



# APPLETHORPE STATE SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message



### New Australian Curriculum

A new version of the Australian Curriculum in English and Maths is required to be implemented in 2025. Accordingly, all staff will be undergoing professional development in the new Version next Tuesday and Wednesday at Stanthorpe State School.

Class Teacher arrangements for next Tuesday and Wednesday are listed below:-

**Prep/Yr. 1**—Mrs Archibald Binge **TBC.**

**Yrs. 2/3**—Mrs Thorne/ Mrs Smith.

**Yrs. 4/5/6**—Mrs Jamieson.

### ANZAC Day

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who participated in the ANZAC Day March in Stanthorpe last Thursday as well as our local ANZAC Commemorative Service at the Applethorpe Memorial Park last Wednesday.



It is important significant Australian events are recognised and commemorated appropriately. All students who participated in the ANZAC Day March received an ANZAC Award on Monday.

### Religious Education

Catholic religion classes conducted by Mr. Michael Letters commenced today.

### Bookclub

Bookclub forms have been distributed to students. Please return by the due date.

### P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the School's P&C will be held next Tuesday evening commencing at 7pm.

### Mother's Day Raffle

The P&C are conducting a Mother's Day Raffle this Term. Donations would be appreciated and they may be left at the Office. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Raffle tickets were sent home yesterday. Tickets are \$1. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 10th of May.

### School Sport

GB cross-country trials were held today at Severnlea State School. We have 8 students participating.

**Netball**—Applethorpe1 are away to Glen Aplin on Friday.

Applethorpe 2 has a bye.

**Soccer**—The team have an away game against The Summit on Friday. Transport will be required to leave the school at 12:40pm.

### Staff News

Mrs Butler will also be absent on Thursday and Friday next week and replaced by Mrs. Archibald—Binge. I will be attending a QASSP Conference in Brisbane next Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Favaro will be Acting Principal for this period.

### Public Holiday

A reminder that next Monday is the Labour Day Public Holiday. I hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend.

### 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

6th—Public Holiday

7th May—P&C Meeting

10th—P&C Raffle Drawn

## Community Notices

School Attendance Rate—86.9%



### 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

It's been another bright and breezy week in the Prep/Year 1 classroom. I couldn't be happier with how all of the children are progressing with their school studies. It is great to see them demonstrating our valuable 5 Applethorpe Apps. These values were very evident in our Anzac Day studies which focussed on the courage, resilience, compassion and sacrifice of our Australian Defence Personnel.



Last week, in our Design and Technology unit, students built 'Little Pigs Houses'. They worked as fabulous little team members to plan, design and make their houses from various materials. All teams used masking tape and string to join their houses, which were made from materials such as marshmallows, straws, sticks and playing cards. We then tested their house's strength with a powerful huff and puff from our fan. Most of the houses were very strong and did not blow down. It was a wonderful and enjoyable challenge and learning experience.



In Science we are studying the properties of materials and the students need to advise the Three Little Pigs of suitable materials for their new houses. They decided chocolate would not be a great choice.

All students have been using concrete materials such as counters and number frames to learn their rainbow to 10 number facts. This is such an important foundational skill for Maths understanding. We have also worked on number knowledge to 30 for Preps and above 100 for Year 1's. Everyone enjoyed hefting materials and using balance scales to measure the weight and mass of objects.

We are loving listening to, reading and imagining life in the past through our 'Interviews with an older family member'. Edwards' Great Grandmother is 99 years old and lives in Japan so this has been a remarkable insight into life in another country, culture and age. Thank you for your time and effort completing and returning these.

We have begun our gorgeous Mother's Day gifts to show our wonderful Mums that your love, care and hard work is very much appreciated.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

## Year 2-3 News - Ms Cynthia Collins

We have made a fantastic start to Term 2 in our amazing Year 2/3 classroom. It was great to see all the smiling faces on day one and the eagerness with which everyone began their learning for the term. I look forward to bringing you a little snippet of the learning that takes place each week by our students.



In English, the Year 3's began reading and learning about characterisation using Roald Dahl's "Fantastic Mr Fox". They revised information about nouns, noun groups and verbs and discovered how these were used to help us understand the character. This not only had them using 'right there' information, but they also had to infer from words that they read. This week they have been learning about Procedural writing and thinking about how Mr Fox can get the food that his family so desperately needs. They wrote a procedure to help him and shared this with the Year 2 students. Way to go listeners and readers!



The Year 2 students have been learning about places of historical significance. This week during our literacy rotations, all students had to read and answer questions about our local Stanthorpe Post Office. I wonder if our parents know its history?

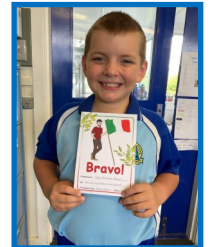
Our budding scientists in Year 2 have started their unit about how objects move and change shape. In Week 1 they were invited to bring along a toy with a moving part. We observed the movement of each toy and learnt some science words to describe this movement. This week we made a traditional spinning toy called a mammandur, and later this Term, we will be designing and making our own toy with a moving part.

It was great seeing lots of students paying respect to our Service men and women at the ANZAC Parade in Stanthorpe last Thursday. Each year I am also very moved by the amazing respect our students show at our own commemoration at the local park. Until next week!

## Year 4-6 News - Mrs Favaro

Welcome back to what will be a very busy term across the school. All students have settled back into our classroom routines.

Congratulations to Flynn who achieved 100% for his end of term assessment in Italian. What a magnificent effort!



This term students are participating in the RSL Queensland Postcards of Honour initiative. Students will write and draw on a blank postcard thanking veterans for their service. These postcards will be displayed at the Stanthorpe RSL Services Club and one postcard will be chosen from each school to be added to the annual Christmas cards sent to all Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch members.



This term in HaSS Year 4 will investigate the reasons behind the great journeys of exploration and will learn about significant individuals of the Age of Exploration. Year 5/6 students will examine early migration and identify the reasons why people migrated to Australia in the 1800s.

In Science this term our class will explore melting, evaporating, dissolving, reacting and burning. Students' understanding of the factors that influence the rate of change will be developed through hands-on investigations. Students will identify and explain physical and chemical changes in everyday materials.