



# Appin Public School

## Strive to Improve

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*From the Principal*

Welcome to Week 5, where we thank the parents who came last Wednesday evening to listen to Dr Kristy Goodwin speak in our school hall on how to make sure our kids are safe in this digital world. We all listened enthralled to her highly engaging and informative talks and left so much wiser and well-informed. Thanks to Lesley and Lauren from Bright Sparks for their organisation and support of this event.

### Colour Explosion Event

If you missed this event last Saturday afternoon, you missed an awesome, fun-filled afternoon. P&C volunteers Kristie and Shannon, along with the assistance of Mr Earnshaw, spent many hours beforehand creating an obstacle course for kids and adults to complete whilst attempting to avoid (or not) being sprayed with vibrant colour powder. Not only did everyone smile and laugh at what they looked like at the end, but it was such an easy way to engage in exercise without realising how many laps of our oval were completed. Way to go everyone! **Please return Fundraising Forms & money raised to the office ASAP! Thank you.**

### Author Visit – this Friday

Thanks to Mrs Newey, our enthusiastic Librarian, we have a local author Kirli Saunders visiting our school this Friday. Kirli has been a teacher and enjoys riding motorbikes which gave her the inspiration for one of her books “The Incredible Freedom Machines”. She will speak to K-2 students first, then 3-6 students about what it takes to be a writer, where she gets her inspiration and how she goes about writing, as well as discussing her own books, the most recent of which is a book of poetry. This event is a **gold coin donation** to be brought to school on Friday.

### Path safety

Once again, it is time for parents to remind their children, particularly those who ride or scoot to and from school without an adult, that the path along the front of our school is a shared path for both pedestrians, bikes and scooters. Our school requires students to walk their bike or scooter for safety reasons when inside our school grounds. However, many students race each other as soon as they get to the path resulting in adults and toddlers fearing for their safety. Please discuss with your child why they need to be aware of adults of all ages, toddlers, prams and pre-schoolers on bikes and scooters and make sure the path is safe for everyone.

### Interrelate

This 3 lesson program with separate components for Year 5 and Year 6 focusing on “Minding Me” and “Moving into the Teen Years” commenced yesterday. Our school would like to sincerely thank our wonderful P&C for supporting parents and students by paying 100% of the costs of this program, ensuring that each student attends and receives the correct information about changes they are experiencing as they grow up.

### 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 tirelessly and responsibly fulfill the duties of a Student Minister at our school and as a way of saying “congratulations” or “thank you”, a different reward outing is offered each year to these eligible students. This year our deserving Primary students will be going to Jamberoo Water Park on **Tuesday, 11th December, 2018**. Our Infant award winners will also be rewarded with a Bowling Day on **Wednesday, 12th December, 2018**. **Last chance for Gold Awards to be redeemed by this Friday, 16th November**. Any Gold Awards received after this date will be included in next year’s Rewards Day.

## Dates to Remember:

14th Nov	Eco-Committee & Garden Club Excursion to Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living
15th Nov	Nude Food Day - Bring Plastic Free Lunches to School
19th Nov	Parliament - 2:00pm in the School Hall - <b>Please note change of date due to Interrelate</b>
20th & 26th Nov	Interrelate Talk for Years 5 & 6
23rd Nov	Assembly - Murray & Styx, AOM for November and 2/3 Dance Group Performance
27th Nov	P & C Meeting - 6:30pm in School Library
28th Nov	Thank You Breakfast 8:15am - 9:00am Last Scripture for 2018
3rd Dec	Ministers Speeches & Voting 2019 - Speeches in the Hall from <b>9:15am</b> - Parents welcome
7th Dec	Hoopla Day & Holiday Xmas Concert - Starting at 12:00pm

### Student Achievements

Daly class have thoroughly enjoyed learning the skills required for hockey, in particular, manipulating that all important hockey stick to actually hit the ball and send it in the right direction. Sophia and Seth from Orara class have proudly earned their Maths passport for putting the time and effort in to learn their times tables up to 12 and 10. Darling class students Jayden, Kooper, David, Ava, Matilda and Joel can independently subtract from 100 back to 0. Yarra class students Hudson, Maya, Frank and Joshua have produced awesome writing and Billy continues to improve his ability to write with some independence. In Murray class, Alexis and Michael have now achieved the skills to become a "Frog".

