**Dear Parents,**

**PERSONAL GOODS**
At times students receive special presents and bring them to school to show their teacher and friends. Please note that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. If students need to bring mobile phones to school, please bring them to the office before school where they will be placed in a secure location for students to collect at the end of the day. If students are found to have phones in their bags and they have deliberately not handed them into the office for safe-keeping, the phone will be given to the office to be collected by the student's parent at the end of the school day.

**IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY**
Paynesville Primary School encourages students to be at school 100% of the time but sometimes this isn’t possible. If your child is genuinely unwell, attending appointments or going on holidays please contact the school on 5156 6334 or email: paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au on the day of the absence. Alternatively a note can be given to the classroom teacher when the child returns to school. If students are arriving at school late or being picked up early, could parents/guardians/carers please ensure that the sign in/out book is completed at the office.

**NEXUS ARTS**
Today we had Valanga Khoza for our Term 1 Cultural performance. It was great to see the kids getting into the drumming and the rhythms that Valanga skilfully played.

**SCIENCE CENTRE**
The Science Centre is almost completely painted thanks to the dedication of a small team of volunteers who worked tirelessly last Tuesday afternoon and evening. A special thanks goes to Mark Kellow who was amazing in his skill and precision with the roller and a great boss to work under. He was patient and professional, even though he was working with a bunch of amateurs. There needs to be only a short session to finish the hall and this will be completed next Wednesday afternoon after school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**HEAD LICE**
Unfortunately head lice is a common occurrence in schools. Following is a little information in relation to this problem.

**TRANSMISSION:** Lice cannot jump or fly. They can only move from one head to another when there is direct contact between the heads.

**DIAGNOSIS:** The infected person is usually the first to notice the lice. They may scratch an insect from their heads with their nails. The tiny eggs firmly attach to the hair, unlike dandruff, which is easily removed. Occasionally a live louse may be seen. The most common place for nits is behind the ears and at the back of the neck. Itchiness is common but may be a late symptom.

**PREVENTION:** As lice are easily injured and dislodged (and then will die), the best prevention is through brushing the hair twice daily, paying particular attention to areas behind the ears and at the back of the neck. Small children will need adult assistance to do this thoroughly. Long hair needs to be tied back at all times to reduce the risk of contact with other heads. Frequent (at least weekly) inspection of children’s hair.

**TREATMENT:** Pharmacies have a wide range of products for the treatment of head lice. The various forms of treatment have specific instructions ranging from an application of 4 minutes on the head to 24 hours contact with the head. **Instructions should be carefully followed so that the treatment can work properly.** It is important to remove the dead or alive eggs from the hair. Leaving live eggs will lead to re-infestation when the eggs hatch. Leaving dead eggs may lead an examining person to suspect re-infestation, which will lead to further unnecessary treatments.

**PROCESs IF HEADLICE DISCOVERED:**
If head lice are discovered by parents:
- Notify the school
- Students with head lice to remain absent from school until treated.

If head lice are suspected by a teacher:
- Student will be sent to the office for confirmation
- If headlice are confirmed, parents will be notified to collect child.
- Students with headlice to be removed from school until treated.

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**Problem of the week**

**Break the code**

**ABCD**  **FGHIJ**  **KLMO**  **PQRST**  **UVWXYZ**

An unknown code has been used. Can you work out what the code is for the following if shown the first problem?

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If you ‘re stuck: 31,15,15,51,45,43,55,24,34,22 . . . is KEEP TRYING!

Once you have broken the code, how would you write your name in that code?

**Have a nice long weekend,**

Warwick Fraser.  (Acting Principal)
This week is School Banking. Please place your child’s bank book in the box at the office by Friday the 6 March by 9am.

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The Uniform Shop is open on Monday mornings from 8.45am to 9.15am. If you cannot make this time please see the office for an order form.

FOR SALE
Safe n Sound baby capsule $80.00
Fisher Price Baby Monitor $25.00
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Study Bunk Bed $80.00
Ph: Kelly on 0423 098 588

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Pass the word around!
For more information contact
Michael Paterson (H) 51 567757
(M) 0417 050 601

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WHEN: 21ST MARCH
WHERE: PAYNESVILLE HOTEL BACKROOM / BEER GARDEN
TIME: 2 PM
The shave will commence at 3pm. All publicans will be shaved and 4 other staff as well.
We will be holding a raffle. Other activities are as follows cost $1.00 per activity,
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East Gippsland Shire Council
Microchipping and Registration Days
Sunday the 5 April 2009
Bairnsdale 9.00–3.00pm Port of Bairnsdale
No bookings required
$25.00 for microchipping, below half the normal costs
Dogs must be on a lead
Cats must be secure in a cage or suitably restrained.
Please contact the East Gippsland Shire Council on 03 5153 9500 if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely
Sarah Peachey

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