

ISSUE 8

MARCH 20th, 2020

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

9:00am to 3.30pm - Friday

CALENDAR	Receive our newsletter by email, please send your request to: paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
TERM 1 Fri 20 th March – Dress up day – gold coin donation Mon 23 rd March – Assembly 9:00am Mon 23 rd March – Easter Raffle Draw Fri 27 th March – END OF TERM - 3:30pm finish	Term Dates 2020 Term 1: January 28th to March 27th Term 2: April 14 th to June 26 th Term 3: July 13 th to September 18 th Term 4: October 5 th to December 18 th .
	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS Monday 13 th April – Easter Monday

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been an interesting week at Paynesville Primary School as we respond to COVID-19 and follow guidelines given to us from the Department of Education (DET). Later in this newsletter I will outline some of the measures we are undertaking as a school to reduce the spread of the virus. The DET states that at present, the best place for students to learn is at school. In preparation of possible scenarios, as a school we have been asked to consider;

1. Our readiness in the event that we may transition to remote learning and;
2. Health and well being supports and contacts within our school

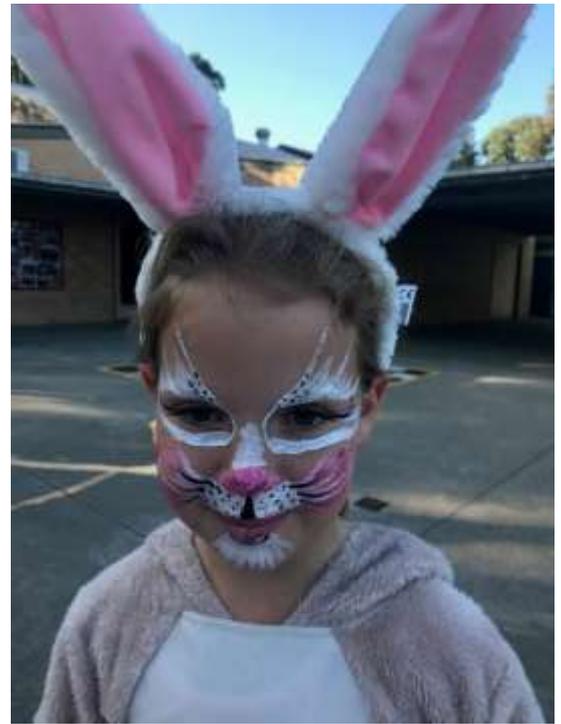
In response to the first point, we have recently contacted all families via email to check we have current email addresses for all families at our school. If you haven't heard from the school via email in the last 2 days please let us know. The school's health and well being contact is the school office, Jenny, Liz and Lauren. The school's email address is regularly checked and emails responded to. We will continue to use the school office and the school email address for any health and well being support. The school email address is paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Exciting events this week include the student council run 2-square tournament and 'Dress Like an Animal Day'.

2-Square Tournament

During lunchtime on Wednesday we held the Grade 3/4 2-square competition, congratulations to Jai who was the champion of this event with Ghardeep runner-up. On Thursday we held the Prep, Grade 1/2 competition. An impressive effort and turn out from our junior students. In a tough final the results were Hayden, runner up and Zaxton, Grades P, 1/2 champion.





Dress Like an Animal Day

Thank you to students and their families for supporting the Student Council 'Dress Like an Animal' Day. This event was to raise funds for animals affected in the bushfires. We called students up in animal categories. See if you can match the categories to the photos! Categories were savannah, jungle, farm, mythical creatures, cats, water, Australian, insects and other. As a school we will be donating \$77.40 to a wildlife charity.



2-Square Tournament

Here are a few more 2-square tournament photos. Serious business!



CFA Certificate

This week the Grade 1/2 classes received a Certificate of Appreciation from the CFA. At the start of the year the Grade 1/2 students sent artwork and letters of support to the CFA thanking them for their hard work fighting fires over the summer.

Well done Grade 1 and 2 students, this was a lovely thing to do and your letters were certainly appreciated.



Left: Check out this amazing cooperative construction work from the Prep Room!

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

Paynesville Primary School

By the

Country Fire Authority

in recognition of your kind support

*In presenting this certificate
CFA District 11 acknowledges and thanks you for
your artwork and letters of support during the
East Gippsland Fires of 2019-2020*

Daryl Hunter
Operations Manager
District 11
South East Region



10th March 2020

School Council AGM

Our School Council Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday night in our school library. We would like to thank our parents and staff who contribute to our school by being a member of our school council. A part of our AGM is electing Office Bearers for the coming school year.

Our School Council structure for 2020 is:

President: Nick Fordham

Vice President: Julie Watkinson

Treasurer: Bec Pyke

Minute Secretary: Lauren Bills

Sergeant at Arms: Kevin Jefferies.

Committee Members: Carol Roberts, Mary Sowa, Ben Marchbank, Laura Owen, Ingrid Jennings, Greg Grant, Eleanor Mitchell, Matt Hall.



Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat parade will be held on Friday March 27th, 2020. This is the last day of the term and we felt it was a great way for families to start the School Holiday break.

COVID-19

In line with Department of Education advice, we would like to inform our parent community of the measures, we are undertaking at school in an attempt to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- We have increased the cleaning of surfaces around the school. 'High traffic areas' such as door handles, light switches, keyboards, table tops and toilets are cleaned throughout the day. From Monday next week our cleaning company will have a cleaner at school from 11am to 3:30pm carrying out additional cleaning.
- Hand washing is encouraged and hand sanitiser is available for student use. Grade 1/2 students get a stamp on their hand in the morning and try to rub it off with handwashing by the end of the day. Great idea!
- We have been teaching students about coughing and sneezing into a clean tissue or their sleeve to prevent the spread of germs.
- Advice on social distancing at school has come through this morning. The DET acknowledges that it is not always practical for a distance of 1.5 metres between people to be applied to interactions with students, especially young students. It is important to note in this context that the Victorian Chief Health Officer's advice is that the risk of transmission represented by children appears to be low.
- There will be no excursions or camps until advised otherwise by the Department of Education.
- School assemblies will be held outside.
- Greetings will take the form of non-contact greetings.
- When students line up to enter class they will be encouraged to keep 1.5 metres between each other where possible.
- Classroom furniture and seating arrangements will provide maximum distance between students.
- Student group work will be suspended.
- Where possible teachers will avoid close proximity with students.

Think U Know program.

On Tuesday 26th March Justin McCallum, the Youth Liaison Officer of the Victoria Police, Bairnsdale will present the ThinkUKnow program to our students in Grade 3 – 6. ThinkUKnow is a national program delivering online child safety information in schools and organisations to parents, carers, teachers and students from the first year of school to Year 12.

The ThinkUKnow program gives students information on how to stay safe online. Topics included within the presentations are specifically aimed at educating and increasing awareness about online child sexual exploitation including avoiding unwanted contact, online grooming, self-generated content, sexual extortion and how to get help.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program please your child's teacher or myself know.



Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 1&2

*Please note any changes to the calendar have been highlighted in **RED**.*

TERM 1 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am Easter Raffle Drawn				END OF TERM 1 Easter Hat Parade	

TERM 2 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>APR 12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	TERM 2 BEGINS				
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am					ANZAC DAY
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1st May</u>	<u>2</u>
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am					