Keep up this commendable efforts and achievements!

### Stamp Chart Superstars

Snowy: Nate, Ebony, Hunter, Mia

Swan: Tom, Reuben, Bailey, Desmond

Margaret: Isla

Daly: Lucas

Orara: Braidyn

### 2019 Swimming Carnival

Notes have been sent home for our primary classes to attend The Wollondilly Leisure Centre (Picton Pool) on **Thursday, 31st January, 2019** where our school Swimming Carnival will be held. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 in 2019 are also invited to attend if they are strong, competitive swimmers (**please ask at the office for a form.**)

The cost of the excursion is \$17.00 (this covers pool entry \$4.30 and bus fare). All children attending the carnival should travel on the bus (bus will have seat belts). **Please return the permission note sent home to school by Friday, 7th December 2018, even if your child is not attending the carnival. IMPORTANT:** Students who do not return their permission note by Friday, 7th December **WILL NOT** be allowed to attend.

### Thank You Breakfast

An invitation to our Thank You Breakfast on **Wednesday, 28th November, 2018 from 8:15am to 8:30am** has been given out to parents and community members who have assisted us in any way throughout this year, as a way of thanking you for your wonderful contribution to our school. If you have helped in anyway, and did not receive an invitation, please call into the office to collect one. Please return the **RSVP to the office by Friday, 23rd November** or alternatively, phone the school office on 46 311220 to assist us with catering numbers.

### End of Year Scripture Performance

All of our students are invited to attend an End of Year Christmas Celebration during our last Scripture session, which is on **Wednesday, 28th November from 9:00am-9:30am**. The performance has a religious Christian Christmas message and students will receive a booklet at the end to bring home. All students are welcome to attend, but if you do not wish your child to participate, please let our office know.

### Minister Election Speeches

The Minister Election Speeches will be held on **Monday, 3rd December** for students who wish to become a Student Minister in 2019. Parents are welcome to attend. Speeches will take place in the hall from **9:15am**.

### Wollongong High School of Performing Arts Auditions for Year 7, 2020

The audition applications for Year 6 (2019) into Year 7 (2020) are submitted through the Wollongong High School of Performing Arts website. **The application will be available for parents to access in Week 2, Term 1, in 2019.** The auditions will be held in the last 3 weeks of Term 1, 2019.

### Congratulations Mrs Reid & Mrs Malson

Last week, Mrs Harrison presented Mrs Reid & Mrs Malson with a certificate acknowledging their outstanding service to Appin Public School in the Community Member category of the Principals Network Awards for the Regional South Operational Directorate. A big thank you to these two lovely ladies for all that you do for our students and our school!!



### Aussie of the Month

An **AUSSIE of the MONTH** is someone who:

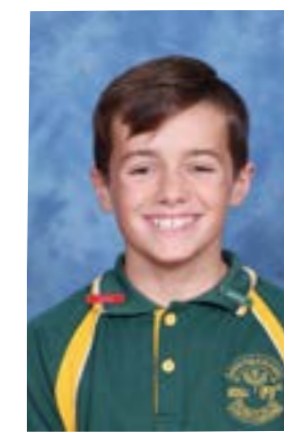
- \* Consistently obeys the school rules;
- \* Is helpful to students and teachers;
- \* Is caring to other class and school members;
- \* Is a good friend;
- \* Always gives of their best and tries hard to improve;
- \* Displays a wonderful attitude to school.

