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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	
Swimming : Feb: 19 th , 22 nd , 26 th , 29 th Grades 5, 6 & Prep : March 4 th , 7 th , 11 th , 18 th ,		FEBRUARY Events <u>Grade 6 Yachting</u> – Feb 11 th , 18 th , 25, March 3 rd & 10 th	
<u>TERM 1</u> - Wednesday January 27 th to Thursday March 24 th	<u>TERM 2</u> – Monday 11 th April to Friday 24 th June	<u>TERM 3</u> - Monday July 11 th to Friday September 16 th	<u>TERM 4</u> - Monday October 3 th to Tuesday December 20 th
<u>BLUE HOUSE</u>	<u>RED HOUSE</u>	<u>GOLD HOUSE</u>	<u>GREEN HOUSE</u>

Another busy week of school with many highlights to reflect on. We had swimming, sailing and hockey clinics throughout the week which is fantastic. We also had a strategic planning meeting on Wednesday night to look at what we are doing at PPS and what we would work on going forward. We had forty people at this meeting representing the school community. This included parents, students, school councillors, teachers and support staff. Also present were 4 principals from other schools in the area to provide their expert opinion on where we would invest our efforts and resources going forward. Thanks to everyone involved.

Our grade 6 students were out on the water on Thursday as part of their Tackers 1 sailing course. They sailed down the strait amid busy boat traffic to Gravelly Point Rd. The wind was perfect and it was fantastic to see young men and women confidently sailing their craft around our beautiful lakes. The sight of our students sailing up past the Ferry was appreciated by many of the retirees around the place. What a wonderful sight.



Grade 6 students enjoyed sailing around our beautiful lakes.

Other Events Coming Up this term

Hockey Clinics	March 3rd	All students
Open Water Safety	March 8th	Grades 5 and 6
20 / 20 Big Bash V West	March 17th	Grades 3 – 6
Kanga 8's Cricket Tournament	March 21st	Grades 3 and 4
Cricket V Bruthen	March 23rd	Grades 3 – 5

On Wednesday our indigenous students were invited to attend a Tennis Fun Day hosted by Evonne Goolagong and her tennis foundation. Evonne spoke about her beginnings in the bush with a bat made by her father from apple crate timber. She told us how she hit a ball with this bat up against a wall and wrote the number of times she hit it continuously in the dirt with a stick. Each day she would try to hit it more and more times.

She was told of a "make believe" place called Wimbledon and she dreamt every night about going there to play tennis. Eventually she realised she was pretty good and so started playing competitive tennis. She stayed at school to finish her High School Certificate before going on to complete a secretarial course. After this she started playing professional tennis and won many titles.

Evonne encouraged the students to stay at school to complete their education, dream big and have fun. Our students enjoyed meeting Evonne, playing tennis and connecting with community. It was quite hot at Bairnsdale Tennis Club, but our students commented on the good sportsmanship and making the most of the opportunity they had been given.



Kelsey Walters loved the day playing tennis.



Sayla Frew and Sage Walters with Evonne Goolagong

New Zealand Trip Nov 6th – 13th 2016

Thankyou to the families who attended our NZ Camp meeting on Tuesday night. I have been contacted by a number of families who couldn't make the evening meeting – but who would like their child to attend. Spare notices are available through the front office. A reminder to everyone that deposits are due before the end of term.

School Council Election 2016 - Information for Parents

Council Election Timeline

February 22 nd	Nominations Open (nomination forms are available from the school office)
March 1 st	Closing and Assessing nominations
March 8 th	Ballot if required.

Easter Hat Parade 2016 – Thursday March 24th 3.00pm in the school hall.

We are holding an Easter hat/bonnet parade on Thursday March 24th at 3pm in the school hall. All children are encouraged to bring a long a hat to decorate. Preschoolers, parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring their Easter Bonnet and Join in. Families can decorate their hat at home if they wish – or teachers will help decorate hats at school.



Former Paynesville Primary School student *Josh Zizman* would like your support as he shaves his much loved hair in support of the Leukaemia Foundation.

Josh will be shaving his head next Friday March 4th after school to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Going shiny bald. He has already raised \$447 and is hoping to make it to \$1000. Please support Josh to support others. Good on you Josh. Families can visit www.worldsgreatestshave.com and there is an option to donate, in the name field enter Josh Zizman and donating options come up.



PAYNESVILLE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB.

Paynesville Footy Club Needs You!

The Paynesville Footy Club needs more under 10 players. Training is 5pm after school on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Come along and have fun – meet new friends and learn new skills. From Harper.

Strategic Planning Meeting Wednesday Night



Ken Jeanes (Principal of Nowa Nowa School), Jarryd Floyd, Jenny Bowler and Mary Sowa listen as Spencer Zizman from grade 5 talks about what he thinks our school should work on over the coming year.



Kim Grant, Jack McConachy (Grade 5), Carol Roberts and Deanne Howlett listen to Trudie Nagle (Principal of Bairnsdale 754) express her views around students leading their learning.







Left – Zoe from East Gippsland Water spoke to the grade 3 and 4 classes about water usage. Right – Grade 3 student Leah Grant was a star at the Hockey Clinic on Friday!



The grade 6 students loved their hockey clinic with Hockey Victoria.