



# APPLETHORPE STATE SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message



### P&C Meeting

Last Tuesday's meeting was well attended and the major discussions revolved around the Fete, Behaviour Reward Days and School break-up activities.

The fete was an outstanding success and raised over \$6000 for the P&C. These funds will ultimately be used for the benefit of all students in the school including paying for the buses for the upcoming Behaviour Reward Days at a cost of over \$2500.

The Years 4-6 trip to Brisbane is on Tuesday, 26th November, departing the school at 6:30am - this is to be confirmed.

There are very limited seats available for Parents on the bus for the Prep-3 trip to Warwick on the 4th December. Please advise Mrs Butler if you are interested.

Our School Break-up will be held on Thursday, 12th December.

### Students of the Week

Congratulations to: **Grayson, Lennox, Abigale, Jordi and Betty** for being recognised by their Class Teachers for their excellent classwork and adherence to our Applethorpe Apps.

### Prep Orientation Days

The last Prep-Orientation day is being held today. We look forward to welcoming all our new Preps in 2025.

### Plant Stall

Mrs. Renee Coco is holding a plant stall on Saturday to sell the remaining plants from the fete. Plants will be on sale at **1 Maria Court Stanthorpe from 8am-10am.** Renee is kindly donating all funds raised to the P&C.

### Swimming

Swimming lessons continue this Monday and Tuesday for all classes. Cost is \$5 per student. Transport to and from the pool will be by Crisps Bus.

### Garden Mulch

The garden mulch in the southern corner of the school is available free of charge to any school families who may want some for their gardens. It is self-service only and may be collected after school hours or on the weekend. Please advise the school if you want mulch and also what time you may wish to collect it.

### Year 6 Studies

Year 6 students will be participating in the **Extended Learning Program** at the Stanthorpe State High School on the 20th and 21st November.

### The Year 6 Lecturette Section

**Competition** will be held at Stanthorpe State School on Monday evening 25th November. If successful, students will compete in the District Final on Monday evening 2nd December.

### School Sport

**Tennis**-Applethorpe 1 defeated Glen Aplin last week and Applethorpe 2 had a close win over Broadwater.

Tennis continues today with Applethorpe 1 playing Broadwater and Applethorpe 2 playing Glen Aplin at home tomorrow.

At least one Applethorpe Tennis Team will be involved in the Ted Bonner Tennis Shield Finals competition next Friday 22nd November.

Permission notes for the **Small Schools Swimming Carnival** will be forwarded next week. This Carnival is being held on Friday 6th December and is for students aged 9-12 years only.

### Staff News

Mrs Gleeson will be away on Monday and Tuesday due to family commitments. I will also be away on Monday, 18th November attending to family commitments in Brisbane.

Mrs. Favaro will be Acting Principal for this period.

### Kind regards

**Martin Hodgson**  
Principal

## Applethorpe APPS

Good Manners

Accept Responsibility

Respect for Others

Pride in our Work

Pride in our School.

### 2024 Focus

- **Equity & Excellence**
- **Reading-Phonics**

## Coming Events

### November

18th - Yrs. 4-6 Swimming

19th - P-3 Swimming

20th-21st—ELP Year 6

25th - Yrs. 4-6 Swimming

26th - P-3 Swimming

26th - Yrs. 4-6 BRD Brisbane

## Community Notices

Blue Light Flyer

School Attendance Rate **-89.1%**

Every day counts.



### Containers for Change

Scheme ID: C10134953

Please quote this number when redeeming recyclables to raise funds for our school!



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## Prep-1 News - Mrs Butler

The term is rocketing by with only 4 weeks left to go. Can you believe it? Today we welcomed Sergeant Gleeson, our school Adopt-A-Cop to our class for his annual, very informative and valuable safety talk. All students enjoyed his visit immensely and thought his police vehicle was great fun to sit in and look around.



Today was our 4<sup>th</sup> and final Prep Orientation Day. I can't believe how beautifully our new cohort of Preps for 2025 have settled into classroom routines. We will look forward to welcoming them to our school again on Day 1, 2025.



During our Geography lesson this week we examined the Great Barrier Reef with a mind map of facts. Students decided it really was a natural wonder of the world and luckily, is right on our doorstep. In Science we had a wonderful time finding reasons why animals migrate or hibernate. I was blown away by the discussion and thinking skills our young students are developing.

Everyone is having a great go at persuasive language and had opinions about such diverse topics as, 'whether parents are spending too much time on their phone' and 'strawberries are the best fruit'. We will continue this next week.

During Maths lessons Preps are completing a number booklet and Year 1's are studying 2D and 3D shapes and objects.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

## Year 2-3 News - Ms Cynthia Collins

Today we had the delight of hosting our beautiful Year 1's for a transition day. They really enjoyed listening to the story of "The Magic Hat" and making their own magic hat. Later in the day, our fabulous Year 2's helped them to create a picture about the story on the computer. It was great seeing the Year 2 students being such wonderful helpers. They taught the Year 1's to log on to the computers, load up our 'Paint' program and then experiment with the different tools in the program.

While this was happening in our classroom, our Year 3's got to spend the day in the upper classroom. They really enjoyed their time upstairs with Mrs Smith and Mr Hodgson.



Today we are proud to present to you, part of Olivia's wonderful poem. Olivia, like all the Year 3's, has been working hard on her poem and has done a brilliant job of it.

## *Beach Community*

By Olivia Maggiolo

I can see...

Crazy crabs crawling forever looking for a place to hide.  
Soaring stealing Seagulls taking food with sneaky pride.  
Kids quickly running, leaving footprints behind them.  
White boats sailing out to sea shining like a gem.

I can feel...

Fresh wind blowing through my hair filled with sand...  
Ice blocks melting in my soft sandy hands.  
The cold water splashing onto my sweaty face.  
I'm getting hot while I pick up the pace.



I can hear...

Huge waves splashing, crashing as they hit hard rocks.  
Watches ticking like very annoying clocks.  
Seagulls chirping loudly in my soft ears.  
Someone opening a fresh bottle of beer.

## Year 4-6 News - Mrs Favaro

In HaSS Year 4 students considered the simple fact that water is necessary for survival. They examined the current role of water in selected ecosystems, predicted the consequences of water scarcity and explored the concept of conservation. Students researched how plants and animals can adapt to cope with less water and devised an advertising campaign to encourage people to make adaptations of their own. Year 5/6 students revisited their map of Asia and chose a country to conduct their own research about this place. Interesting information on things such as culture, geography, climate, native animals and lifestyle were researched.

Today in Science students drew a cross-section in their science journal showing what they think they know about Earth's interior. We watched a video and read a text on Earth's interior and students then revised and updated their cross-sections, using colours to represent the temperature of the different layers of Earth. As a class, we discussed the completed cross-section diagrams.



On Remembrance Day students respectfully gathered to pause in silence to remember the sacrifices many have made so we can enjoy life today. This week our class will participate in the RSL Draw to Remember chalk art project which is a learning and commemoration activity for primary school students. The activity allows children to learn the significance of 11 November and express their learnings or personal Remembrance Day connections through chalk art.

