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Week Ahead - Feb 17th to 21st

Fri 14th Feb – Swimming try-outs for District competition *Monday Feb 17th – Assembly*

Wed Feb 19th – District Swimming Competition

Mon Feb 17th – Grade 4,5,6 Swimming Program

Tues Feb 18th – Grade 4,5,6 Swimming Program

Thu Feb 20th - Grade 4,5,6 Swimming Program

Fri Feb 21st - Grade 4,5,6 Swimming Program

Mon Feb 10th – Assembly

Wed Feb 19th – Active After School Program

Thurs Feb 20th - OSHC

COMING UP

March 11th Labour Day

Mon Feb 17th – Grade 4,5,6 Swimming Program
Tues Feb 18th - Grade 4,5,6 Swimming Program
Wed Feb 19th – District Swimming Competition 5:00pm
Thurs Feb 20th – Grade 4,5,6 Swimming Program

Fri Feb 21st - Grade 4,5,6 Swimming Program

Monday Green Eagles Tuesday
Red Swans

Wednesday
Gold Kookaburras

Thursday
Blue Seagulls

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

PFA MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2:30pm

SCHOOL HATS ARE AVAILABLE - PRICE \$11.00



Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Paynesville Primary School,

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for supporting your child and your child's teacher to get the year off to a positive start. At this stage of the year, teachers are setting up expectations and routines. Home reading is an important part of our learning program. Students are expected to read at night and to record their reading in a diary or home reading book. Students learn best if they can read aloud (preferably to an adult) but if this is not possible children can read on their own. This can be done after tea or in bed before going to sleep — anytime that

suits your family routine. It can be frustrating – but most of the time it should be enjoyed by all parties.

Students are then asked to bring in their home reading books to their classroom teacher every day. I would ask for parents to please help us establish these routines in a way that works for your family.

At Assembly on Monday we were treated to a grade one singing demonstration and to a musical instrument demo from our music tuition students. Well done everyone. Our new School Captains, Simone and Ella concluded assembly with a message for our Guardian Angels – They challenged our Grade 6 students to model the behaviours that they wanted their prep buddies to learn. Nice job girls.

This week grades have attended classes on Mindfulness with Julie Watkinson. Students have been leaning to be mindful of their feelings and responses. Grades 2 – 6 have also attended a Sustainable Science workshop. Students learnt about the different types of sustainable energy and how sustainable energy can support a healthy lifestyle.

Safe Driving

I would ask all drivers who are dropping off or collecting children to do so with patience and care. We have about 200 students entering and leaving the school every morning and every afternoon. Some of them are new, some are talking to their friends and some are just plain tired after giving everything to their day at school. We need to look out for them. It may be hard to find a park or you may be in a hurry – but please spend the time and energy to be mindful of the safety of all members of our school community – especially the very little ones. Thank you.

School Captains for 2014.

We are pleased to announce the following students that have been elected to carry out these very important roles within the school. We look forward to working with you, your fresh youthful ideas and assisting with the development of your leadership skills.

School Captains -

Ella Curtis-Webster & Simone Turner

House Captains

Blue House -

Isla Pearson & Samara McDonald Green

Red House -

Hilary Nancarrow & Baylee Gillies

Green House -

Charlie Broomhall & Jasmin Sharp

Yellow House -

Teakin Challis & Maddi May

Arts Captains -

Jasmine Hill & Trinity Fordham

Sports Captains –

Connor Hammond & Sophie Randall



Extension Golf Classes

Our first PE extension sports program of the year is golf. We have organised 5 golf sessions at the Bairnsdale Golf Club under the instruction of the club professional, Wayne Thomas.

8 students will travel to the Golf Club by minivan to undertake lessons. Lessons are for one hour on Wednesdays and start at 10.30am. Kerry Walters is leading the program and Kerry will be supervising the students. The cost of the 5 week program is \$50 per student. This includes fees, gear, instruction and travel. Feb 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Forms are available from the school office.

AUSSIE Hoops Basketball Program Term 2: Registration

We are running a ten week AUSSIE Hoops Basketball Program in Term 2. The program will run on a Thursday Lunchtime and is available to children from any year level. Children will learn the skills of basketball in a friendly and supportive environment. We have a number of parents and staff who love basketball and are donating their time to assist with coaching.

The coaches will be Tony Roberts, Jamie Watkinson, Martin Higgins, Luke Munn, Laura Suckling, Jack Werrett and Ebony Mooney. The cost is \$25.50 per student for the 10 weeks and this includes a singlet and basketball for each student. You can pay \$20 and not receive the basketball. Enrolment forms are available from the office and the school website (in the newsletter folder). Registration closes on Feb 28th

After School Care

In Term 1, we are going to trial running after school care on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3.30pm – 5.pm. This service is being put in place to support parents with an onsite care option. Samantha Bolleman will be available to care for children in the school Library. Students will be able to complete homework, read and play. The cost is \$5.00 per half hour (minimum cost is \$5.00). We have limited the number of students at After School Care to a maximum of 6 per night. This program has started and students can be booked in through the school office.

School Swim Trials

A reminder that the school swim trials will be held tonight at the Outdoor Pool in Bairnsdale (Feb 14^{th)} starting at 5pm. Event Order is Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. Please come along if you would like to represent our school at the district swim carnival.

Lost and found: a red drawstring bag with swimmers/goggles/towel clearly named in texta belonging to Jaime Fordham. If found please return to the office. Thanks.

<u>Unexplained Student Abscences</u> <u>Student Absences</u>

Dear Parents,

At Paynesville Primary School, we have adopted the "no unexplained



absence" initiative. This program is in place to ensure that every child who leaves home to go to school – gets to school! It is as simple as that. The teacher in every class calls the roll at 9.05am and these class rolls are then sent to the school office. The office staff will call the parents / caregivers of any child who is absent from school that we have not received a notification about. We are not trying to find out family business – we need to know that all students are accounted for.

