



APPLETHORPE STATE SCHOOL

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Principal's Message



Eisteddfod

The school has entered into the Stanthorpe Eisteddfod at the Civic Centre on the 21st May. Various Choirs will be performing from 10.30am through to 2pm.

All students will be transported to and from the venue by Crisps bus. The uniform for the Eisteddfod will be track pants, shirt and jumper. All permission forms need to be returned tomorrow please.

National Simultaneous Story Time "Bowerbird Blues" written by Aura Parker will be read next Thursday at 10:30am to the whole school in conjunction with the National Simultaneous Story Time Activity across Australia. The upper class girls have done a wonderful job preparing the display in the library to support the story.



Mother's Day Raffle

Congratulations to all our prize winners in the P&C Mother's Day Raffle drawn last week.

The raffle raised \$659 to support the P&C activities.



Life Education

Life Education lessons focussing on Friends, Feelings and respect were undertaken last Tuesday. The presenter complimented all students on their behaviour and participation in the lessons.

Facilities Update

The Department of Transport and Main Roads have advised that the proposed upgrade works in providing additional car parking facilities to the outside car park and other associated works have progressed significantly and I am hopeful of an early resolution to this issue.

As a result of a recent audit a number of large trees within the school have been identified as potentially dangerous and will be removed as soon as possible.

School Sport

Congratulations to Bryce (Year 6) for his participation in the Regional Cross Country Trials in Toowoomba held last Tuesday.

Netball-Applethorpe 1 had a win over Thulimbah last week by 34-1. Friday's game is a Home Game against Greenlands. Applethorpe 2 has a bye this week.

Soccer-The team lost 7-0 to a strong Ballandean side last week and will play Greenlands at home tomorrow.

Staff News

Mrs Bradford has been absent on sick leave for the majority of Term 2. We can only replace her on a casual basis. Mrs Ester Alldridge is currently replacing Pat in the classroom.

We wish Pat all the best with her recovery.

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

May

21st—Eisteddfod

22nd—NSS

Community Notices

Blue Light Flyer

School Attendance Rate—86.9%

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

Wow our term is speeding along, nearly half way. Prep and Year 1 students have been enjoying investigating objects and the materials they are made from in Science. We tested how a metal paperclip and a piece of paper can be changed. Students observed and drew the paperclip and then bent it into a different shape and redrew it. When they manipulated the paper they discovered they could make a change to it by bending, ripping, scrunching, folding, cutting and twisting. This was an inquiry lesson with children discussing their ideas with a partner and the class.



Students have been bringing in beautiful Autumn leaves they have gathered to show and share. This has been a great chance for everyone to reinforce their knowledge of the seasons and have another go at oral speaking to an audience.

In Maths yesterday Year 1 students gave imaginative and clever responses to subtraction number facts. Who would have known that $6-4=2$ could become, 6 little fluffy bunnies were hopping in the paddock, 4 scampered away so only 2 were left. Preps graphed the ages of students in our class as part of their Maths investigation and displayed their birth age in different ways.



The children had a wonderful time with Natalie and Happy Harold, learning all about being a good friend.

Crisp's Art competition is zooming closer and students are designing a future scape. We are beginning this adventure in our HaSS studies. We examined vehicles of the past and they then drew a vehicle of the future. They were very inventive, with lots of cool ideas and add-ons. Wishing you a wonderful week.



Year 2-3 News - Ms Cynthia Collins

Another busy week in the Year 2/3 class! We are almost back to normal although we are still missing our wonderful Mrs Bradford and we are all thinking of her and wishing her all the best. This week we have had the amazing Miss Ester helping us in our class. She has had lots of fun getting to know us all and not only helping everyone with their learning, but her help to Ms Collins has been invaluable.

On Tuesday Natalie and Happy Harold came to visit from the Life Education Team. Natalie talked to us about how to have respectful friendships. We learnt about how people show their emotions and what we can look for to work out how our friends are feeling. Natalie also taught us about getting consent from others to hug them or to show photos of them to others.



This week in Science, Year 2 students observed how objects fall to the ground, but can be slowed down by using a parachute. They made their own parachutes by connecting objects to a plastic bag and dropping it from a height. In English, Year 3 students have created a map for Clever Mr Fox to follow to capture a meal for his hungry family. Soon they will be using the map and other learning they have done to create a procedure which they will present to the class.



We are still practising hard for our Eisteddfod performance which we are looking forward to going to next week.



Until next time...

Year 4-6 News - Mrs Favaro

On Tuesday Natalie from Life Education visited our school. The Year 4-6 class participated in the module *Relate Respect Connect*. In this module, students investigated the importance of respectful relationships. Students explored how the physical and personal changes at this stage of life impact their behaviour, emotions and relationships. They also learnt strategies to recognise and report disrespectful and unsafe behaviours online.



Today in HaSS Year 4 students listened to the stimulus video: *Cook's Secret Instructions* (Secret Instructions given to Lt James Cook, appointed to command the ship Endeavour on its voyage to discover a Great Southern land). They then listed some of the things Captain Cook was instructed to do on reaching the Great Southern Land. In Year 5/6 students thought about why the end of convict transportation in the 1850s forced the colonial governments to encourage free settlers to migrate to Australia.

In Science we investigated melting and evaporation and Science teams tested whether melted or frozen objects can be returned to their original state. They observed and recorded the factors that make an ice cube melt the fastest.



As mentioned students in Years 4-6 are participating in the Crisps Art Prize as well as the RSL Queensland's Postcards of Honour initiative. We will also be completing entries into this year's Farm Safety calendar competition. Primary students can draw and colour a picture to illustrate farm safety for the chance to be published in the 2025 Farm safety calendar.

Congratulations to Bryce who represented the Granite Belt at the Darling Downs cross country trials in Toowoomba on Tuesday.

