New Design
As you will notice we are trying out a new format for our newsletter. We now have the capability to print the smaller version which will help in saving funds and paper. We hope you find the new format interesting and more useable.

Signing in & Out
Could we please remind everyone that we need any late comers or early leavers to be signed in and out using the book at the front office. This is a legal requirement of the Department and the book forms part of records we are required to keep for a number of years. It is also a Health and Safety requirement and another way for us to be sure you are aware if your child is arriving late.

New Kitchen Cook
We would like to welcome Bronwyn Benson to our staff. Bronwyn has been appointed kitchen cook in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. Bronwyn comes to us after working as head chef in a number of Melbourne restaurants and brings with her experiences that include working in London and other international positions. She is currently working part time at Bancroft Bites in Metung. Bronwyn has been working with Megan McDonald over the past couple of days in order to have a crash course in readiness for our kitchen program to begin again next week. Please pop in say hello to Bronwyn if you have a chance.

Lunch orders need to be in the box by 9.30am.

Diary Dates
Term 3
Fri 24 - 5/6 Swimming 11.30 –1.30
- 3/4 swimming 12.00, 12.30 and 1.00
Mon 27 - ToM rehearsal—lunchtime
Wed 29 - ToM rehearsal—lunchtime
- ToM rehearsal after school
Thurs 30 - Junior Rotary students—Paynesville Aged Care

2009 Term Dates for students
Term 3  13 July—18 Sept
Term 4  5 Oct—17 Dec

Coming Up
Wed 5 Aug  - School Photo Day  Possible change—please see below
Mon 24 Aug  - Grandparents & Special Friends Day
Tues 25 Aug - Parent info session 5/6 Human Development program
Thurs 17 Sept - Astronomy Night
Oct 27-30 - 5/6 Camp
Dec 9-11 - 3/4 Camp

National School Pride Funding
As mentioned a while ago, we are fortunate to be receiving funding to enable us to complete a number of projects around the school. We are now ready to begin and over the next few weeks some painting projects and resurfacing of the basketball courts will be taking place. Rooms 7 & 8 will soon have a new deck and shade area near room 8 and we can expect to see the games and activity lines in the playground repainted as well.

Foodworks Donation
We would like to extend a very big thank you to Foodworks and to all the people in our community who choose the School to receive the reward points. Yesterday Regan from Foodworks made a presentation of a big cheque of $1622.52 to our School Captains. This is a fantastic amount of money that will be partly used to support our Kitchen Garden Project.

Astronomy Night
Next term we will be having a whole school theme of Space. It is going to be very exciting to have all of us learning the same thing and we are going to start the whole thing off with an astronomer and Space movie night on Thursday 17 September. This will be a whole family evening and we will look forward to seeing as many people as possible. It is a while away and we will send more information as the time draws closer but keep this date free for a fun and informative evening.

Photo Envelopes & Possible Change to Photo Day
We have been asked by the photo company if we can change our day to Thursday 6 August. At this stage we don’t have real issues at a school level but I realise that you may have made appointments around the initial date of the 5th August. Could you please contact us by tomorrow afternoon (Friday 24) to let us know if Thursday 6 August is unsuitable.

You should also have received a photo envelope for each of your children. The envelopes contain all the choices in regard to packs, stickers, and other specialty items. Please feel free to come up if you need help working out what is what. Any cheques need to be made out to Aussie School Photos and not the Paynesville Primary School. Photo envelopes need to be returned with the correct payment enclosed.

Thought for the Week
Imagination is more important than knowledge. For while knowledge defines all we currently know and understand, imagination points to all we might yet discover and create.
Albert Einstein

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

PAYNESVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Neighbourhood Centre will be running a level 2 First Aid and CPR update with Dale Porter. Dates are as follows:
Level 2 August 15th & 22nd 9am to 5pm
CPR August 15th 9am to 12:30
Cost are Level 2 -$175.00  CPR -$70.00
if you interested in participating please contact Karen Fleischer on 5156 0214

Please note that we are also tying to include dates for Anaphylaxis and Asthma Training.

ATTENTION YOUNG ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS...

To celebrate the beauty of winter in Early Years East Gippsland are offering some great prizes to the winner of the best photo and drawing of how you enjoy Winter

Take a photo or draw a picture of what you love to do in East Gippsland when the weather gets cold.... Brrrrrrrrrr...it could be a photo of your family playing in the snow, drinking hot chocolate or snuggled up in bed. It could be a drawing of the rain falling down, the open fire crackling or you and friends wearing beanies. It's totally up to you and your imagination...

Entries are to be submitted via email in jpeg format.

The photos and drawings will need to be submitted to www.eastgippslandearlyyears.org

You must type in the Subject heading -Attention East Gippsland Early Years Website, ask Mum or Dad to help you if you need it.

The photos and drawings will be displayed on the website gallery and may also be used for related promotional purposes, so please make sure that you have permission from whoever is in the photo.

There are some great prizes on offer! Underwater camera, Digital Images Watches and Crayola Textas...

Entry Conditions: Entrants must be between the ages of 0-8 years old. Photos must be taken by the entrant. Photos must be taken in East Gippsland. Drawings must be originals by the entrant. Entries must be emailed. Entries must be in jpeg format.

Entries close Thursday 30th July 2009.

Winners will be announced Wednesday 12th August. Winners will be notified via email.

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