## Paynesville Primary School

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### Diary Dates

#### Term 3

- **Thurs 13** - Around the Campfire 5.30
- **Fri 14** - 5/6 Final swimming session
- **- 3/4 swimming**
- **- School Council nominations close 4.00pm**
- **Mon 17** - ToM rehearsal Lunchtime
- **Wed 19** - ToM rehearsal Lunchtime
- **- School Council Finance Mtg 5.00pm**
- **- School Council Meeting 6.00pm**

#### 2009 Term Dates for students

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#### Coming Up

- **Sat 22 Aug** - ToM Competition—Churchill
- **Mon 24 Aug** - Grandparents & Special Friends Day

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### Around The Camp Fire

We hope to see many of you at the campfire entertainment tonight. We have The Warriors coming along to entertain us and we be hearing some dreamtime stories. The evening is set to start at 5.30 and finish at 7.00pm (weather permitting.) BYO chair to be seated comfortably. A gold coin donation would be very welcomed to help pay for the evening.

### School Photos

All students were photographed last week as part of our school photo opportunity. Family groups were also photographed and did not require an order form. Your child will have brought home a slip with a code which will allow you access to the Aussie School Photo site to preview your child’s photos and your family shot—if applicable. You will then be able to make a decision as to whether you wish to buy more photos, different photos, family shots etc. If you didn’t have a chance to put an order in on photo day you may order photos at this point. Give us a call if you need any assistance getting onto the site or with any other matter and we can direct you to the right person.

### School Council Meeting

Just a reminder to School Councillors that our next meeting is on next Wednesday 19 August. The Finance committee will meet at 5.00pm followed by the regular meeting at 6.00pm. Could councillors please let me know if unable to attend so that catering may be organised. Material for the meeting will follow later this week.

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### Super Spell-a-thon

Yesterday each student was given a spell-a-thon pack containing sponsorship forms, word lists and instructions for our fundraising activity. We are very proud of the efforts made by our students in spelling classes and have collected information based on tests and other evidence to show that our spelling results have improved immensely over the time our school has been using the Spelling Mastery program. This is a chance to put those skills to the test. There are lots of different prizes to be won and we hope to raise enough money to help our Student Representative Council projects such as new soccer and football goal posts, new sports gear and perhaps even put something towards a vacuum cleaner in the Stephanie Alexander kitchen. (SRC, staff and School Council to decide where the money is to be spent.) We need everyone to start learning their words and to start collecting sponsors and/or donations. There are 11 days to go before the test day on August 24. It would be great if you could help your child learn all the words and get ready get all of them correct on the day. Please catch up with Suzi Roberts or Di Anderson if you need any further info.

### Celebrating Our Education Support Staff

This week has been named as Education Support Staff week and we all join together to thank our support staff—Lauren, Marilyn, Judi, Jacqui, Debbie H, Bronwyn, Deanne, Gayle and Kathy—for the fantastic job they do in working with the students, providing program support to all the staff, for the energy and enthusiasm they bring to our school and for all the extra time and effort put into their jobs.

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### Why We Think Paynesville School Is Great!

**We are very lucky to have Zenzi Clark and Steph Finch working with us this week in a work experience program. We asked them what they thought was great about Paynesville School—looking back through secondary school eyes.**

I think this school is great because the staff members are so supportive. They were always encouraging you... What I remember about the school is how well we got along and the way the teachers tried to make learning fun. I loved the hands on side of primary school and the way the teachers here treat you as equals and are like your friends. The school is such a great environment and you’re here to have fun and learning is not boring. The kids are great too. Coming back has made me revisit things that I’d learnt in primary school and forgotten about.

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### Thought for the Week

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank

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Please keep in mind that we have three students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products.
Need a weekend away
To all those that love to scrapbook. Hi my name is Dot I am a creative memories consultant. I have booked a retreat in October at Lakewood Park on Lake Victoria Rd, for a 3 night sleepover from the 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th October, cost will be $170.00. ( No cooking, no house-work and no children.) If you are interested please contact me (Dot) on 51567 327

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CIRCUS TO THE WORLD FUNDRAISER

August 22nd
St. Mary’s Parish Centre
6.30pm to 9.00pm
Tickets are $15 adults and $8 for children.

This is a fundraiser to take local Bairnsdale children to the Philippines to participate in Circus Workshops with the orphan children from Cornerstone House in Cebu.

David Gray from Cornerstone House will be our guest speaker. There will also be a short video of the Easter workshops in the Philippines, Live music, Circus demonstrations and a light supper. Money raised will also go toward equipment for the circus performance.

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Kitchen Garden Program at Paynesville Primary School

In the Kitchen.....
We had a focus on bush/Australia food this week, with the children learning about different native foods, leaves, berries, etc. On the menu we saw Potato & Broccoli soup with Ceese & parsley Damper, followed by Anzac biscuits. All of the fresh produce came from our garden, including the eggs from our very productive chickens!

In the Garden.....
A very wet start to our garden classes this week, although we do love to see rain in our garden! Our focus this week has been on the Science of Soil, with our first Celebrity Gardener, Bob Farlow from Tambo Vale Nursery in Nicholson. Bob spoke about the different types of soil (clay, loam & sand) and spoke of the benefits of water crystals. This was interspersed with demonstrations and experiments. Thank you Bob for a very informative and interesting session. The Junior School garden glass (1/2S) also had a visitor to their room, a chicken! There was much excitement when Zoe and Bree brought her in. Thanks girls. Thank you also to Deana Mills for her donation of flower seeds for the garden and thank you also to Heather Becher for the lovely compost juice—our garden will love it! Potatoes, broccoli, celery, rosemary & parsley was harvested for kitchen classes this week.

Gardening Tip....
With the warmer weather approaching, now is probably the last chance to plant bare-rooted fruit trees. Bare-rooted fruit trees are cheaper to buy, and establish themselves quite well. Check you nursery to see if they have any stock remaining.

Find out when your child has their next garden or kitchen class and join in for a session—you’ll get to see how much the children enjoy the program!

Stephanie Alexander

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