



ISSUE 3
February 25th, 2022

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

CALENDAR – The week ahead

TERM 4

Monday 28th February

- *Slushies Day*
- *Grade 5/6 Bowls Squad Training*

Tuesday 1st March

- *Swimming Grade 5/6 and 2/3/4*

Wednesday 2nd March

- *Wheels Day*
- *Open Water Learning Experience Grade 2-6*
- *Grade 5/6 Bowls Squad Training*

Thursday 3rd March

- *Central District Swimming Carnival*
- *Swimming Grade 5/6 and 2/3/4*

Friday 4th March

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Term Dates 2022

Term 1: January 31st to April 8th
Term 2: April 26th to June 24th
Term 3: July 11th to September 16th
Term 4: October 3th to December 20th

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 14th March – Labour Day

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely week we have had at school. We have all been enjoying the last few days of summer, it was warm enough earlier in the week to turn the sprinklers on to cool off! Students have settled in to their classroom routines, I have enjoyed going around classes this week to check in with students and their learning.

Next week is the last week of swimming for our middle and senior school students. We have the water safety lesson on Tuesday, so please ensure you pack your child's PJs or similar for this day. I managed to get a few photos of the senior students at the pool this week, look out for them later in the newsletter and see if you can spot the celebrity. Also a reminder that next Wednesday students in Grades 2 – 6 have the Open Water Learning Experience at the Paynesville foreshore.

Other highlights of the week include 'Twos-Day', celebrating the special date of 22-2-22 with our Grade 2s! Kitchen class made a range of slices, pictured on the right is Ally who was very proud of her chocolate crackles. Our bowls squad is continuing with their training and in my opinion we are looking pretty good this year, fingers crossed!





From the Kitchen...

This week in the kitchen the students from the middle and senior school made a range of slices; apple slice, jam slice and chocolate slice. Junior school students made chocolate crackles which I can confirm were absolutely delicious! The Preps also played a game called find my home. They needed to find different items that belong in the kitchen, eg. Spatulas, rolling pins and scales. Sounds like a lot of fun, well done everyone.





Bye Jordan

On Tuesday morning we held a special assembly to farewell Jordan Collins. Jordan has been at Paynesville PS since she finished high school 7 years ago.

Throughout her time here Jordan has formed very special relationships with so many of our students. Jordan always willingly helped out those who needed it and she is very much loved by all our students. We will miss her heaps.

Jordan's baby is due in a few weeks and we can't wait to meet the new family member. All the best for your new adventure Jordan.



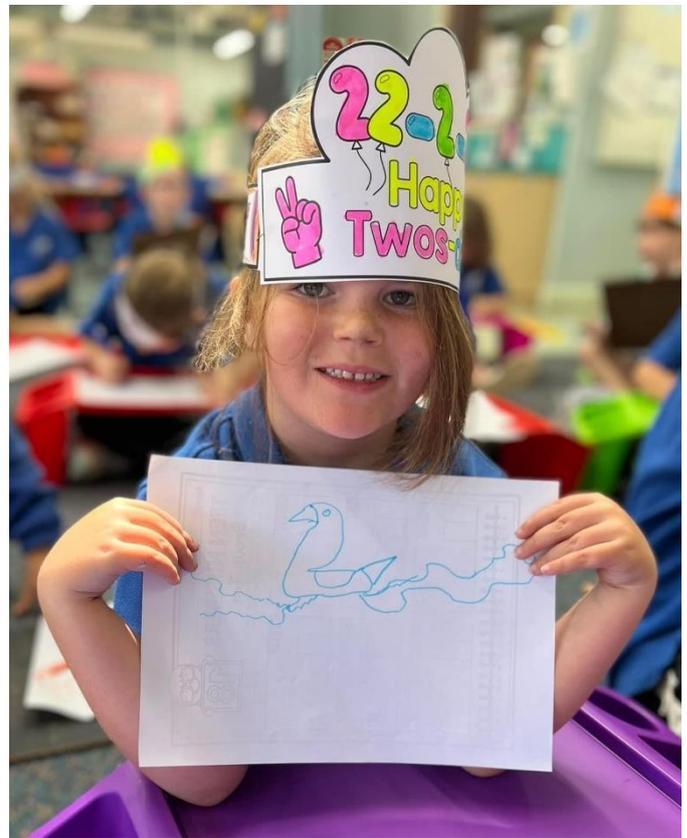
22-2-22

Our junior school celebrated the 22nd of the 2nd month of 2022 on Twos-Day (Tuesday) this week. Here is an interesting fact, care of Melissa from the school FB page...

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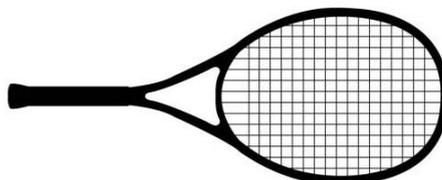
'The date Tuesday 22 February 2022 will be both a palindrome and an ambigram. This means the date will be read the same from left to right, from right to left and upside down.' That is cool!

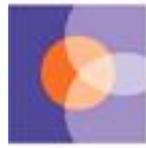
Our Grade 2 students had a wonderful time celebrating the number 2 with lots of exciting activities. I loved the hats and the staff T-shirts designed and made by Miss Bould.



