What a term we have had! Unforseen circumstances through me into the role of Acting Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me out along the way. To the staff Olivia, Steve, Wendy, James, Julie and Robbie for their ongoing support and assistance and to Sam for her guidance. To School Council for supporting me in this role and to our wonderful students who make me smile and laugh everyday. I will be continuing in this role until Sam returns.

The School Council Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th March. Congratulations to Michelle Grigg for being reappointed as a parent representative. All officers bearers remain the same with Mark Cross being School Council President, Vice President Brad Turner, Treasurer Anna McDonald, Assistant Secretary myself and Parent Club Representative Michelle Grigg. We do still have one parent position available if you want to become involved and help influence the direction of our school.

For the last twelve months the students have had Ken sensei for Japanese, while Peta sensei has been away on family leave. Peta sensei returns next term and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Ken for all his hard work with the students.

Next Term as part of After Schools Activities Olly Close and Bart Nolan are going to do Auskick with the students. To be part of this every student needs to register online (see attachment). The cost of this is $75 per student, but school will subsidise $50 of this. Once it has been paid I will receive an email and school will then reimburse the family via cheque.

Term two begins on Monday 13th April. Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to working with you all next term.

Tanya Turner
A special thank you goes out to all those school and community members who attended the Parents Club Lorraine Lea Linen Party. It was a huge success, selling over $2000 worth of linen, which enables the parent club to receive $350 worth of free goods, plus two items at 50% off. The items that were selected by the parents club will be used as a raffle to raise more funds for the school. Special thank you to Penny and Riley for setting up for the night and to Rachael Williams the consultant. Deliveries will occur more than likely first week back at school.

Fun in the Science Room
A Thank You......

I wish to thank everyone for their thoughts and warm wishes whilst I have been unwell. I have been extremely overwhelmed by the support I have received from this wonderful community. Thank you to Tanya who stepped into my role as Principal at short notice. Due to ongoing health issues I will be away next term. Specialist appointments and tests over the next few weeks will determine what I will need to have done and when this will occur. I hope to make a speedy recovery and am looking forward to returning to work as soon as possible. Mrs Turner will continue in the role as Acting Principal and I hope you continue to support her in the great job she has been doing.

Samantha Pretlove

S.A.K.G

This week we have been busy in the kitchen and garden. On Wednesday our two volunteers were unavailable so Olivia and I were under the “pump” The produce we used from the garden this week was onions, capsicum, garlic, carrots, silverbeet, rosemary and apples. Risotto of the imagination, herb polenta chips and seasonal fruit muffins (apple in this case) all received varying reviews. Freshly made apple juice was also very nice. Attached to the newsletter are these recipes, as requested by the students. Two of these can be adapted for seasonal produce.

Volunteers are a huge asset to our little school!

Over the last term we have had various volunteers come in and work with the students. Julie has done cyber safety, Mary and Debbie cooking and on Wednesday afternoons Margie and Riley have been doing scrap booking and sewing. Below are a few photos of our final products. The poppies have been made for the Centenary of ANZAC and will be on display at the RSL Hall for the ANZAC Ceremony in Apsley. The students have really enjoyed working on these two projects and we do thank everyone for making time and coming to work with the students.

Wanted for next term:

Apsley Primary School run a very structured spelling program that was introduced into the school curriculum last year and is proving to have successful results. For this program to run efficiently we need to have a couple of volunteers each day to work with the students for half an hour. The program is all set out for you and you just have to follow the instructions in the book. Spelling is done from 9.30 - 10.00 daily. If you could help with this please contact the school or myself.

Many Thanks

Tanya
Jazz and Hip Hop Classes for ages 3-18 years
4 Separate classes catering for all ages
Weekly payment available for first term
Classes start Wednesday 15th of April @ the Show Pavilion Hall
Bookings essential
Please contact Christina on 0459 077 203 or email christina-jenkin@hotmail.com

Apsley Primary School Reunion - June long weekend
Apsley Primary School celebrates 50 years of it’s official opening on site this year. A small committee has been formed and met on Monday night. It was decided that the school would be open on Saturday 6th June 10am—4pm with an official ceremony during this time (yet to be confirmed). Brunch will be available at a small cost. On Sunday the school will be open 10am—12.00pm for people to have a casual look through. We are seeking any old photographs (which will be scanned) or memorabilia for displays at school. We do hope to make a photo book for a keepsake. More details will be published in the newsletters leading up to the date. This is going to be a very big weekend for Apsley as the Apsley Race Club is celebrating 160 years as well as local football being here in Apsley with a number of sides having reunions. Please let other past students know of this celebration and more information can be obtained from school.

School Uniforms
Some parents were inquiring about school uniforms. We now have larger sizes in stock. If you would like to purchase something please send in your order and money and I will send the garments home. Prices are
Polo Top short sleeve - $12.00 (size 14)
Jumper - $15.00 (size 14)

Please note that all our uniform prices have gone up a little due to a price increase on the products as well as the postage.

My Golf.
Apsley Golf Club is a My Golf Centre. My Golf is the golf equivalent of Auskick. Sessions will commence on Sunday 12th April at 9.30 and will finish around noon. There are three levels. The Rookie level for 5-7 year olds, with levels up to 14 year olds. The cost is $27 for the 10 weeks and recipients receive a starter pack. Interested junior golfers need to contact Steve Bruce at bruces58@bigpond.com or on 0403532041.

Thank You
On Wednesday we had Ian a new resident to town, who happens to have a graphic design degree come and work with the grade six students on their year six jumper. Ian discussed ideas and designs with the boys and we look forward to seeing the final product. Ian was excited to be working on this project with the students and hopefully we can utilise his skills more in the near future.

Parent Club
Don’t forget that our membership is due now and can be sent into school or be given to Jenni Pleuw. All people who are holding a position have to be a paid member. We ask all families to register membership so your views and ideas can be shared to enhance our school community. This fee is only a small amount of $5.00, but well worth the investment.