**Tournament Of The Minds**

Good luck to our ToM team as it heads to Churchill this Saturday to compete against schools from across Gippsland. The group has been preparing to solve the problem of all the books being missing from the world. They will also be put on the spot and asked to solve an unseen problem. This competition is designed to showcase the thinking skills and team work of the group. The judges look for creativity, ingenuity and initiative in the way the group goes about solving its problem. Thank you to Sue Morton for her work with this year’s team and to all the families for the transport and support throughout the process.

**Spell-a-Thon**

Next Monday is the day of the big spell-a-thon test. All students will be tested during the spelling mastery lesson on Monday morning at 11.30. **It is very important that sponsor sheets are brought back on Monday so that their spelling teachers can write the correct total and sign off in readiness for sponsorship or donation collection.** We have heard of some very diligent collectors with one student needing a second sponsorship form as she has filled her first. Prizes will be awarded to the student who has the greatest number of sponsors, the student who collects the most money and one lucky student who is drawn from a hat. Thank you to Suzi Roberts and Di Anderson for organising this activity.

**Keep the Date free**

On Thursday 17 September we will be launching our whole school term 4 theme of space when we have a star gazing night. The evening will include a movie, special space food and the opportunity to look through telescopes. We would love to see as many people as possible join us on the night so please keep the date free.

**Why We Think Paynesville School Is Great!**

I think this is a very inclusive school and that the programs on offer are fantastic functional life skills programs. The teachers have specialist knowledge and care for each student individually. The students at Paynesville Primary School are very friendly and they all say hello.

**Thought for the Week**

Assumptions allow the best in life to pass you by.

*John Sales*

**Plase keep in mind that we have three students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products.**
School Banking - Monday morning. Please make sure that bank books are in the box at the office by 9.00am.

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Size 12 Polar fleece named Mclaren if found please return to room 5.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR 2009

It’s time again for Paynesville P.S to hold their annual scholastic Bookfair. This years fair is titled ‘Bookfair safari’ so get ready for an exciting reading adventure. Our books will be arriving on September 2nd and we hope that everyone will come and support this wonderful event. Last year our fair raised $1000 to purchase books for our Library. Please come and enjoy the experience.

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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Stephanie Alexander

Kitchen Garden Program
at Paynesville Primary School

In the Kitchen....
This week in the kitchen we made broccoli and cheese quiche, drop pancakes with lemon butter (made with all our donated lemons!) and a green leaf salad, with a honey mustard dressing. The lettuce and broccoli from the garden are beautiful at the moment, I think they will be on the menu for the next few weeks. We would love any donations of plain flour this week. We also need some extra volunteers in the Thursday classes (5/6 F or 5/6 R) if you are able to help it would be great, the classes are a lot of fun.

We need....
For the Kitchen -
Baking trays, baking dishes & plain flour
For the Garden -
Large (4 litre) ice cream containers & potting mix

In the Garden.....
Our focus this week in the garden was ‘The Garden in Art’, with a look at patterns we find in the edible garden. We have been busy planting the remaining 3 bare-rooted fruit trees (including digging big holes!), sowing carrot seeds, turning compost, preparing new garden beds, transplanting plants, painting & harvesting. Broccoli, lettuce, salad greens, & herbs were harvested for kitchen classes this week.

We need extra volunteers on a Thursday, both in the Kitchen Classes & Garden Classes. Please see Bronwyn or Deanne if you can help.

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