



APPLETHORPE STATE SCHOOL

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Principal's Message



School Leadership Elections

Elections for School Leadership positions were held yesterday. Congratulations to the following students on their election to their positions of responsibility within the school.

School Captains

Rebekah Neville and Elwood Summerville-Bauman

Sports Captains

Rose de Maere d'Aertrijcke
Jack Matthews and Kyeden Riddle.

Mr. James Lister MP will present the students with their School Leadership Badge on Thursday 2nd March at 9:10am. Parents of our school leaders are cordially invited to attend the Ceremony.

P&C Meeting

The first meeting of the year was held last Tuesday evening and attended by seven parents. Major business discussed was the Show & Shine BBQ on Saturday and parental involvement in P&C activities. The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th March at 7pm.

P&C Show & Shine BBQ

Thank you to the small group of parents who have volunteered to assist with this activity either at the Park or with baking. The BBQ will operate from 10:30am—2pm. Any further assistance is greatly appreciated.

Seating

School families will have noticed the new seats installed in front of the Flagpole and along the fence. These were donated from the Variety Bash held in 2022 and are a welcome addition to our school facilities. The school is investigating the feasibility of restoring a couple of the old wooden benches for placement around the Palm tree.

GB Swimming Trials

Granite Belt swimming trials were held last night at the Stanthorpe Pool. Congratulations to Afiya, Betty, Olivia, Piper, Michael and Jack on their performances in the trials. The announcement of the team to contest the DD Regional Trials will be advised. School swimming lessons continue for the next 4 weeks.

Didjeribone Show Performance

Students will participate in an Indigenous musical presentation at the school on Tuesday 21st February at 9.30am. The cost for this Performance will be \$ 3.00 per student. A flyer regarding this presentation has been included in Community Notices.

Student Resource & P&C Levy

Outstanding payments should be paid as soon as possible please.

School Sport

Two home games this week
Cricket vs Greenlands
Softball vs Ballandean.

Staff News

Mrs. Favaro is absent next Tuesday and is replaced by Mrs. Jamieson.

Kind regards

Martin Hodgson
Principal

Applethorpe APPS

Good Manners

Accept Responsibility

Respect for Others

Pride in our Work

Pride in our School.

2023 Focus

* **Equity & Excellence**

* **Number Facts**

Coming Events

FEBRUARY

11th - **Show & Shine BBQ**

13th - **Swimming Continues**

20th - **Swimming Continues**

27th—**Swimming Continues**

21st - **Didjeribone Show**

MARCH

2nd - **Leadership Presentation**

Community Notices

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

Another fabulous week is flying by. Prep and Year One students are learning all about themselves in Maths and Health.

This week they measured their height, weight, foot and longest finger length. This was awesome fun.

Students are also learning all about their family in our HaSS studies and how important families are in keeping them safe, healthy and happy. In Science Preps and Year One's drew an annotated diagram of a dinosaur and listened to dinosaur sounds. Students made pretty wonderful dinosaur roars too.



We unveiled some more of the fabulous, engaging toys bought with Goodies Shop money in Social Play this morning. New playdough equipment and a game called 'Catch the Fox' are absolute winners and are helping our youngest school members learn turn taking, waiting and using kind words and good manners. These are valuable social skills which will last a lifetime.

Year One's used great oral presentation skills in Show & Tell today. As it is Letter T week students followed procedures to make 'Tiger Toasties' by spreading vegemite and cheese on bread which was then toasted in the oven to perfection. Everyone's brightly painted sun, art project, is progressing well and will soon be on display on our notice board.

Wishing you an amazing week.

Year 2-3 News - Ms Cynthia Collins

Hi there! This week our fabulous Yr 2/3 learners have been busy once again. Our English units continue with learning about the features of poetry and persuasive text.

Of course, our week began with swimming. It was great to see everybody so eager to enter the water and hone their swimming skills. I can't wait to see the progress made at the end of our five weeks of lessons!

In Science our Year 2's experimented with different materials to test their strength. Which material do you think came out as strongest-paper, foil or fabric? Year 3 students went on a 'Living Things' hunt to find evidence of living



creatures. They also worked with a partner to discover many characteristics of living things. See if they can name them all to you!

Naturally, we are all very excited at having achieved a 'Highly Commended'

at the Stanthorpe Show for our entry of 'Zuchidna'. A big THANK YOU goes to Sarina Maggiolo for her assistance with this task-we couldn't have done it without you! Have a great rest-of-the-week everyone! Until next time ...



Year 4-6 News - Mrs Favaro

On Monday our Year 6 students presented their leadership speeches. All students spoke very well, and we look forward to their positive contributions to our school throughout the year.



In HaSS today Year 4 students looked at two different maps and investigated what each map tells us about the First Peoples of Australia. One map showed where the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived, and the other highlighted the 250 separate language groups. Students recorded and compared their thoughts in a diagram. The Year 5/6 classes studied why Australia was colonised and how the Australian Colonies developed and expanded rapidly during the 19th century. Students used an eBook and websites to conduct further research on the six colonies.

In our Science lesson we added written information to complete our diagrams of the life cycle of a tomato plant. We discussed why plants produce flowers and fruit. Students took a closer look at the parts of a flower by observing different samples. Each Science team cut through their samples longways so that they could observe and draw a cross section of the flower. We then labelled these using the correct terms.



We are looking forward to Friday sport with our first softball and cricket matches taking place tomorrow.

