

Appin Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 8, 2024

3 December, 2024

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

This Week

TONIGHT	P & C Meeting – 6.30pm in the Staffroom
2-5 Dec	Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Sale Fundraiser - Library
5 Dec	Stage 2 Excursion to Wedderburn Christian Camp Scholastic Book Club LOOP Online orders due
6 Dec	Hoopla Day – 11:10am to 1:40pm (NB: School Uniform to be worn)

Week 9

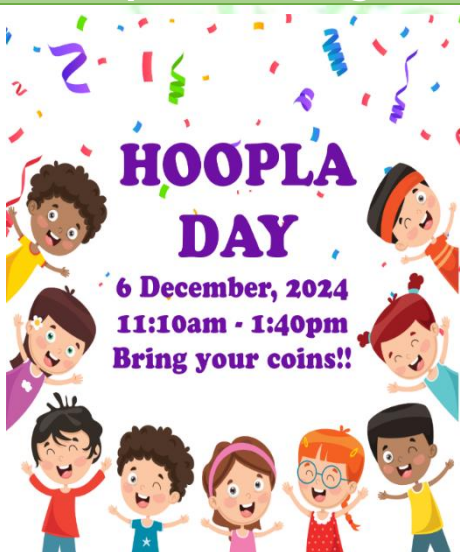
9 Dec	Presentation Day – 9:30am in School Hall
9 Dec	Year 6 Farewell at Appin House – 5:30pm – 8:30pm
10 Dec	Christmas Bag Lunch Pack from Canteen due by 9 December
12 Dec	Semester 2 Reports to go home
13 Dec	Mrs Webb's Farewell Picnic – 1:40pm to 2:15pm BYO Rug/Chair Food Drinks
13 Dec	Special K-6 Assembly for Mrs Webb in School Hall – 2:15pm to 3:00pm
14 Dec	Appin Carols – Appin Public School Oval – 4:00pm to 9:00pm

Week 10

16 Dec	Sports Captains announced at morning assembly under COLA – 9:00am
16 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Assembly – 2:15pm to 3:00pm
17 Dec	Class Picnic and Talent Quest
18 Dec	Last day for students for Term 4 Year 6 and leaving staff & students to ring school bell – 2:15pm to 3:00pm
19-20 Dec	Staff Development Days for Staff

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Principal's Message



Hoopla Day

We will be holding a Hoopla Day from **11:10am – 1:40pm** on **Friday, 6 December, 2024**.

Year 6 have been working hard to organise a fun filled event of entertainment and activities for the whole school to enjoy! **Parents, younger siblings and grandparents are welcome.** Bring your money along and have some fun to support our Year 6 Farewell.

Cost: Activities will cost 50c, \$1.00 or \$2.00

Activities/Stalls include: 'Tombola' raffle (everyone wins a prize), plate stall, coloured hairspray, temporary tattoos, obstacle course, nerf gun target shooting, sponge throwing, basketball toss and more!!! **Food available for purchase:** Slushies, popcorn and more!!! **So, start saving those coins!!!**

NB: School Canteen will be open for lunch orders and food purchases on the day.



**Appin Public School
Indigenous Literacy Foundation
Book Sale Fund Raiser**

- 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.



**IT'S LIBRARY STOCKTAKE TIME
PLEASE RETURN
YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS**

&

**PLACE THEM IN THE LIBRARY TROLLEY INSIDE THE
LIBRARY ENTRANCE**



Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day is being held next **Monday, 9 December, 2024**. **Presentation Assembly will be held from 9:30am to approximately 11:00am**, in our school hall, to recognise academic achievement, as well as announcing **2024 School Leaders**. Each class will have awards to present to students at Presentation Assembly on a pro-rata basis. This means teachers will present one award per 5 students in their class. Awards will include a certificate and a book voucher for QBD Bookstore at Macarthur Square. This gives students the flexibility to select an appropriate book at their leisure from a wider range of books than that available at a school Book Fair. **Parents should have received an email last week if their student is receiving an award at this assembly.**

Swimming Carnival 2025 – NB: FIRST DAY BACK FOR 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 day back at school**, so arrangements must be finalised before the end of this year. **The cost of this event has been reduced to \$4.00, 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. 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. **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.



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



Year 6 Graduation Assembly

On **Monday, 16 December at 2:15-3:00pm** our **Year 6 Graduation Assembly** will celebrate 7 years of primary schooling for our 41 Year 6 students. On **Wednesday, 18 December, 2:15pm to 3:00pm**, Year 6 and leaving staff and students will get to ring the school bell.