Please inform your child's classroom teacher or the office staff if your child is going to be absent from school.

Occasional Child Care for Prep Transition

Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre's (PNC) Child Care programs offers per hour casual child care during each day. Casual bookings will suit those parents looking for child care during prep transition days during term one or for those who have appointments that occur at short notice. Bookings are essential, preferably at the start of the day to allow for staffing arrangements.

Families seeking information about our all day, morning or afternoon sessions or casual child care availability are encouraged to telephone 5156 0214 or visit PNC at 55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

International Camps

Our international camps are held to provide children with an overseas experience that builds aspiration and self belief. Overseas camps are optional and they do not replace our local camp program. This year grade 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to travel to New Zealand and spend a week at our sister school Chelsea Primary School. On even years we hold a camp in New Zealand and on the odd years we hold a

camp in China. So in 2014 we will be heading across to Auckland in mid October to stay with our friends at Chelsea. During our week we will attend some classes at school as well as visit the Museum and attend a Maori welcome ceremony, visit the Sky Tower, explore Auckland City and Viaduct Quay, travel North of Auckland to Wairewa and go to the thermal pools (great slides included!), Climb Rangitoto Island (a dormant volcano located in Auckland Harbour) and travel south from Auckland to spend a day a Rainbows End theme park. The cost will be between \$800 and \$1000 – and there are other considerations such as spending money, passport costs, travel insurance etc. Please register your interest with the school office. Due to securing school council approval and a group airfare booking - we are constrained by strict timelines. In 2012 we took a group of 22 students across – they had a fantastic time and I am sure they would be happy to share their experiences with you.

Renewable Energy Demonstration Trailer

On Thursday 13th February, we were visted by Ian Southall and his display trailer on renewable energy. Students had the opportunity to discover facts about 5 different pieces of sustainable energy equipment – Deep cycle batteries, Photo-voltaic solar panels, Electronic Inverter, 240 Volt AC appliances and Wind turbines.

Caleb and Hilary in 6M learned that there are two atoms in every electron. Nikki learned that it takes 8:17 seconds for light to travel from the sun to earth (94 million klms away).





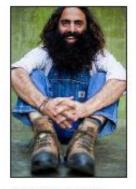




(f)routeville

1 & 2 march 2014

(f)route celebrates localism. art. fruit. sustainability. good people. good travel. social enterprise & sweet abundance.



costa Georgiadis
will be here to help us
all get fruity. Share a
(f)route breakfast with
Costa. Meet our local
garden & sustainability
experts too.
11AM SAT @ Nicholson
11AM SUN @ Nungumer.

LIMITED CAMPSITES AVAILABLE & NICHOLSON RIVER WINERY. \$5 pm



SATURDAY I MARCH: \$5 entry to
Nicholson River Winery

8am Orchard & River walk for early starters.
9.30 (f)route breakfast all morning.

11am Costa Georgiadis * garden workshops
chutney making * organic talk.

All day: (f)route CARTs * (f)route stalls
Travelling Fruit Museum.

Ambrotype photo-portraits on tin.
Music * Puppets * Vegan pop-up
Barcelona Street Performers
Las Cossas Nostras

5.30 - 8.30 pm: 100 Mile Harvest Dinner @

SUNDAY 2 MARCH: Nungurner

@ Oneofftwo Contemporary Jewellery Studio
10.30 am Sweet Abundance Exhibition
launch with Costa Georgiadis.

(f)route brunch * Nungurner Loop Walk.

the Winery [\$25pp dinner. Book Now.]

100 Mile Harvest Dinner

@ Nicholson River Winery
Twilight dinner on the lawn.
BYO rugs & chairs. Pig on a
spit & mountains of salad.
\$25 PP. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.
5.30-8.30 SATURDAY

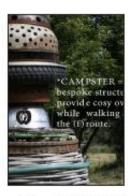
Sweet Abundance Exhibition

@ Oneofftwo Studio Nungurner

SPECIAL GUEST: COSTA

14 artists from around the
globe make fruit-inspired
jewellery for you to covet.

10.30 ALL DAY SUNDAY



(f)route *CAMPSTER* designs by architects & artists from around the globe. NY, London, Barcelona, France, Fitzroy, (f)routeville, Bairnsdale & Mallacoota WINNER ANNOUNCED SATURDAY







Subsidised Course Held in Bairnsdale Subsidised Child Care

Take Your Turn Now

Increasing Women's Options



- Do you want to change your life?
- Do you want to find harmony in your life?
- Do you want to find a job or return to study?

Be the change you wish to see

Join us on Thursday morning and get support from other women to:

- Enjoy a caring and supported space to explore ideas
- · Become motivated to make changes in your life
- Build new skills and talents
- · Increase your knowledge and skills for study or returning to work

(Including writing a Resume and Job Application Letter and practising interview skills)

The motto for this course is 'YES, I CAN'. It is full of fun and new experiences for women who want to discover and explore their potential.

Lowering stress levels, enjoying life more, developing a vision for undertaking other training courses, gaining employment and setting up of own businesses have been achieved by previous participants.

Increasing Women's Options will commence on Thursday, March 6th at 9.00 a.m. at the East Gippsland Community and Educational Hub, Dalmahoy Street, Bairnsdale.

A small fee is charged, with a discount for health care card holders (ask about our payment plan). Eligible jobseekers may qualify for funding through their Job Service Australia Provider. Funds may also be available to assist with child care costs.

Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre is a Learn Local Organisation providing quality Adult Pre-accredited Education. Secure your place in this fantastic course by contacting Karen Fleischer at 55 The Esplanade, Paynesville, or 5156 0214.

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