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House Captains
Our 2009 House Captains and Vice Captains will be presented with their badges at Monday’s assembly. Parents are most welcome to come as it is a moment that your child will remember for a long time.

Swimming Sports
Yesterday, the schools annual swimming sports were held at the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool. The day was slightly overcast but that didn’t dampen the atmosphere as the students eagerly participated in the events. Green Eagles won the sports for the second year, followed closely by the Red Swans, Gold Kookaburra and Blue Seagulls. Thank you to all the parents that assisted on the day. A special thanks to Norma Soar, who was in the pool, the cold pool, for most of the day. It is invaluable to have someone to support the children that require some assistance when competing.

Tomorrow sees the next stage of the Swimming Sports, with the school team leaving at 11.30 to head into Bairnsdale to compete in the Central District Swimming Sports. We have 36 students competing and we all wish them the best of luck. The following Friday, 27th, will see those successful tomorrow head off to the Zone Championships, also at Bairnsdale.

School Council Elections
We still have 2 parent vacancies on school council for a period of 2 yrs each. Nomination forms are in the office and will close next Friday 27th of February.
Continuing School Councillors are:
Kym Paterson and Sue Robinson (Parent reps)
Suzi Roberts & Warwick Fraser (Dept reps)

3/4 Monday Madness
The 3/4 students will begin their Monday Madness Program next week. The students will take part in 3 different activities over a 3 week rotation, as part of the 3/4 physical education program. Activities include swimming at the pool, playing Wii sports and basketball. This is a different we to tackle the physical education component of the curriculum and we are all looking forward to getting some feedback from the students.

Shrove “Thursday”
Shrove Tuesday occurs next week. Unfortunately the canteen is not open on Tuesdays so we have made it Thursday instead. For only $1.00 students will receive 4 mini pancakes with a choice of three toppings, vegemite, jam or lemon and sugar. The pancakes will be served at recess. There are no eggs in the pancakes and are made with self raising flour, milk and golden syrup. This is an SRC initiative with money going to an as yet unnamed cause. An order form will be arriving home tomorrow and will be due back by Tuesday 24th.

SAKGP
The school is pleased to announce that we have employed a project manager for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Megan MacDonald has taken on the role of completing the kitchen and managing the setting up of the program. Already items have been purchased and Sue Morton asked to contribute her wonderful artistic skills, with the students work to decorate the kitchen. We are expecting that classes in the garden and the Kitchen will begin in earnest in the first week of term 2. We will be needing some help to paint the Science Centre in the coming weeks and it would be great to see lots of parents willing to lend a hand.

Paynesville Op Shop
Over the years the Paynesville Op Shop has donated many thousands of dollars to the school. Every child has benefited from their generosity, enabling us to provide equipment and programs that might otherwise not have been available. It is now time that we pay some of that generosity back. The Lions Club are organising for the Op-Shops weather boards to be replaced and painted. On a date yet to be decided, it would be great to see as many members from the school community down there assisting where possible. Please keep a look out for a date in up coming news letters.

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JAZZ IN THE GARDEN
St. Peter’s By the Lake
Newlands Drive
Paynesville
10:30am – 11:30am
Morning Tea
Sunday 22 February
Come and join us

This week is School Banking. Please place your child’s bank book in the box at the office by Friday the 20th February by 9am.

FOR SALE
Flute – Armstrong 104
Excellent condition
Hardly been used
$450.00 phone 0412 517 677

FOR SALE
Schitzu x Maltese
10 weeks old
Male
Phone – 5156 1162

St. Mary’s Bairnsdale Parish
Bairnsdale is to commence it’s Sacramental program for 2009. If any parent wishes their child/ren to be involved in the programs for Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation please contact Dan or Bernie at the Parish Centre on 5152 2492. A meeting is to be held for Interested parents on Tuesday 10th February.

Joey Sea Scouts
Are you 6 or 7 years old? Would you love to come and play games, learn about nature, be part of a team, earn badges and wear a great uniform? We learn about Sharing and Caring and helping other people while having fun. We go on small hikes, bike rides and canoe in the shallows of the lake. We can show you how to do all these and more. Cost for half year is $80, a one off joining fee of $30, and uniform if you can’t get a second hand one is $30 new.
When: Thursday afternoons, 4.30pm to 6pm, at the Paynesville RSL, Main Rd.
Contact for more information: Amanda Bodinnar (Puggle) on 51560908.

Bairnsdale Tee Ball 2009 Season commences.
The summer season of Tee Ball commenced last Saturday with numbers down a little on previous seasons.
The season will continue at the W.O.R.L.D. grounds in Wallace St on Saturday mornings for another 5 weeks with games commencing at 9.00 a.m.
Anyone interested in playing Tee Ball is asked to contact the Chairman Pete Roderick on 51524385.