Appin Public School's



End-of-Year Talent Quest

On **Tuesday, 17 December, 2024** an end-of-year Talent Quest will be held at Appin Public School. This is a very low-key "just for fun" event run by the students, for the students. It is not a competition - rather, just a chance for our students to showcase their talents. Students who would like to participate need to organise their own item. The teachers will not be able to help with practices or preparation. If your son/daughter would like to perform, please help them to fill out an entry form. The forms are available from Ms Paxton and **notes need to be returned by Monday, 9 December.**

When: Tuesday, 17 December

Where: School Hall

Time Limit: Maximum 2 minutes

Audience: Students & Teachers

Music: Song names - give to Ms Paxton

Costumes: (Optional) – performers to organise



Class Picnic Parties

Our classes will enjoy their annual stage-based picnic parties this year on **Tuesday, 17 December 2024**. For health and safety issues around the sharing of food, such as Covid and allergies, students are asked to bring in their own special party picnic lunch to eat on the day.



Attendance and Absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record.

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.

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.

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>

P & C Uniform Shop

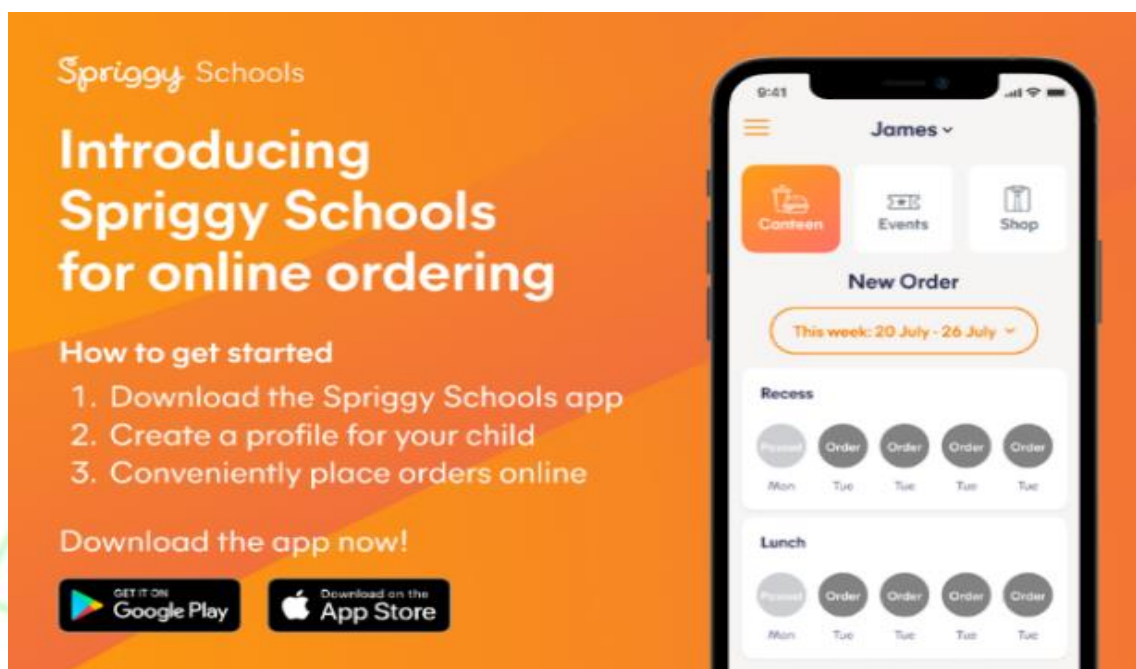
The Uniform Shop is open every **Monday**, from **8:30am to 9:30am**. The Uniform Shop has Eftpos available for payments, as well as cash. Online order form at <https://form.jotform/212808469354867> - or scan the QR Code.

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.



The image is a promotional graphic for the Spriggy Schools app. On the left, there is an orange background with white text. At the top, it says 'Spriggy Schools' in a cursive font. Below that, in large white letters, is 'Introducing Spriggy Schools for online ordering'. Underneath, it says 'How to get started' followed by a numbered list: 1. Download the Spriggy Schools app, 2. Create a profile for your child, 3. Conveniently place orders online. At the bottom of this section, it says 'Download the app now!' and provides two buttons: 'GET IT ON Google Play' and 'Download on the App Store'. On the right side of the graphic is a smartphone displaying the app's interface. The phone screen shows a user profile 'James' at the top. Below the profile are three icons: 'Canteen', 'Events', and 'Shop'. The main section is titled 'New Order' and shows a date range 'This week: 20 July - 26 July'. There are two sections for ordering: 'Recess' and 'Lunch'. Each section has a 'Recess' button and five 'Order' buttons, each with a day of the week (Mon, Tue, Tue, Tue, Tue) underneath.

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.



Lost Property

Please come and claim any items from our Lost Property **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.