The 'Aussie of the Month' for March were:

**Infants** - Mia Smits-Mulholland  
**Primary** - Joshua Booth

### Students of the Week

Swan - Tabitha  
 Darling - Kooper  
 Snowy - Kye  
 Yarra - Evie  
 Franklin - Layla  
 Margaret - Fletcher  
 Murray - Noah  
 Daly - Hayley  
 Orara - Angus  
 Nepean - Sophie  
 Styx - Josh  
 Daintree - Darcy  
 Murrumbidgee - Killara



  
**Teachers Now Targeting**  
TERM 4 WEEK 4 & 5  
**Be Friendly and Respectful**  
 Speak and act positively towards everybody  




### Hoopla Day & Holiday Concert

We will be holding a Hoopla Day & Holiday Concert on **Friday 7th December, 2018**. The Holiday Concert will start at **12:00pm** followed by a Recess Picnic Lunch and then our Hoopla Day will commence. Year 6 have been working hard to organise a fun filled afternoon of entertainment and activities for the whole school to enjoy! From 1:30 to 2:30 pm, 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:** Plate Stall, Iceblocks, Photo Booth, Mystery Box, Beanboozle, Wet Sponge Throwing, Tombola Stall, 3D Printed Bookmarks, Soccer Shootout. **So start saving those coins!!!!!!Donations Needed for Tombola Stall for Hoopla Day.**

### Lucky Number - Every Number Wins!

Please donate a plastic bottle or jar filled with ..... e.g. lollies, bath bombs, homemade jam, hair ties, soft drink etc. Or ..... Please leave your plastic bottle or jar in the red tub in the office.

Thank you so much, Mrs Kate Kelly. **Remember - EVERY number wins!!!!**

### Hoopla Day - Plate Stall

Every family has been sent home a plate to prepare a gift for sale for our Plate Stall and will sell for between **\$5.00 and \$10.00**. Could you please assist us in preparing a gift plate and sending it into school. The plate should be sent in ready to be sold as a gift, so please cover with cellophane and put a ribbon on it. The gift plate should not include perishable items unless you are planning to send it in the day before the Hoopla Day. Some examples may be:

- \* 'dad's carwash' plate with a sponge, bottle of wash'n'wax and a chamois
- \* 'tea lovers' plate with 3 sachets of quality tea, tea cup/saucer and a small packet of shortbread biscuits
- \* 'garden lovers' plate with garden gloves, small decorative pot and packet of seeds

These are just examples. Please be creative and support this worthy fundraiser for our school.

All plates need to be **returned to school by Thursday, 6th December**. Thank you for your support.

### Enrolments for 2019

It is vitally important this year that families notify our Office if their children will not be attending our school next year. Likewise, please notify our Office if you know of any families moving into Appin with children who plan to enrol at our school for next year. It is imperative that we know exact numbers as soon as possible to help with organisation of classes for 2019.

### Information and Enrolment Night For Sacramental Programs for 2019

An information and enrolment night will be held on **Tuesday 20 November at 7.30pm** in the Parish School Multi-Purpose hall for any parents/caregivers wishing to present their children for any of the sacramental program in 2019. It is important you attend this night for all information and dates of the programs, as well as to enrol your children for Reconciliation (Confession), First Holy Communion (year 3 and above) and Confirmation (year 6 and above) in 2019. Please bring a copy (to attach to the enrolment form) of birth certificate and baptism certificate. If your child was baptised at OLHC or Appin, you only need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Fees may be paid on the night (\$25.00 Reconciliation, \$25.00 First Holy Communion, \$25.00 Confirmation). Thank you.

### Outstanding Fees Reminder

Thank you to those families who have paid their outstanding accounts. Please finalise any outstanding monies by **30th November, 2018**. (POP) Parent Online Payments [our preferred option] can be made via the Appin School website page at <https://appin-p.schools.nsw.gov.au> EFTPOS is also available at the office for your convenience.

