What a fantastic weekend for the township of Apsley. It was wonderful to see so many groups working together to make it a worthwhile weekend for people who travel to be part of the celebrations. Our school reunion was the first event for the weekend and it was a huge success. I can not express enough my gratitude to all involved preparing for this occasion. The parents who gave up their time to help prepare the school buildings, grounds and displays, as well as those who worked over the weekend. Special thanks to Robbie Beckett for having our grounds looking fabulous and I know he went to a great deal of effort to do this.

This week in our S.A.K.G program we used all the bacon and eggs we had left over from the reunion to make pies. Thirty three were made altogether and before we knew it we had sold the lot! Thank you to Mary and Mrs P for helping out - we had a huge production line. It is wonderful to see the support the students get from the community - thank you.

On Tuesday 23rd June the students and Mr Bruce are going to Edenhope to the AFL football clinic. Like usual we will be picking the AFL players (Melbourne) up from the airport and taking them to the clinic. Mr Bruce is also incorporating this day in with footy colours day, where students are encouraged to wear their favourite footy colours to raise money for the Cancer Council. To finish this day off the students will head down to Auskick to complete a range of activities followed by a early “footy” tea. Please note this will be on the Tuesday instead of the Monday.

This term the students have been participating in a debating activity via the video conferencing unit. The students do this activity with enthusiasm and they have made their way into the grand final which will be on Tuesday at 2.20pm. They will be debating against Peranbin Primary College on the topic of “ Todays children are smarter than their parents.” We are the affirmative team and students have been asked to do some research on this topic! Parents are welcome to come in and watch this debate.

School reports will be sent home on Thursday 25th June. The next School Council meeting is this coming Tuesday at 8pm

Tanya Turner
The 50th School Reunion Weekend was well attended by a range of past and present students, staff and parents. We were blessed with the sensational weather and the official ceremony on the Saturday saw many people come to have a look at the school and catch up with old friends. Ms Pretlove welcomed the crowd and spoke about the history of the Apsley School. The National Anthem was sung beautifully by Jessie Ferguson, while Darcy Ewer raised the flag. Past Principal Noel McIlvena reflected on his time at Apsley Primary School and read out a letter from Dr Margaret Heffernan who was also a past principal, which saw many reminiscing over old times. Brad Turner spoke on behalf of the School Council informing everyone of our excellent resources and our vision for the future.

For those who were around when Mr Mac was teaching would know that he was a passionate poet. Every event that we went to like school camps or events that occurred to any staff member a poem was written - myself often been the subject, especially when I got married or when Harrison was born. Living up to tradition Mr Mac wrote a poem for our reunion, which Ms Pretlove read out. A copy of this is on the following page. The formalities finished with Trinity Moritz (our youngest student) and Margie Reid cutting the cake which was made and decorated by Jemima Smith and Darcy Ewer and David Millard unveiling the plaque and planting a tree.

There are so many people to thank - Jessie Ferguson, Emily Geary, Jemima Smith, Lucy and Arnie, Margie Reid, Mr Bruce, Robbie Beckett, Olivia, Mrs Pretlove and the parents who came and helped tidy up the school before hand and also those who worked selling raffle tickets, manning the wall and generally being there on the weekend.

Emily Geary was there on Saturday busily taking lots of photos. She has compiled a disk with all of these on it and these will be available to purchase from her direct for $20 by Monday. To place an order contact Emily on 0411723054. Our memorabilia has also arrived and can be purchased from school. We have coffee cups $8.00, water bottles $6.00 and lanyards for $4.00. Pop in to school to purchase these items. The official ceremony was also filmed and a DVD can be purchased from Gary Smith who was filming on the day. His details are on the back of this newsletter.
OUR SCHOOL

The Apsley School had served the town Since 1873.
Through two World Wars, depression, droughts,
Beside the old oak trees.

But student numbers were on the rise,
The School was split in two.
By the early 1960’s
Change was long overdue.

The call went out for action.
And the people rallied round.
“The children’s feet are getting wet,
Let’s move to higher ground.”

And so the wheels began to turn.
The locals they did meet.
A perfect site was chosen,
At the top of Laidlaw Street.

The tractor sounds and chainsaws
Were heard to ring out loud.
A community with fervour,
To make their children proud.

With sweat and toil they cleared the land,
Some pine trees had been planted.
And then the news they’d waited for,
A new building had been granted.

The big school and the little school,
Had come together once more.
Delighted faces said it all,
There was so much to explore.

The town now had what it deserved.
School buildings at their best.
But like all good communities,
They wouldn’t let it rest.

As each year passed, with faces new,
Improvements were ongoing.
The School, its buildings and surrounds
Their natural beauty showing.

And now that fifty years have passed,
Let’s say, “we’ve done our best”.
The school, still going strongly,
Has passed at every test.

What lies ahead in future years,
We never can be sure.
But looking ahead with confidence,
We’ll do what we’ve done before.

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Noel Mc.
Parent Club
The Lorraine Lea Linen Raffle was drawn on the weekend. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets. The preliminarily figure of what has been made is looking extremely good. The winners were:
1st Prize: Brendan Hocking
2nd Prize: Liz Bell
3rd Prize: Kaye Coutts

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.

Naracoorte Chaff Co...
A huge thank you goes out to Arthur at Naracoorte Chaff Co who regularly donates chook food for our girls. If needing any pet supplies, lamb & calf milk, fodder etc please support this business that supports us.
7 Arthur Street
Phone: (08) 8762 1033

Sunday 28th June
The students are having a stall this month at the market. Pop down to have one of Brooke’s and Rachael’s special coffees with a home made chocolate. The students also have a range of other things they are selling.

10am - 2pm

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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