**The Sea Gull**

**Diary Dates**

**Term 1**
- **Fri 20** - Stephanie Alexander working bee 9-11
- **Mon 23** - 3/4 Monday Madness Pool Day 3/4D
- **Fri 27** - House Party Day
- **Mon 30** - Monday Madness Pool Day 3/4W
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**Apr 3rd** - Term 1 finishes—1.30pm finish
**Apr 20th** - Term 2 begins

**2009 Term Dates for students**
- **Term 2** - 20 April—26 June
- **Term 3** - 13 July—18 Sept
- **Term 4** - 5 Oct—17 Dec

**Coming Up**
- **Thurs 14 May** - “The hunchback of Notre Dame” - visiting group
- **Wed 5 Aug** - School Photo Day (to be confirmed)
- **Tues 25 Aug** - Parent info session 5/6 Human Development program
- **August** - 3/4 Camp—dates to be confirmed

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**Draft Camping & Excursions Policy**

**Feedback**

Over the past few months School Council and staff have been working on the development of a Camping and Excursions policy. We are now at a stage where we would like some feedback and so we have randomly selected 75 of our 130 families to receive a copy and a feedback form. If you are not one of the selected families but you would like to receive a copy for comment please do not hesitate to call and one will be sent home. While some of the policy is linked to internal organisation most of the policy will be something that you can directly relate to your child. Feedback forms are due back by Monday 30 March. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

**Retiring School Councillors**

We would like to pass on our appreciation to our retiring school councillors who attended their last meeting last night. Grant Hiskins has been a councillor for close to seven years and we thank him for his efforts and commitment over his time.

Dean Boyd, Wendy Farris and Teena Robinson have all completed two or three year terms and Barry Robertson completed a year. School Councillors serve such an important role in our school and often remain unnoticed in all that happens. We thank them and wish them all the best in the future endeavours.

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**Our canteen is open with delicious goodies for recess and lunch on Thursdays and Fridays.**

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**Stephanie Alexander Garden Project**

Make sure you have a look at the work that is being done in the vegie garden and in the Science Centre in Jiddelek. It is looking fantastic. The floors have been sanded, the walls have been painted, the bench tops have arrived and the kitchen fitting are not that far away. All being well students will be participating in science and technology sessions involving food preparation and in the horticultural side growing small crops of edible plants in the vegie garden. The vegie garden is looking really good and the arbor gives it a wonderful feel.

Please pop in and enjoy the atmosphere. Thank you to Andrew Creer and Bruce Sharp for all the work they have been doing on the Science Centre building and to Megan McDonald and Deanne Howlett for getting the project to such a great place.

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**Fun & Fitness Club**

Are you up to the challenge??? Meagan Whitbourne and Liz Berwick are running a Fabulous Fitness club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30-8.45. The Club is open to all students and will be held on the oval at the back of the school. Parents welcome too. Thanks to Miss Meagan and Miss Berwick for organising and running the great activity.

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**Building the Education Revolution (BER) Funding**

You may have heard that the Government has announced a significant amount of funding to be released to schools over the coming year. The first part of the funding is called National School Pride (NSP) and this provides up $125 000 to schools of our size to refurbish current facilities and purchase items such as interactive whiteboards. After much discussion we have submitted a broad project based on painting, shade sails, resurfacing of the basketball courts, remarking of lines, computer pod extension/rebuild, amongst others. We should hear by the end of the term whether we have been successful and we will then be able to prioritise our requests.

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**SCARF Golden Ticket Winners This Week**

Congratulations to Taylor De Kort, Lachie McCutcheon and Tapeka Dwyer for being the lucky Golden Ticket winners this week. As a result of the Golden SCARF awards Green House was awarded 80 points and Red, Blue and Yellow were awarded 20 points.

Congratulations also to Hollie Turner, Amanda Bolleman, Gabrielle Bridgeman, Emily Davis, Tahlia Goodwin, Zoe Cooper and Emma Greenaway who have earned 5 or more Golden Tickets this term. What a great job!

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**Thought for the Week**

*An obstacle is often a stepping stone.*

Prescott

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**Please keep in mind that we have two students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products.**
School News

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN**

**APRON WORKING BEE WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Do you have some free time tomorrow morning. We will be holding a working bee in the ART ROOM from 9.00 am to 11.30 am, also we need helpers that are good with scissors that can help cut 150 aprons. If you have your own Scissors and pins that would be fantastic. Also we need Mums, Dads or Nan's that can sew the Aprons for us. We would love to see you all tomorrow.

Look forward to seeing there.

Many thanks

Megan McDonald

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**“WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE” FETE**

**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, sausage sizzle, drinks, lollies, face painting and hair colouring. All monies raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

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**Paynesville & District Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank**

This week is School banking could bank books please be at the office by 9am this Friday 20th March

**LOST**

Bomber Jacket named “Courtney Hill”. If found please return to Room 1.

**LOST**

Polar fleece Jacket named “Lachlan Rose”. If found please return to Room 7.

**LOST**

Baby Milo Hoodie – Bright colors-Expensive One of a kind if found return to Lochie in Room 1 or Phone Dee on 0411 502 749

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