Tennis

The Division Tennis Competition will be held at the Bairsndale Tennis Club on Tuesday 29th March. If your child is interested in competing they must be able to play tennis competitively, be able to score their own games, serve and be competent enough to engage in a short rally. If your child meets this criteria please contact me and I will enter them in the upcoming competition.





MyTime

*supporting parents of
children with disabilities*



MyTime groups provide local support for parents/ carers of a child under 18 years with a disability or chronic medical condition who want to have time out to connect with others and share their experiences. MyTime gives parents the chance to share ideas with others and find out about available community support in our area. We have a variety of guest speakers who visit our group eg service providers with information on the National Disability Insurance Scheme).

Each group is supported by workers - a facilitator for the parents/carers and play helpers for the children. The play helpers lead the children and siblings in play activities that are suited to the children's ages and interests. This enables parents/carers to be able to spend time focusing on catching up with others for support to gain information about their child's disability and service access.

We have two groups which meet on alternate Fridays, 9.30-12.30, at the Uniting Church, 710 Lanes Road Bairnsdale.

If interested please contact Rose McKenna (MyTime Facilitator) 0409096587

MyTime is your time!

Australian Maths Trust Competitions

This year we are offering to interested students the opportunity to participate in a range of Australian Maths Trust Competitions. Please see the next page for details on each competition, there are a couple of new ones we will try this year which focus on computational and algorithmic thinking. We have competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) in previous years and we have been impressed with the quality of the test questions.

Students in Grades 3-6 are able to participate in the AMC and KSF, while students in Grades 5-6 are able to compete in all 4 competitions: AMC, KSF, CAT and OUCC.

Please refer below for the cost of the competitions (there are lots of options!) and if you are interested in your child taking part please contact the school office to register and arrange payment.

AMC - \$7.50

AMC and KSF Bundle - \$12

KSF, CAT and AMC Bundle - \$14

OUCC - \$12

OUCC and CAT Bundle - \$12

CAT - \$7.50

CAT and AMC Bundle - \$12

KSF.

KANGOUROU
SANS FRONTIÈRES



In 1991, two French teachers inspired by the AMC decided to start a similar competition in France. They called it the 'Kangaroo' to pay tribute to their Australian friends.

Now known as **Kangourou sans Frontières** or 'Kangaroo without Borders', it is one of the largest mathematics competitions in the world, with more than 6 million participants each year.

In Australia, the Kangourou sans Frontières or **KSF** is a maths competition for students in years 3 to 12, and is only available online to schools also participating in the AMC.

Like the AMC, KSF has five divisions: Middle Primary, Upper Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

amt.edu.au/ksf

CAT.

COMPUTATIONAL AND
ALGORITHMIC THINKING



The **Computational and Algorithmic Thinking** or **CAT** competition incorporates unique three-stage tasks that encourage students to develop informal algorithms and apply them to test data of increasing size or complexity.

CAT aims to identify coding potential and is open to students in years 5 to 12. Teachers coordinate the CAT in schools.

Held in term 2, the CAT has four divisions: Upper Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. It is available in both online and paper format.

amt.edu.au/cat

AMC.

AUSTRALIAN
MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



The **Australian Mathematics Competition** or **AMC** is one of Australia's largest school-based mathematics competitions. It features unique problems designed by Australia's leading educators and academics, with the goal to demonstrate the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives.

Teachers coordinate the AMC in schools. It is an engaging 30-problem competition, open to students in years 3 to 12.

Held in term 3, the AMC has five divisions: Middle Primary, Upper Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. It is available in both online and paper format.

amt.edu.au/amc

OUCC.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY
COMPUTING CHALLENGE



The **Oxford University Computing Challenge** or **OUCC** is a two-round competition held in term 2. The first round is open to all students and the second round is an invitational for the top 20 students in each division from the first round. It is recommended for students who have done well in the CAT competition and would like to progress to the Australian Informatics Olympiad.

The OUCC builds on the principles used in the CAT competition and helps students develop their skills further to produce programmed solutions to computational thinking problems. Questions are solved using the Blockly programming language, as well the programming languages available to students in their schools (secondary levels).

There are four divisions: Upper Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

amt.edu.au/oucc



Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 1

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

<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>MARCH 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	G5/6 Bowls Squad Training	Swimming G5/6 and G2/3/4	OWLE Open Water Learning Experience G5/6 Bowls Squad Training	Swimming G5/6 and G2/3/4 Central District Swimming Carnival		
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
		Swimming Prep/1/2 District Golf Comp		Swimming Prep/1/2 Division Swimming Carnival	Division Lawn Bowls Comp	
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
	Labour Day Holiday	Swimming Prep/1/2		Swimming Prep/1/2 Regional Swimming Carnival		
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
		Swimming Prep/1/2		Swimming Prep/1/2	School Cross Country	
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1 APRIL</u>	<u>2</u>
		Swimming Prep/1/2		Swimming Prep/1/2		
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
		Swimming Prep/1/2 Division Cross Country		Swimming Prep/1/2	End of Term One	
School Holidays 9th – 25th April						
<u>24</u>	<u>25 APRIL</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
	ANZAC DAY	Beginning of Term 2				
<u>1 MAY</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
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