



APPLETHORPE STATE SCHOOL

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Principal's Message



Student Sickness

As you would all be aware there has been a significant amount of sickness going through the school and local community. I am able to confirm that there have been no cases of Whooping Cough diagnosed within the school.

Information on **Mycoplasma Pneumoniae Infection** was sent to all school families on Wednesday morning. If students are still unwell please keep them home and seek medical advice. If you are requiring more information on student illness please call **13 HEALTH**.

NAPLAN Testing

Testing continued this week for students who have been absent from school. All make up tests conclude tomorrow.



Swimming Lessons

With our final lesson today swimming lessons have been completed for all students. Swimming lessons will resume in Term 4.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for their **Student of the Week** Class award.

Fallyn, Georgia, Harrison, Isla, Ethan, Flynn and Olivia Boulton-Hendry.

Easter Bonnet Parade

The school will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 28th March commencing at 10:15am. All parents are welcome to attend.

P&C Easter Raffle

Thank you to those families who have donated prizes for our Easter Raffle. Further donations may be left at the Office. Tickets are \$1 and will be drawn after the Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 28th March.

Winter Jacket Order

A bulk order will be placed before Easter for our school jacket. Hopefully this order will arrive early Term 2. Order forms will be available from the office.

School Sport

Softball- Applethorpe 1 will be playing a home game semi-final against Greenlands tomorrow at 1pm. Applethorpe 2 have an away game at Glen Aplin.

The cricket team play their final game at home against Greenlands as well.

School Holidays

Term 1 concludes at 3pm next Thursday 28th March. Students return for Term 2 on Monday 15th April.

Staff News

Mrs Gleeson commences her LSL next Monday. We wish Julie a wonderful holiday abroad.

Mrs Butler will be absent on Monday and will be replaced by Mrs Archibald Binge.

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

March

28th—Easter Bonnet Parade

29th—Easter Holidays

April

15th—School resumes

24th -Anzac Day Service

25th -Anzac Day March

Community Notices

Vacation Care Flyer

School Attendance Rate

87.8%

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

We are so looking forward to a lovely last week of Easter activities and everyone has been working hard to complete their term's work in all of our subject areas.

In HaSS this week students learned about the meaning of Easter and why it is an important Christian Celebration. They can also identify the Easter symbols of new life, such as the Easter Bunny and eggs.

Our wonderful Science unit, 'Living Things and Life Cycles' has sadly concluded. It has been an amazing learning adventure.

Kayleigh brought her beautiful baby Guinea pigs for Letter G week.



In Maths Preps had an awesome time learning about capacity with Mrs Goodrich. They measured blue water into various sized containers and learned the important concepts of most and least. Year One's are blitzing their understandings of mass and halves.

Our Easter art has been a great joy and we will complete our delightful gifts next week just in time to send them home. We are looking forward to sharing our glorious Easter Bonnets with you at our exciting bonnet parade next Thursday at 10.15am. See you then.

Wishing you a fantastic week.

Year 2-3 News - Ms Cynthia Collins

We are nearly at the end of the Term already and what a wonderful Term of learning we have had! This week we have been finishing off assessment tasks and finishing up other learning for the Term.

In Technology, our Year 3's looked at digital solutions and described what different digital components do. They also solved a problem using their knowledge of Digital Technology. Year 2 students practised importing photos to a Word document from g drive. They also looked at how technology has changed over time.

Our photo today is of a lovely little group of actors, dramatizing a play called "Pet Rescue". In our fabulous Year 2/3 classroom we like to practise our reading fluency by using "Reader's Theatre" which are fun scripts with different



characters. Students begin by choosing the character they would like to be and after moving into those groups, we do a reading of the script. For this play, after we did

the group reading, 5 students were chosen to take the parts of the characters and hone their acting skills by not only using expression in their delivery, but by combining the reading with actions to make their character come to life. Such budding performers!

Our bird sculptures are finished! Students worked hard to make their sculptures represent a read bird. They named their masterpieces and reflected on the message that they were trying to impart to their viewers. It was not only great to see so many beaks, wings and colours in their artwork, but also seeing the message behind their use of recycled materials.



Until next time ...

Year 4-6 News - Mrs Favaro

Students completed their final swimming lesson for the term on Monday. It has been wonderful to see the progress students have made in their swimming ability and also knowledge of water safety.



On Monday Mary Findlay from the Stanthorpe Art Gallery visited the school to discuss the theme "Futurescape-Hopeful Visions" for this year's Crisps Art Show. All students will create an artwork to enter into the competition. The show will open from 12th June - 7th July at the Stanthorpe Civic Centre.



We are finalising units of work and will be completing assessment pieces up until the end of term. This will include a 'Create a Creature' PowerPoint in Science and written responses in HaSS to reflect our understandings on *First Contacts* in Year 4 and *Game Changers* in Year 5/6.

Italian News

**Ciao! Come stai? Parliamo di noi!
Hello! How are you? Let's get to know each other!**

This term, students have been learning how to use Italian to introduce themselves and others, as well as use basic greetings. Students are learning about friendship, family life and relationships in Italian culture. They have been engaging in exchanging factual information both orally and in writing about themselves and others. A key goal of this term is for my students to appreciate that speaking another language can broaden their horizons through new connections and life experiences.

**A presto!
Signora Raschella**

