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

Wed Dec 7 th	Grade 6 Excursion to Rick Cove Collection
Wed Nov 30 th – Fri Dec 2 nd	Grade 5 Rail Trail Camp
Mon Dec 5 th	Grade 6 Graduation Assembly
Thurs Dec 8 th	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Fri Dec 9 th	Grade 3/4 Lakes Entrance Excursion
Mon Dec 12 th	Prep Graduation Assembly and Xmas Concert
Thurs Dec 15 th	Student Reports go home
Thurs Dec 15 th	Junior School Excursion to the Cinema
Fri Dec 16 th	Last Day for Students

Market Day Success

Last Friday the grade 3-6's created and ran stalls for family and students to enjoy! It was fun and exciting throwing water balloons at Kohan and Tom and riding around on billy carts on the basketball courts. There were lots of food and drink stalls for everyone to enjoy. It was a superb turnout and we would like to thank all of the parents and friends who came along to support our school. All money raised will go towards reading resources.

December is here



December is here so that means Christmas is fast approaching. All classes are getting into the Christmas spirit by making advent calanders and Christmas trees.

Alpha Production presents “The Christmas Scrooge”

The school enjoyed the fantastic production of the Christmas Scrooge. The Alpha company always delivers high quality theatre performances. It was outstanding to see all children got involved. Brock Liversidge was a starring act for the performance.



Grade 6 Graduation

Grade 6 graduation is at the Boat House on the 8th of December.

Just a reminder to all parents/carers to make sure payment for the dinner is made. Direct payments for dinner can only be made until the end of 2/12/16. Otherwise cash payments to Carol Roberts by the 7th of December.

Thanks – Carmel Murphy.

Volleyball



On Tuesday Rebecca, Jaime, Melody, Georgie, Callie, Ayla and Jaz represented our school for the girls volleyball state finals. The girls communicated well and improved as they played each game. They came 4th in the state. Great effort girls!

Junior School - Chinese Restaurant

Last Thursday, the junior school went on an excursion to Tham Dynasty Chinese Restaurant in Paynesville. All of the students in Grades Prep, 1 and 2 walked down to the restaurant and had a yummy lunch of fried rice and dim sims. They learnt about the Chinese culture and everyone had a go of using chopsticks after getting a lesson off the staff. Thank-you to Theresa for having us and for the parents who helped on the day.



Grade 5 bike Camp

The grade 5's have been on camp this week. They set off on Wednesday from Howitt Park after a safety briefing to ride along the rail trail to Bruthen Primary School where they stayed for the first night. On day 2, grade 5s then rode from Bruthen to Nowa Nowa where they set up camp before enjoying different activities. On the last day of camp, the grade 5s kayaked for 2 hours to indigenous settlement, water dragons and fossil rocks. Everyone has done an outstanding effort and we are looking forward to hearing all about their experiences and highlights.



Paynesville Primary School Christmas Raffle 2016

Thankyou for supporting the Christmas raffle, all money raised from the raffle will be spent on the schools kitchen. We are aiming to raise enough for another oven and bench space for the students to use as well as some much needed equipment.

All tickets sold need to have names and phone numbers written on them.

All raffle books need to be returned to the school even if you have not sold any tickets.

Tickets are \$2 each.

First Prize

12 month Gold membership at the Bairnsdale Recreation and Aquatic centre, allowing full access to the gym and pool facilities. Valued over \$1000

Second Prize

'Hello Gorgeous' photo shoot with Jessica Shapiro Photography, hair and makeup included plus a framed print.

Third Prize

Ladies Prize Pack including glitter wine glasses, double walled tumblers, \$50 HIIT voucher, HIIT goodies bag, Nicks Bairnsdale \$30 voucher, beauty pack from Paynesville Beauty, Sports bag, McCafe voucher and more!

Fourth Prize

Men's Prize Pack including 2 Lifejackets, rope, torch, car cleaning products, Explorer socks, \$50 Dahlsens voucher, 24 pies from Patties and more!

Fifth Prize

Pixie Violet Pack full of magical items to create a fairy paradise, valued at \$50

Sixth Prize

\$50 Patties voucher

Seventh Prize

Ready to watch summer sports including 24 Patties Pies, 12 cans of soft drink and chips.

A HUGE thankyou to everyone that donated to the raffle, Supercheap Bairnsdale, Paynesville Boat Shop, Dahlsens, Nicks Bairnsdale, Patties, Bulmers Gifts, HIIT Factory, Paynesville Beauty Salon, McDonalds, All that Glitters, Pixie Palace, Jessica Shapiro Photography, Bairnsdale Recreation and Aquatic Centre, Athletes Foot.

The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas concert on Monday Decemebr the 12th. Please bring all the tickets back by Friday the 9th of December.



"Meg got off her horse and gave him a big hug and a massive kiss"

Meg

Taking the Reins

This is my daughter Meg's story, she is 13 years old. Meg has Down Syndrome and Autism with quite significant behavioural issues.

Meg started riding at RDA Bairnsdale 2 years ago and at first she was very reluctant to even get on the horse. She would last a couple of minutes before she would pull the poor horse's mane with frustration. Every two weeks we would take Meg to RDA and some days were worse than others.

Meg got more and more aggressive and we thought maybe this just isn't for her!

2016 saw some changes in volunteers and amazing new strategies. We worked out that singing whilst riding was a wonderful thing and it was so funny to hear 3 adults walking with Meg singing nursery Rhymes.

Because Meg is not easy to understand, we

also created a communication board applicable to her riding and she always indicates she "wants to go fast."

BUT... that wasn't the moment we thought maybe she DOES likes it!

One Monday morning Meg actually took the reins and didn't want to be led. We got around that course for the first time ever and with no hesitation Meg got off her horse and gave him a big hug and a massive kiss. Well everyone was in tears at this point and since then Meg has come on in leaps and bounds.

As a parent I was ready to throw in the towel, but the Bairnsdale team were persistent and I'm in awe of their commitment. I know Meg will enjoy horse riding for many years to come thanks to the RDAV!

Carmel - RDAV Parent

Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to \$500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!



Berry Street delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself.



To find out more contact Rick Pemberton,
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Family Christmas Time

St Peter's by the Lake,
Paynesville

5pm Sunday, December 11, 2016

Mums, dads and kids of all ages....

Story telling and fun

..with clowns

Beans and Smudge



Followed by
BBQ in the Garden
and Christmas Festivities

All welcome: no cost

5pm St Peter's by the Lake
35 Newlands Drive Paynesville 3880

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Laughter Club!

Every Friday 10am
@ Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre

Enjoy the many benefits of laughing in a supportive and fun group.

Anyone can do it!

Laughter boosts your immune system, gives you happy hormones, connects community, alleviates depression and anxiety, increases oxygen to your body & brain, gives you more self-confidence, is a stress buster, calms your mind, teaches you resilience, removes toxins from your body, changes your mood instantly and its joyful!

Even if you don't feel like laughing that's when you need it most!

Call Pixie Violet (0424 98 28 83) for more info

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Sessions are only \$5