



# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 15 Term 4 Week 2 - 17th October 2024

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm & Friday 8:30am to 3:45pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Assembly** - Fridays 3:00pm

**After School Care** - Mon and Thurs 3:30-4:30pm

**Lunch Orders** - Fridays

**Pre-Prep Transitions** - Every Friday

**Week 2**

Thursday 17th October

- Nexus Arts Show

**Week 3**

Friday 25th October

- Bairnsdale Secondary College Visit G6 10:00

**Week 5**

Monday 4th November

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 4th November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 5th November

- Grade 3 / 4 Camp to Coolamatong (Wed-Fri)

Thursday 6th November

- Grade 2 Sleepover at school
- Grade 5 Bike Camp (Thurs-Fri)

**Week 6**

Friday 15th November

- Bairnsdale Secondary College Tour Grade 6 9-11:30

## Back for the Final Term

It has been a great start back to school for term 4. Students have returned ready to learn and exemplify our values of Respect, Safety, Learning and Positivity.

Students were treated to a performance by Valanga Khoza from Nexus Arts today. Students had a great time listening to stories and music, and even getting to join in themselves! It was a wonderful experience for the whole school.



## Principal's Report

### **Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Members of our Community,**

Hi everyone,

Welcome back, and what a great start we have had in term 4. Students and staff returned to school ready to positively embark on the final term of the year.

Classes have been engaged in P.E. classes again this term with Mr George Carlyle taking them as a specialist subject on Tuesdays.

Our Preps of 2025 commenced their Transition program last Friday. What a wonderful bunch they are. They were so excited and ready to be at school. No tears at all which is a first in all my years. It was so nice to see them join our school community on their primary school journey.

Our grade 6 students started their final term of primary school. We look forward to sharing this last term with them all and supporting the process of them successfully and confidently transitioning beyond Paynesville Primary School.

Unfortunately we had to postpone our MEGA Spring Working Bee and school clean up for a range of reasons. Another date will be announced in the next week. The new date will be posted on the FB page and an announcement through UeducateUs. It will also be in the next newsletter.

Attendance is of paramount importance and we absolutely want our children at school everyday. However, there are many illnesses that are going around the local areas and schools at the moment. Illnesses range from coughs, colds, flus, Covid, Gastro and other stomach bugs, ChickenPox and a range of viral conditions. If you feel your child has any symptoms and may be unwell please do keep them home to get better. As you know some of these conditions do spread quite quickly and we want to ensure all kids can remain healthy.

**Deb Mathers**

**Principal**

## School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit [Paynesville Primary School - Enrolment \(paynesville-ps.vic.edu.au\)](#) OR [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).

# Around the School

## **Sports**

Congratulations to Ally Wood-Laird who represented our school at the Regional Athletics at the start of this term. Ally did an amazing job and got third in triple jump. Great work Ally!



Students in Grades 5 and 6 participated in Summer Sports last week, playing volleyball and cricket against teams from other schools. Our teams did a great job representing our school and played amazing games. It was great to see how dedicated the teams were to improving their skills and encouraging each other to do their best!



## **Pre-Prep Transition**

Our Pre-Prep Transition started this term, with next year's Preps spending Fridays in the classroom. Our pre-preps did an amazing job of settling in and adapting to the classroom. We can't wait to have them back next Friday.



## **Fruit Troop**

Fruit Troop is back for Term 4! On Wednesdays at lunch, students can buy Watermelon and Frozen Fruit from the canteen. Thanks to Mahlia, Alanis and Chiarah in grade 6 and Laura Owen for organising!

## Hats

A reminder coming into Term 4 that students will need to wear the school hats to protect them from the sun when outside. If your child doesn't already have a school hat, they are available to buy from the office for \$13.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss <b><u>20 DAYS</u></b> a year.	They will miss <b><u>40 DAYS</u></b> a year.
They will miss <b><u>30 HOURS</u></b> of math over the school year.	They will miss <b><u>60 HOURS</u></b> of math over the school year.
They will miss <b><u>60 HOURS</u></b> of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss <b><u>120 HOURS</u></b> of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over <b><u>1 YEAR</u></b> of school by graduation.	They will miss over <b><u>2 YEARS</u></b> of school by graduation.

# Grade Prep

## Meet the new pre-preps!





**Grade 1-2-3 students are transforming themselves into WORD-SMITHS this Term.**

**They are learning to look for clues to help them work out the meaning of new words and also to begin building their own personal lists of interesting words that they might add into their own speaking or writing.**

## Grade 3/4 Classroom Report

As usual Grade 3 / 4 are off to a flying start for the final term. Every student has been working hard to build on their knowledge gained throughout the year and have already shown exceptional results in their spelling tests. Over the next few weeks we will continue to build knowledge on new concepts and revise other topics covered this year.

