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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	
<b>Swimming</b> : Feb: 19 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> <b>Grades 5, 6 &amp; Prep</b> : March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> ,		20 / 20 Big Bash V West March 17 <sup>th</sup> Grades 3 – 6 Kanga 8's Cricket Tournament March 21 <sup>st</sup> Grades 3 & 4 Cricket V Bruthen March 23 <sup>rd</sup> Grades 3 – 5	
<u>TERM 1</u> - Wednesday January 27 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	<u>TERM 2</u> – Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<u>TERM 3</u> - Monday July 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday September 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>TERM 4</u> - Monday October 3 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday December 20 <sup>th</sup>
<u>BLUE HOUSE</u>	<u>RED HOUSE</u>	<u>GOLD HOUSE</u>	<u>GREEN HOUSE</u>



## Open Water Safety Program – How good was that!

On Tuesday our grade 5 and 6 students went down to the Paynesville Foreshore and took part in the Open Water Safety Program. The children loved the day which provided them with a range of water safety skills that they can use in their local environment. If anyone needs to know how to swim and be safe in the water – it is our kids! The staff running the program were excellent and we are all very keen for this program to be repeated next year. A special mention must go to our own Mum – Christine Boucher – who saw the need for this type of program and made it happen with a lot of determination and hard work. Christine we all thank you!



Noah Esdaile and Tom Selleck love the Boogie Boarding Activities.



Above left: Holley Irish can see the funny side of rope rescue. Above left: Ayden Howard leads the pack.



Above – Jessica Stevens on her Boogie Board and below Jaime Fordham showing how it is done.



Above: Jaz Eveleigh, Ayla Buckley and Melody Tomkins logged the Open Water Day.

# Relay for Life

Last Weekend a number of Paynesville Primary School students, parents and staff went along to Lucknow oval and supported the Cancer Council's Relay for Life fundraiser. By all accounts everyone loved it – and according to Jesse Wenich and Jack Werrett we are going to go bigger and better next year! Well done everyone.





## Tacker 1 Sailing Course – Completed



The grade 6 students have completed their sailing course and they would like to thank: Yachting Victoria, The Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club, Steven Duff, Sharna Baskett and Adan the Instructor! How wonderful it is to have our senior students sailing around the lakes. The plan is to have our grade 5 students complete Tackers 1 in term 4 and to have our grade 6 students complete Tackers 2.

## What can reading do for your child?

**Academic excellence.** One of the primary benefits of reading to toddlers and preschoolers is a higher aptitude for learning in general. Numerous studies have shown that students who are exposed to reading before preschool are more likely to do well in all facets of formal education. After all, if a student struggles to put together words and sentences, how can he be expected to grasp the math, science, and social concepts he'll be presented with when he begins school?

**Better communication skills.** When you spend time reading to toddlers, they'll be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way. By witnessing the interactions between the characters in the books you read, as well as the contact with you during story time, your child is gaining valuable communication skills.

**More logical thinking skills.** Another illustration of the importance of reading to children is their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic in various scenarios, recognize cause and effect, and utilize good judgment. As your toddler or preschooler begins to relate the scenarios in books to what's happening in his own world, he'll become more excited about the stories you share.

**Enhanced concentration and discipline.** Toddlers may initially squirm and become distracted during story time, but eventually they'll learn to stay put for the duration of the book. Along with reading comprehension comes a stronger self-discipline, longer attention span, and better memory retention, all of which will serve your child well when she enters school.

## UNSW University International Exams

Students in Grades 3 - 6 have the opportunity to sit the University of New South Wales Exams in the months of May, June, July and August.

These exams are held in school, during school time and are an excellent opportunity for your child to experience a serious exam situation. Many students enjoy the academic challenge and the feedback about which areas they were strong in and which areas they could improve. Students are also given results which are moderated with all the other students around the world who have sat the exam.

The table below highlights the exams offered, the test date and the cost. We ask that the students wishing to sit the University of NSW exams **return the form below with payment by Thursday March 24th.**

<i>NSW University International Exams</i>			
Student Name: _____		Total Payment attached :	
Year level: _____		_____	
	Test Date	Cost	Select subjects with a tick please.
Digital Technologies	May 17th	\$8.80	
Science	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$8.80	
Writing	June 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$18.70	
Spelling	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$12.10	
English	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$8.80	
Mathematics	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	\$8.80	

I give permission for my child to participate in the UNSW Testing for 2014. I acknowledge that payment is required with the form on registration.

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## Susie Sarah - author visit

Susie has been writing poetry and short stories since she was a child. Her stories have been published in newspapers and magazines, and her love of wildlife and the bush has always featured strongly in her work. She has had a list of children's books published and a book of short stories. Susie has bought herself a bus and has made it her home; she now lives wherever her joyful gypsy spirit takes her next.

## Flexible Respite Packages

Gippsland Lakes Community Health offers short term Flexible Respite to carers of a person with a disability (intellectual, physical, sensory) aged from 0 - 65 yrs.

Carers have many demands placed on them. It is important they look after their own physical and emotional health needs in order to continue the vital support they provide.

Respite is support provided to a carer so they can take a break while a trained worker supports the person with a disability.

Flexible Respite Packages aim to provide a short term or a time limited positive experience to both the person with a disability and their carer.

Respite may take place in the home or be an out of home activity.

Respite may be 1:1 or a group activity.

Respite options for out of home activities are flexible depending on the carer needs.

These activities can offer people with a disability access to a variety of social and recreational activities that they would not normally participate in. Activities to consider include trips to a park / playground, fishing, sporting events, cinema, mini golf, swimming pool, Baimsdale archery mini golf & games park. Seasonal membership allowing participation in sporting activities, and financial support in part to attend respite camps will also be considered.

Group participation is encouraged for respite activities in the more remote regions, where significant travel is required.

Everyone's circumstances are unique, for further information please contact the Disability Care Coordinator at GLCH to discuss your needs.

**Disability Care Coordinator**

**Margie Budge - Ph 5155 8300**