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Office Hours - 8:30am to 4:00pm - Monday to Thursday
9:00am to 3.30pm - Friday

Swimming Timetable		CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 1	
Session (1)	12.00 – 12.45pm	FEBRUARY 15 th District Swimming Carnival 15 th & 16 th Meet the Teacher evenings 21 st Open Water Swim Program Gr 5 & 6 22 nd Open Water Swim Program Gr 3 & 4 MARCH 3 rd School Photo Day 13 th Labour Day 31 st End of Term 1	
Session (2)	12.45 – 1.30pm		
Prep (1)	Feb 23, 24, 27, March 3, 6,10,17,20,24,27	TERM 3 - Monday July 11th to Friday September 16th	
Gr 1 & 2 (1)	Feb 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23		
Gr 3 & 4 (2)	Feb 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23		
Gr 5 & 6 (2)	Feb 20, 24, 27, March 3, 6,10,17,20,24,27		
		TERM 4 - Monday October 3th to Tuesday December 20th	
		BLUE HOUSE RED HOUSE GOLD HOUSE GREEN HOUSE	

2017 School Captains



From left to right : Jack McConachy, Holley Irish, Oskar Watkinson & Jessica Stevens



4pm - 7pm Wed Feb 15th and Thurs Feb 16th

Parents and Carers are invited to book a time to come along and meet their child's teacher. These are quick meetings that support a connection between home and school.

To log in go to:

www.schoolinterviewsonline.com.au

Event Code: g8fn4

Attendance and Punctuality

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years. Daily school attendance is important for all children to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Similarly, when students are late to school they become unsettled and miss vital information for the day. Students who arrive to school on time, consolidate vital connections with their friends and are ready for learning.

Children who regularly attend school have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is therefore very important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation maximises life opportunities for children by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values, which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Parents and Reading

Research by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research has confirmed what many have known for a long time – the importance of reading to children from an early age.

Reading to children six to seven days a week puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to. Four to five year olds who are read to three to five times a week have the same reading ability as children six months older who are read to only twice or less a week.

It also found that reading to children has a positive effect on numeracy skills. A study of 4000 students, from aged four or five through to age 10 or 11, found that the benefits were the same regardless of income, educational level and cultural background. So if you are not reading to and with your child as much as you could, remember it is one of the most important things you can do for their future.

KIDZ CLUB

Primary School Aged Youth Group

Friday Afternoons 4.30pm – 6pm fortnightly

Term 1 dates are 17th Feb, 3rd, 17th and the 31st of March

The Bairnsdale Baptist Church 134 The Princes Highway in Lucknow

Contact Liz Freiberg on 0422002344

Come along for fun, games and more.



East Gippsland
Schools Working
Together to support
teachers looking to
move into a
leadership role.

Inspire: Local Leaders Program

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of working with Pauline Canfield – Swifts Creek PS, Marcus Batt – Lucknow PS and Simon Prior – Lakes Entrance PS to complete the facilitators training for the Inspire: Local Leaders Program. Building teachers leadership skills is pivotal to increasing the number of quality leaders for school leadership roles.

The Inspire program provides high potential education leaders with the foundational capabilities required for school leadership. Inspire will develop the knowledge and skills needed to start making a difference in a school. The program will ensure that participants are well-trained, well-networked and well-prepared to succeed as a leader in the East Gippsland Area.



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE A CHILD WITH SCOUTING SKILLS

Starting at Joey Scouts (prep age) with caring and sharing, a child learns skills that develop to a point where, by the age of 14, they can successfully plan and lead 5 others on an adventure into an unfamiliar area, safely, all on their own.

Planning, first aid, hygiene, shopping, cooking, camping, teamwork, fitness, thinking for themselves, looking after each other are just a few of the many skills that a child will learn while progressing through scouting.

By the time they are in year 11 and 12 the Education Department will recognise the skills they have obtained during their time in scouting. They now allow badge work completed by Venturer Scouts to go towards their VCE ATAR score.

Come join scouting now. Your local group is **Paynesville Sea Scouts**, with Joey Scouts covering the period Prep to 8 years old, Cub Scouts 8 to 11, Scouts 11 to 15, Venturers 15 to 18 years old. If you're an adult interested in scouting then you're never too old to get involved, either to learn new skills or to share skills already acquired.

Come along, give "Puggle" the Scout Leader a call/ text today on **0428 560 908** or email gl.paynesvilleseascouts@scoutsvictoria.com.au What other youth group, with so much to offer, has an annual youth membership of only \$200? Or drop in to see us; Joey Scouts are Mondays, 5-6pm, Cub Scouts are Mondays, 6.30-8pm, while Scouts and Venturers are Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm.



Kittens Free to a good Home

Sophie Bolleman brought her kittens to school yesterday. Sophie proudly showed her kittens around the classes.

Currently the white kitten is taken but the grey and the tabby are free to a good home.

Please contact Sophie, Karen or Sam if you would like a kitten.

art for kids

painting . sculpture . drawing . printmaking . making . creating

Open up your imagination and have a hands-on experience, creating artworks you can be proud of

Explore a wide variety of mediums & learn new skills & techniques

Tuesdays - Grades 2-6

3:45pm - 4:45pm

Thursdays - Grades 3-6

3:45pm - 4:45pm

MADD Building @ Paynesville Primary School

\$120 for Term 1 (materials supplied)

STARTING NEXT WEEK! PLACES ARE LIMITED

Deanne Howlett is a local artist, with experience working with children.

Current Working With Children Check.

Call Deanne on **0417 518 214** if you would like more information.

Please fill in the form below, select your class, and include payment to ensure your place

art classes Term 1, 2017

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Please circle: Tues. Art - Grades 2-6 Thurs. Art - Grades 3-6

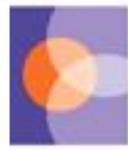
Parent name: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PAYNESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE OR DEANNE



MyTime

*supporting parents of
children with disabilities*



Would you like to join one of our MyTime groups ?

What is My Time

MyTime groups provide local support for parents and carers of a young child under 16 years with a disability or chronic medical condition.

MyTime groups are for parents and carers who want to have time out to connect with others and share their experiences. Groups provide unique support from other parents who have "been there" or are "there right now". MyTime gives parents the chance to share ideas with others and find out about available community support in our area. The program has research-based parenting information available at all group meetings. We have a variety of guest speakers who visit our group eg service providers with information on the National Disability Insurance Scheme).

How MyTime works

Each group is supported by workers - a facilitator for the parents and play helpers for the children. The facilitator works with the parent group, helping them get to know each other. The play helpers lead the children and siblings in play activities that are suited to the children's ages and interests. This enables parents to spend time focusing on catching up with others for support to gain information about their child's disability and service access. Our groups meet once a week for two hours.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the group parents/carers must have a child under 16 who is eligible for the Carer Allowance. MyTime groups are free for parents and carers.

How to join MyTime

We have two groups which meet on Fridays at the Uniting Church, 710 Lanes Road Bairnsdale. A 10am - 12pm group and a 12.30-2.30pm group.

If interested please contact Rose McKenna (MyTime Facilitator) 0427576219.

MyTime is your time!



PlayConnect Playgroup

Is a weekly facilitated playgroup for children aged 0-6 with Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD - like characteristics.

This group is to meet the needs of families, their child and siblings.

Wednesdays, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Uniting Church Bairnsdale
710 Lanes Road
Lucknow

Enquiries to Rose : 0427 576219

Come along to connect with other families for information on ASD resources whilst participating with your child/children in activities suited to Autism Spectrum Disorder.

PlayConnect Playgroups are a component of the Australian Government's *Helping Children with Autism* package.