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 November were:

Infants – Lachlan

Primary - Thomas

Students of the Week – Term 4 Week 7

Lithgow – Dallas

Parkes – Aiden

Silverton – Archie

Dubbo – George

Cootamundra – Brody

Eden – Leo

Mudgee – Zahli

Huskisson – Karim

Kiandra – Ben

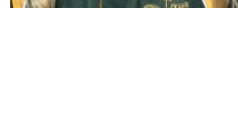
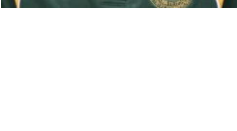
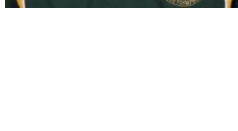
Orange – Emiline

Dorrigo – Amelie

Scone – Nathaniel

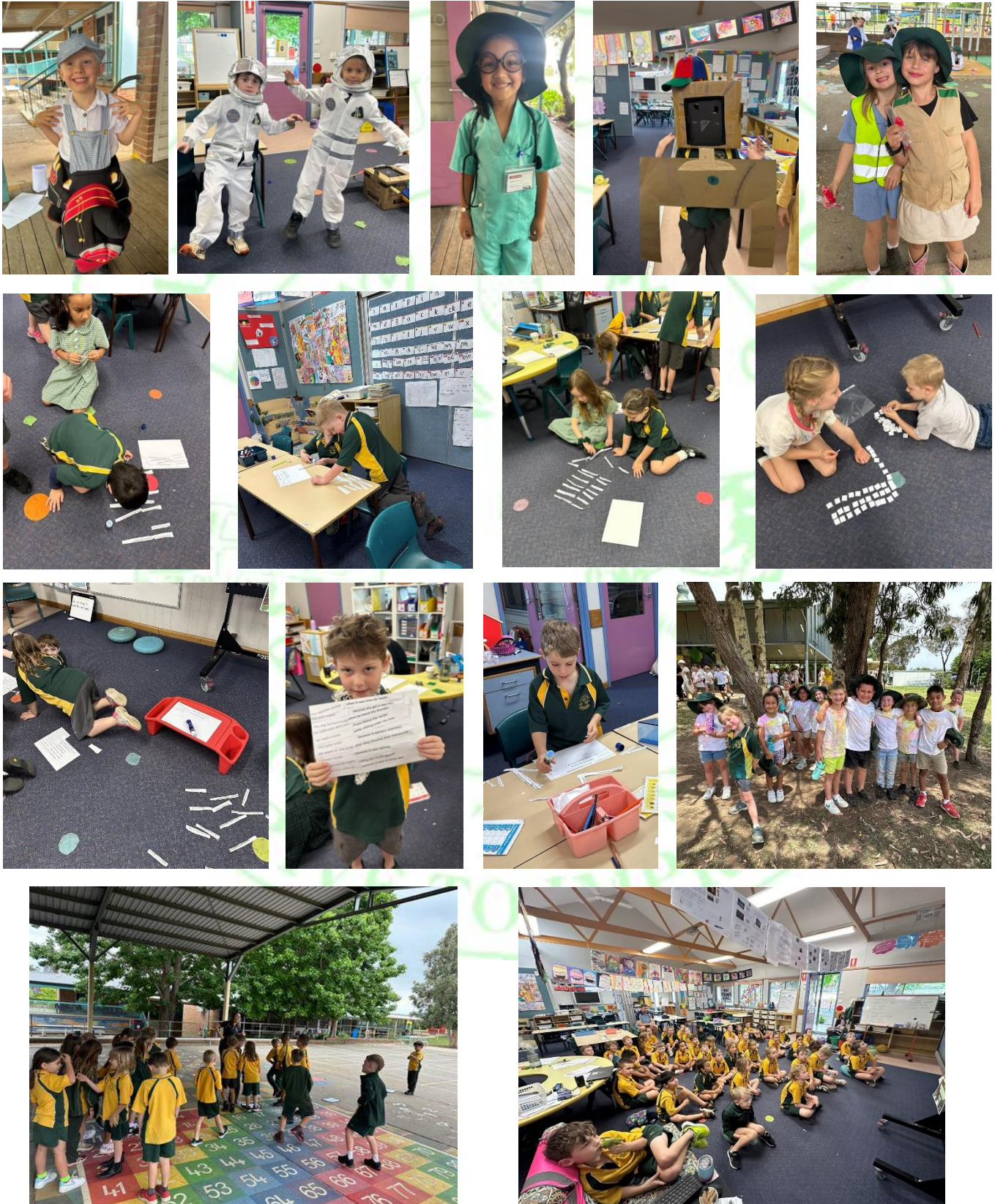
Hay – Ashton

Millthorpe – Maddison



Dubbo Class

In Dubbo, we have focused on consolidating our knowledge while applying it to increasingly complex scenarios. In English, students have been exploring complex sentence structures and refining their descriptive writing skills, which they applied when crafting their own narratives. In Mathematics, we have been strengthening our understanding of numbers and the hundreds chart, as well as exploring the properties of 3D shapes. Beyond academics, students have had the opportunity to participate in the Colour Run and other dress up events.



Cootamundra Class

Cootamundra have been learning about collecting data and formulating it into various graphs. They visited other K-2 classes asking each class what their favourite playground equipment is.

