Diary Dates
Term 1
Fri 27 - House Party Day
- Fundraiser for the RCH
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Scarecrow making
- Afternoon Activity
Mon 30 - Monday Madness Pool Day 3/4W
Thurs April 2 - Grade 5/6 SIC Day
Fri 3 - 3/4 Boats Afloat at the foreshore
- Term finishes 1.30
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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House Party!
Tomorrow is our House Party Day and everyone is encouraged to wear their house colours to join in the fun. We have a number of activities planned including:

Easter Bonnet Parade
There will a parade of each house and everyone is asked to wear a decorated ‘bonnet’ with their house colour as the main colour. Family members are more than welcome to join in and may even add to the house point tally.

Money Line Fundraiser for the Royal Children’s Hospital
We are asking students to brings as much change as can be spared by families to join the house money line competition. Coins will be lined up to see which house can make the longest line.. There will be 1000 points for the winning team. All money raised will go to the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal.

Scarecrow Making & Crafty Activities
Each house will be making at least one or two scarecrows to be part of the Scarecrow exhibition taking place in east Gippsland in the near future. Most of the materials have been collected but we are in desperate need of some house coloured items to dress the scarecrows and we also need some willing helpers to work with each house to ensure all the participants have a great time and have some help making the crafty activities. The activity will be finished by recess. If you can help please let your child’s teacher know.

Fun Afternoon Activities
Students can also look forward to an afternoon of games and activities in the afternoon. Lots of house points up for grabs. Please join us for the fun and don’t forget to wear your house colours too! If you have any gumboots you could spare for the afternoon could you name them and send them to Michael Doyle or Meagan Whitbourne.

Circus in Cebu
Over the holidays Judi Owen and a small group of volunteers is heading to Cebu in the Philippines to present a series of circus/arts/music workshops for the children of the Cornerstone House Orphanage. The Cornerstone House Orphanage is in a very poor area of the Philippines and the children have very little and still manage to be happy and welcoming. Judi is seeking donations to take with her team when they visit and would be appreciative of any of the following items—second hand items more than welcome:
• Clothing—shirts and shorts etc—size 4-10
• Books
• Textas, scissors, erasers, pencils
• Maths activity books (apparently the boys love doing maths)
• Fabric remnant
• Remnants of felt, fur, fur, wadding for puppets, balls of wool
The group is also looking for an old trampoline mat that can be used for acrobatics. Please speak to Judi if you have any questions about this very worthy cause.

Thought for the Week
I would rather have a mind opened by wonder than closed by belief
Gerry Spence

Please keep in mind that we have two students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products.
**FIRST TIME REGIONAL BALLKID TRIALS**
Tennis Australia will be offering trials for Ball Kids (being held at country regional centres for the first time) this is a great opportunity for our local children trails will be held at the Bairnsdale Tennis Club on April 26th at 9:30am. To apply to attend these trails, kids must enter on line at www.australianopen.com.au between 23rd March and 31st March.

**BAIRNSDALE TENNIS CLUB**
Is now taking registrations for the Winter Junior Tennis Competition, running over Term 2 & 3 2009.Forms are available at the clubhouse, Ligal St Bairnsdale. Registration will be held on the Wednesday 1st April from 4pm-5pm at the clubhouse. Any enquiries please ring Joy 5157 1496

**FITNESS CLUB NEWS**
Excellent turnout with 79 participants including parents and children This week we ran 517 km

**Congratulations**
5km club
Julia Davis, Emily Davis, Heidi Davis, Jasmin Sharp, Angus Stringer, Damien Pini, Fran Pini, Ellen Pini, Jayne Pini (parent), Elle Hammond, Daniel Churches, Ella Bilney, Daniel Condron, Taylah Hill, Rebecca Churches, Aylin Rutherford, Josh Drohan, Andrew Creer (parent), Luke Creer, Ella Rutherford, Alex McLaren, Courtney Hill, Jack Reid, Jacob Thompson, Caleb Hodder, Reegan Paterson

10km Club
Keenan Hynes.

**BIG EASTER HUNT**
1st Paynesville Sea Scouts
Are looking for past members to participate in their 50th year reunion and celebrations this Easter
- For details of the proposed events or to register
  * Log on to: www.paynesvilleseascouts.info
  * Phone: (03) 5156 0908
  * Write to: PO Box 96, Paynesville, 3880

Past members are encouraged to sign the 50th yearbook located at Paynesville Seafoods
Or better still be part of our celebrations this Easter

**Friday, April 10** - 7pm until late. Join in the reunion at Paynesville (registration appreciated)

**Saturday, April 11** - 10am onwards, a day of sea scouting fun at Eagle Point, everyone welcome. Then an evening at the campfire for past and present scouts and their families.

**Sunday, April 12** - visit us at the Paynesville Market

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