, and making an impact on their learning and development.





Appin Public School Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Sale Fund Raiser

**WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING DONATIONS OF
CHILDRENS' BOOKS**

- Pre-loved books will be sold to our Appin students during week 8 this term.
- Books sales will raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF).
- Drop book donations off to the library or front office.
- Thank you in advance for any contributions.

