



ISSUE 14  
MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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

## CALENDAR – The week ahead

### TERM 2

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

- Grade 1-4 Swimming

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

- Grade Prep, 5/6 Swimming

- Science Fair Projects due

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May

- Grade 1 – 4 Swimming

- School Science Fair

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

- Grade Prep, 5/6 Swimming

- School Science Fair

- No Lunch Orders

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### Term Dates 2021

Term 1: January 28<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Term 2: April 19<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Term 3: July 12<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>

Term 4: October 4<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### No Lunch Orders Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday

## PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May

## Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful week at Paynesville Primary School this week with lots of exciting events. On Monday three of our students competed in the Regional Golf Tournament held at the Bairnsdale Golf Club, please refer below for the very exciting results! Our swimming program resumed this week after a break for the NAPLAN week and swimming will conclude next week.

**Please note that Monday is a Pupil Free Day.** As a staff we will be attending professional development sessions at Bairnsdale Primary School (754). We will engage in training around trauma and it's impact, with visiting specialist Michelle Roberts. We will then complete a session on the moderation of student writing and using this to have the greatest impact on student learning.

## Regional Golf Tournament

Congratulations to Charlotte, Maddy and Lachlan for competing in the Regional Golf competition on Monday. It was a very successful day for these students. Maddy came 1<sup>st</sup> in the girls with a personal best score of 49 and is through to the state finals in Melbourne. Lachlan was second equal with a score of 48 and is also going through to the state finals. Charlotte placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the girls competition. An outstanding result, we are very proud of you, well done!



## *Incursion with Russell Mullett*

Today we were delighted to welcome our Kurnai Elder, Russell Mullett, to our school to work with our Grade 5/6 students. Russell talked to the students about his recent archaeological work in the Buchan Caves system. Through his talk, Russell wanted to emphasise the importance of technology and scientific knowledge and expertise when learning about the past. He also wanted to convey that everywhere you go you have an impact and to consider how your actions may disturb 'footprints' from the past. Thank you Russell for sharing your knowledge with our students.



## *Science Fair Projects*

Our school Science Fair is coming up fast with projects due on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. The science investigation is compulsory for all Grade 5/6 students and optional for Grade 1/2 students. The science fair project has replaced the regular Grade 5/6 homework for the past few weeks. We do have a limited number of **Science Fair display boards available for purchase in the school office at a cost of \$15 each**. I'm looking forward to seeing all the fantastic projects and ideas our students have investigated in a couple of weeks.



## Bairnsdale Secondary College Open Night



On Wednesday evening this week a number of our Grade 5/6 students attended the Bairnsdale Secondary College Open Night.

The students who attended really enjoyed getting to know more about life at secondary school and judging by the photos the students' interest was ignited by the science department!

Grade 6 students received their Transition to Secondary documentation this week, a reminder to families that these are due back to school before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.



## PJs Day

To congratulate our Grade 5 students on a job well done with NAPLAN last week they had a special day on Tuesday. These girls were looking fantastic in their onesies!

## Breakfast Club

This morning we had Tim visiting from Food Bank to meet with Suzi and discuss how the Breakfast Club is going at our school. Food Bank supplies the longlife products for our breakfast club program. Suzy does an amazing job of our breakfast club, with most mornings around 50 students popping in to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere, aromas and company. Suzy is now a dab hand at producing large numbers of jaffles in a limited time. Thanks Suzy, you have made our breakfast club AWESOME!



## University of NSW ICAS Assessments

We are delighted to inform you that Paynesville Primary School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

**These assessments are designed to recognise academic excellence for high potential students. The emphasis is on challenge and extension.**

These exams are held at school, during school time and are an excellent opportunity for your child to experience a serious exam situation. Many students enjoy the academic challenge.

### **In 2021 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:**

	<b>Sitting Dates</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Digital Technologies (Grade 3 -6 students)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	\$17.05
Science (Grade 2 -6 students)	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	\$17.05
Spelling Bee (Grade 2 -6 students)	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	\$17.05
English (Grade 2 -6 students)	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	\$17.05
Mathematics (Grade 2 -6 students)	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	\$17.05
Writing (Grade 3 -6 students)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	\$21.45

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: HPN060

Online parent payment closes Sunday, 25 July 2021.

**IMPORTANT:** Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. Students must sit the assessments designed for their school year level.



## Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 2

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

TERM 2 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
	Pupil Free Day	Grade 1 – 4 Swimming	Prep, Grade 5/6 Swimming School Science Fair Projects due	Grade 1 – 4 Swimming	Prep, Grade 5/6 Swimming No Lunch Orders	
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>JUNE 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
		Footy Clinics				
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
			Grade 5/6 Forge Theatre - Toro and Rose	Nexus Arts Performance		
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
	Queen's Birthday					
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
	Alpha Show				End of Term 2	
<b>School Holidays</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>						
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
	Start of Term 3					

