Week five is over, which means we are nearly halfway through the term already and it is only three weeks until the reunion. A small committee is working hard to make it a worthwhile event for people to come back for. We still need a great deal of little jobs to be completed around the school before this happens. Please refer to the list on the following page and if you could help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Last week Mr. Bruce took the year three to six students to Balmoral to participate in the Cross Country. The weather conditions were ordinary, but the students participated to the best of their ability. Congratulations! Three of our students - Erin, Brooke and Hayden now go to the next level and will compete at Kaniva next Tuesday. We wish them all the best.

Last month the students had a stall at the Apsley Market, which was quite successful and we have been asked to have a stall on a regular basis. After having a discussion with the students they are very keen to do this. The students had many different ideas of what we could sell, but I have now made this a numeracy project. The students are working in pairs and have to develop a business plan, where they have to work out the costings etc for their chosen product. They are all very enthusiastic about this. They may require some assistance from home. Students are only required to come to the market on the particular month they are rostered on to sell their product. Please see the roster on page 3.

This week the year three and five students participated in the Naplan assessment over a period of three days. Thank you to Mrs. Pretlove who monitored the students doing this on Tuesday while I was away at a Professional Development day in Horsham.

Next week is Education Week and the theme is “Crack the Code” On Wednesday afternoon we are inviting all parents and friends to come up to school to participate in a range of Numeracy activities with the students.

Frank Monger will be taking our school photos again this year on Tuesday 26th May. The envelopes will be sent home as soon as I receive them. Students are asked to be in full school uniform for these.

Just a reminder for School Council members we have a meeting on Tuesday night at 8pm. There will be no finance meeting this month.

Tanya Turner
Parents Club

The Parent Club are now running their Lorraine Lea Linen Raffle. There are great prizes to be won. Check out the photographs and descriptions below. Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Drawn on Sunday 7th June.

1st Prize
Quilt Queen Size - Healthy Fibre valued at $180

2nd Prize
Supima Towel Range includes 2 bath towels, handtowel, facewasher and bath mat. Valued at $131.00

3rd Prize
Apron, mitten & pot holder & three tea towels valued at $60

Raffle tickets were sent home with the last newsletter. Some families have returned them already. These can be sent in at anytime. If you require more books please feel free to come and get some more from school. The more we sell the better!

There will also be a parent club meeting on Monday 18th May - 9.30 am at school. Apologies can be made to Michelle Grigg.

Don’t forget that Parent Club membership is due now and can be sent into school or be given to Jenni Plew. All parents who are hold 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.

Working Bee Jobs List - Needs to be done before June long weekend.

- Outside of Vegie Patch needs weeding, pea straw laid and then bark chips.
- Vegie Patch—compost put on all beds.
- Shelter Shed - Cleaned out / outside cleaned / seating replaced around the outside.
- Ramp - some timber decking needs replacing and then all decking oiled.
- Soft fall put under playground.
- Windows need cleaning inside and out.
- Various painting jobs.
- Student toilets floor needs pressure cleaning.

Apsley Primary School Reunion - June long weekend

Next Meeting
Monday 25th May 7pm at School. All welcome to attend. We are still seeking old photographs and memorabilia.
You are invited to  
Apsley Primary School  
Celebrating 50 years  

Officially on site  
Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June  
Official Ceremony 11am  
Brunch Available from 10am  
School Open Saturday 10am - 3pm  
Sunday 10 to 12

AUSKICK

Every year through the Auskick program participants are given the opportunity to play at half time at an AFL match. The match this year is on Saturday 20th June - Carlton v’s Port Adelaide. We have only been allocated 1 position in the main game which is available for students in grades 4/5/6 and 1 position in the grid game which is for students in grades 2/3/4. If your child /children are interested in playing in one of these games could you please let me know ASAP. If there is more than one student who wants to be involved names will have to be pulled out of a hat!

Debating via the Video Conferencing Unit

On Thursday 7th March we did our first debate. I debated with Eloise and Brooke about “Greyhound Racing is Cruel.” Eloise debated first, she introduced us and said what we were going to say. Brooke talked about the greyhounds that are put down and I talked about the training methods and how they use live bait. I think we did ok—but we lost in the end. By Darcy

On Thursday we were debating about “Students should have detention on weekends” We were on the negative side and had to debate against Upper Plenty. Rachael and Hayden were on my team. We were the second debate. Everyone was nervous, but we had fun. By Erin
**Apsley Border Inn**
The Border Inn is starting table tennis on Wednesday nights starting Wednesday 27th May, will be held weekly.
7pm names in for draw to be done, 7-30 start playing.
There will be a meal special available each week.
All ages welcome.
More details can be obtained from Vanessa
PH: 55861205

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**Shelter Shed Clean Out**
I am busy in the process of cleaning out the shelter shed. We have 15 of these desks that are for sale - $10 each. There are 4 smallish ones and the rest are a little bigger. They have a metal frame and heavy duty plastic top. First in best dressed. Pick up ASAP. There will also be more items for sale as I dove deeper into the clutter!

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**Thank you**
* To Jenni Plew for organising the delivery of two large bales of pea straw for the Vegie Garden.

* To Michelle Grigg who spent a good part of a whole day weeding and dealing with the couch that is in the vegie garden under the fruit trees.

* Tom and Marg Cryer for donating some beautiful Nashi Pears to the school for the children to cook with during their S.A.K.G session. The students made some yummy dishes and to Mignon for collecting these for us.

* To Debbie and Mary for their continual assistance with our fortnightly cooking sessions. These couldn't run as smoothly as they do with out your help.

* Our spelling helpers - Celeste, Penny, Riley, Jenni, Janet, Anna, Jenney, and Michelle who are coming in on a regular basis to assist the students

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**Apsley Alligators**

**Venue:** Apsley Primary School

**Session Time:** Tuesday 9.30am—11.30am

**Facilitator:** Keryn Smith (0427710205)

**Cost:** $2 a family session

**Ages:** Birth to 5 years

**Please Bring:**
A healthy fruit snack in a container.
Water Bottle (with child’s name on it)
Travel Mug (for parents coffee)
Hat

**Everyone Welcome**
Families will need to stay with their child/ren for the whole session.