The 50 year school reunion is only a week away and I still feel that there is still plenty to do to get our school looking magnificent. I must thank those who have come and done a few jobs off the working bee list at their own leisure. Robbie has the grounds looking a treat and has completed the painting in the toilets. We have had a truck load of soft fall delivered and this needs to be spread out under the playground. The parents club will be organising the BBQ brunch on the Saturday and Michelle has devised a roster to cater for this. As a fundraiser Parent Club are also selling a brick on our rebound wall. Families are encouraged to purchase a brick for $5.00 and then can paint names etc onto it. A reunion program will be sent home next week, once it has been finalised.

Last Tuesday Brooke, Erin and Hayden travelled to Kaniva to participate in the Little Desert Cross Country event. The girls had to run 2km’s while Hayden had to run 3km’s. While they didn't break any records they went and tried their best and represented our school. Well Done and thank you to their parents for taking them.

Last week was Education Week - although I feel every week is Education week here at Apsley Primary School! The theme was “Crack the Code” and it was fantastic to see some parents, grandparents and community members come up to school and participate in a range of problem solving activities. Congratulations to Alex, Olivia and Robbie for winning the prestige “Numeracy” Cup. A big thank you to Mr Bruce (the quiz master) and all who attended and made the afternoon a success.

Once again this year we attended the “Biggest Morning Tea” at the Apsley Post Office, where we made a donation to the Cancer Council. There was a huge crowd in the Post Office, so we opted to head to the park. Debbie spoilt our students once again with a special little goodie bag, consisting of hedgehog, cookies and meringues. Thanks Deb!

On Tuesday 9th June there is a report writing day. This is a student free day, so please pop this on your calendar.

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Tanya Turner
**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.
- Soft Fall spread out under playground equipment.
This term the theme has been “The Spirit of the Anzac”

The students were read a story about a young boy who enlisted to go war and was selected to be in the Light Horse Regiment with his horse Sunny. Students had to reflect on how they thought life at war would be.

“We Letters home from the War Front.”

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**Andy Braithwaite**
4 Kidman St
Naracoorte, 5271

**Andy Crashurn**
36 Wallace Street
Apsley, 3319

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20th April, 1914

**Dear Mum and Dad,**

Hi Mum and Dad. I am writing from Egypt. I am having a great time. Sunny is being a good girl. It is my birthday today and I am waiting for a letter from you.

The other day Sunny and I were out training. She hurt her hoof and bucked me off, I almost broke my leg. I put her back in the stall. After that I rode Johnny's other horse. He is a super star. We rode around the pyramids, they are spectacular. We have done lots of training. In a few weeks I should be going to Gallipoli to the war front.

The other day I got home sick. It was a bad feeling. I got told to toughen up!

How are the dogs and cat going? Is the dairy going well? I hope my brothers are helping out with the cows. Have any of them died or calved?

I miss you all lots and I am hoping to get home soon.

Love from Andy

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19th March, 1915

**Dear Duffy and Family,**

I am at Gallipoli now but Sunny had to stay at Egypt. I am lonely without her. I've made a new mate and his name is Darcy and he is really nice. We have known each other for awhile and he has a dog called Lilly. She is a small fox terrier and she is really small.

I have to wear an army uniform with a brown slouch hat with emu feathers in the side. I also have some big boots and I have even have some medals on my shirt. I have to carry water and ammo on my belt. It is very heavy.

I have a feeling that I don't want to kill someone but I do need to survive. I get sad when I have to bury the soldiers who have past away. I always keep a poppy with me to remember my friends that wont come back.

Our food is in tins like tuna and bully beef. It doesn't taste good, but I’ll be ok. I really miss you cooking mum. I give Lilly a little bit of food sometimes. Oh the biscuits were good. Darcy loved them too.

The trenches are horrible. You have to go to the toilet in a can. The weather is always raining. We have a water tank, but the rats made it undrinkable.

Missing you heaps.

Love from Andy

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**Andy Moritz**
Wimmera Highway
Apsley, 3319

27th May, 1915

**Dear Mum and Dad,**

I miss you both very much. It is very cold out here. I have had to climb many mountains. I cant sleep because there are bombs going off everywhere. I am sad because I had to leave Sunny behind. I miss working at the dairy farm. I hope Billy and Tom are looking after the chooks. I miss my house and the cooking you do. I miss Sunny.

Love from Andy

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22nd February, 1914

**Dear Family,**

I'm so sorry I cant celebrate my birthday with you, but I've got some mates here with me. I have had one mate who died a few days ago and he was from Washington, I am not surprised . Sunny and I got separated a few days ago and now I'm in Egypt for training, I haven't been wounded. I might just have a small scratch. I hope you haven't had a single tear stream down your cheek since I left because I am fine. I know now that I shouldn't have come. I feel confident before but I'm having my doubts.

The war will come to an end soon. I hope I'm alive to see you again. I miss you all. As soon as you get this letter send your next letter to Cairo, a town in Egypt because I will be there. General Colin is our leader and he's grumpy.

I cant sleep a wink at night because all I can hear are bombs and gun shots. I cant wait to sleep in my own bed. I hope to see you soon.

Love Andy

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(P.S Please send me some ANZAC biscuits)

(Hayden)
Parent Club

Please don’t forget to keep selling your Lorraine Lea Linen Raffle Tickets and return them to school before the Reunion Weekend. This is going to be drawn on the Sunday 7th June.

wanted

We are seeking anyone who has some farm fresh eggs that they are willing to donate to the school for our reunion brunch on the Saturday. Please contact the school if you can help us out.

Market Roster

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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.

This Sunday

The students are having a stall this month at the market. Pop down to have one of Erin and Luke’s special coffees with a homemade yo-yo or one of Eloise, Darcy and Alex’s milkshakes, including everyone’s favourite - blue heaven. The students also have a range of other things they are selling.

10am - 2pm

Apsley Market

This Sunday

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

James our IT Technician has been busy working on our school website and has done a fantastic job so far. We hope that you as parents will refer to this often for any upcoming events, school newsletters and the latest school news. The web address is www.apsley-ps.vic.edu.au Please check it out and we are open to any suggestions for improvements.

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