### Summary of costs:

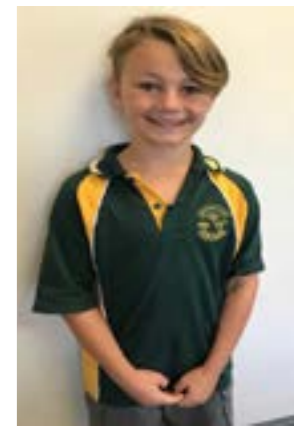
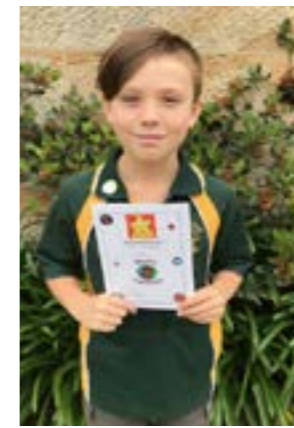
- School Contribution - \$40 each or \$70 per family (more than 1 child);
- Photocopy Levy - \$20 per child
- Software Levy - \$20 per child;
- Classroom Equipment Levy - \$20 per child

### Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser

Year 6 students will be selling iceblocks each afternoon, after school from 3:00pm-3:15pm, for the rest of Term 4 to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. If any parents from Year 5 or Year 6 would like to donate a bag of Zooper Doopers, it would be greatly appreciated.

### Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Phil Dalli, our School General Assistant, for the fabulous garden beds in front of our Administration Block. Don't they look wonderful!!!!



## Appin Christmas Carols Joyce Jutt Giving Tree

We are looking for donations of Christmas presents for less fortunate children in the Macarthur region. Gifts need to be wrapped and labelled for a boy or a girl and approximate age or range it would be suitable for. Gifts will be distributed by St Vincent De Paul Society. Donations can be left with Mrs Martyn at Appin PS or put under the tree at the carols on the **8/12/18**.



## GOLDEN PENCIL WRITERS AWARD WINNERS – WEEK 4, TERM 4

During our Week 4 Assembly our penultimate Golden Pencil Writers' Awards were presented to four hardworking authors. Mrs Brumpton, Mrs Goldstein and Miss Lewis, once again, found it extremely hard to make a decision. The winning works can be read in a special writer's award area of the library. After the Week 6 Assembly, the judges will be looking at all the winning texts again and making their most difficult choice of the year. Who were the best writers at Appin Public School in 2018? So, sharpen your pencils and tighten your thinking caps for one last chance to be nominated this year.

### Pencil Award Nominations for Week 4 Term 4

- Tabitha Monti - Kindergarten Swan
- Joel Rogers - Kindergarten Darling
- Nancy Gauci - Kindergarten Snowy \*
- Isla Meads - Year 1 Yarra
- Peyton Crotty - Year 1 Franklin
- Ned Carmont – Year 2 Murray \*
- Lliana Hidalgo – Year 2 Margaret
- Aden Brown – Year 3 Daly \*
- Annalise Tones – 3/4 Nepean
- Angus Richards – 3/4 Orara
- Joshua Santos – 4 Styx
- Oliver Croker – 5 Styx
- Seth Gilmore – 5/6 Daintree \*
- Oliver Ball - 5/6 Murrumbidgee



### *Nude Food Day*

*Since Term 2, the Eco-Committee have been participating in the Litter Legends Campaign to help reduce the amount of plastic used here at Appin PS.*

*Nude Food Fruit Break has been such a success! To celebrate the completion of the campaign, we will be holding a 'Nude Food Day' on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, Week 5. Join us by bringing a completely plastic free lunch.*

### Tony the Baby Tyrannosaurus Rex

Tony the baby tyrannosaurus rex had no friends. She tried to make friends but everyone was scared of her. Then she saw someone. She said "Can you be my friend?" "Yes," said the dinosaur. Baby tyrannosaurus rex was so happy she had a friend.

By Nancy Gauci  
Snowy



### Daniel Felt...

... Afraid when they let him down,  
... Anxious when they call him a clown.  
... Nervous whenever he interacts with peers,  
... Small because school holds so many fears.

... Bullying makes him feel heart-broken,  
... Because of so many harsh words spoken.  
... Ugly, stupid, stinky, fat,  
... All these words have a BIG impact.

By Ned Carmont  
Murray



### Captain James Cook

James Cook was a young boy that worked on a farm with his parents. How come he gets to do farming when I am stuck writing? Let's continue. When James was about 17 he said goodbye to farming and moved to a small fishing village. He got a job near the sea and became fascinated by ships. James spent his free time reading and learning about them until a captain took him as his apprentice.

The captain taught James everything about ships things James did not even know. James was captain now he got sent to Tahiti to track how far the earth was away from the sun.

James sailed for days and days until they reached New Zealand where they were greeted by natives. He found Australia and was killed by Hawaiians. His ship was the Endeavour.

**By Aden Brown  
Daly**

### Ocean Crisis

You probably assumed that the ocean was just full of water and sea life. Well, in around 50 years the ocean will have more plastic than water! Plastic is a huge problem to our marine environment and our marine life. Are you thinking, where is this plastic coming from? The plastic was made by us, so the plastic is our own. If there is anyone to blame, it's our own fault. Plastic is the number **DEATH BRINGER** to all marine creatures. Plastics' main strategy is to block up sea creatures stomachs. Because plastic is not digestible, it will stay in the stomachs and starve them. Plastic straws are a huge threat to turtles because they fit perfectly in their noses. It causes an insane amount of agony for the turtle when humans try to get the straw out. Whales think that plastic bags are jellyfish and eat them by mistake. A whale was found on a beach in Thailand with over 80 plastic bags in it. Birds and even polar bears now are effected by plastic. Plastic is polluting everywhere but it has a great effect on our oceans. My class has watched documentaries such as 'Albatross the Film' and 'War on Waste' to find out as much as we can about plastic. Don't just think it's a group of people doing this because it's not, it's all of us. There is one solution, we must recreate our lives and actually care.

It's not just whales, turtles and fish, it's sea birds as well. Albatross are a sea bird that live around the sea. They go to an island called Midway Island for their mating season. Midway was a battleground for war and now a war with plastic. Once the adult birds have their baby chicks, they travel a long way to find a large mass of plastic rubbish, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a massive spot in the ocean where for miles all you see is plastic garbage. Albatross take the plastic thinking it is food because they trust the ocean. Albatross are slowly becoming extinct because plastic that the parents bring back is killing the chicks. This makes them unable to reproduce. It's not just albatross that are being affected; it is many different birds that fall at the feet of plastic. Fairyturn birds also live at midway but they are not affected by plastic because their full diet is minnows. Humans consume products but what do they do with the plastic? They certainly don't dispose of it properly if it is affecting all these sea creatures. When you look into the eyes of an albatross it makes you wonder if they know it is us who is killing them. Do you know what is wrong with us? We keep making plastic. If we stopped it would help a ton.

Did you know that straws can be as deadly as swords? Not necessarily to humans, but definitely to sea life. Straws are only single use and after that they make their way into the ocean. Molly Steer gave a speech about how straws in the ocean can effect turtles and how they never decompose. They only break down into microplastic that still affects small sea creatures such as crabs' ad shrimp. Molly was not done with just a speech, she did a little more investigating around McDonalds and found out that they produce over 310 million straws each year that end up in the ocean. A documentary called 'War on Waste' asked Molly to be on one of their episodes. They then collected over 100 straws that were littered.

None of which were found in the ocean yet. Molly started a campaign named 'Straw No More' that her town now uses to stop them from using straws. Their goal is to make the world use her plan. Turtles are in massive danger because the straws fit perfectly in their noses and it hurts like a bullet to try and get it out. By the year 2050, if we do nothing, turtles we become extinct. Just think no more turtles.

"Unless someone like you cares an awful lot, it's not gonna get better. It's not." This was a quote from Dr Seuss and the Lorax, and it makes perfect sense. Unless you care, nothing will get better. For our situation, we need to change the throw away system. We need to make sure that we can recycle so that we can reduce the plastic that goes into landfill and our ocean. For this to work first we need to put it back in sight, back in mind so that we can fix our problem. We need to stop our selfishness and work together as humans to fix our problem. Us humans have made many problems for our planet such us climate change and global warming. One main solution is to care forever. But most of all, producers and consumers **MUST** work together to solve our plastic ocean crisis.

**By Seth Gilmore  
Daintree**



**Congratulations Authors!**  
**You have been thinking creatively to ensure you engage your readers.**  
**Your work is on display in the library.**