Of course the most exciting things this term are Camp Coolamatong and the play. If your child has chosen to be part of the play could you please practise their lines with them over the next few weeks.

Camp this year has a theme of resilience and teamwork. In order to get our knowledge and skills ready this week Students practised working in groups to achieve a common goal whilst improving their communication skills. Teamwork has also been worked on while playing Volleyball with the Grade 4 / 5's.



Learning focuses:

Week 1 & 2: paragraphs, recount, narrative and persuasive writing, inverse operations, multiplication, fractions.

Week 3 & 4: narrative, adjectives, paragraphs, decimals, shape and time

# Grade 4/5 Classroom Report

We've had a really positive start to the last term of 2024 in our classroom! Students are engaged in their learning, self motivated and the quality of the work being produced is incredible!

In Reading we were looking at what makes a book fiction, non-fiction or realistic fiction - which is going to help when we get stuck into our reading tests this term!

In Writing we have been looking at persuasive pieces and how to not just write them, but make them interesting and fun to read as well. We have completed a 'cold write' this week, which is a bit like a NAPLAN practise, using all of the strategies we have looked at. Students across the school are writing using the same topic, which is exciting!

In Maths we are mostly doing revision this term, along with some PAT testing for reports. We are going to be looking at shapes this week, which is always a fun topic!

We have had an incursion for the Grade 4 students - learning all about their upcoming camp to Camp Coolamatong! Forms will be coming home soon so keep your eyes peeled.

The Grade 5's attended Summer Sports and had a wonderful time - I was very proud of how the volleyballers played and supported each other!



Keep up the amazing work Grade 4/5! 😊 Miss S

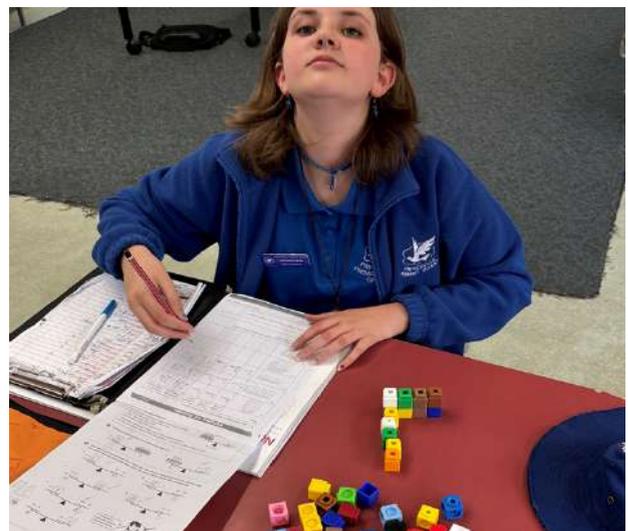
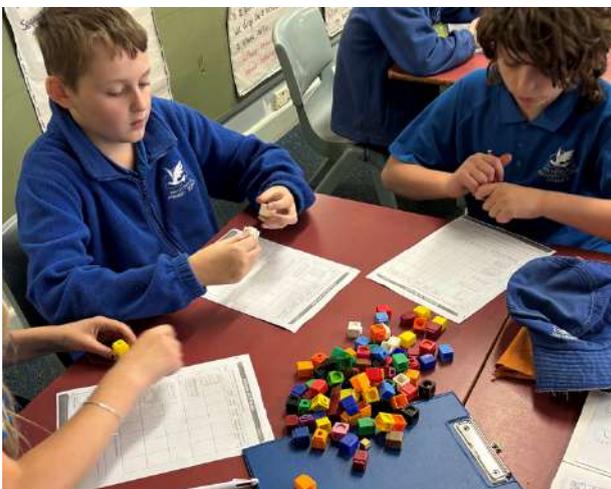
## Grade 6 Classroom Report

We have made a fantastic start to our term, with students getting straight back into routine and are showing fantastic gains in their learning.

Mrs T has returned and will be finishing her placement with us this week. Our class has loved having her and we thank her for her positive energy and care that she has shown towards our students and staff.

In reading we have looked at our routines within reading and sharing our thoughts on a range of texts. In writing we have looked at our persuasive skills. For numeracy we have worked on our understanding of volume, capacity and mass. Students have also enjoyed participating in science classes taught by Mrs T.

Well done to our students that participated in the summer sports competition. It was great to see so many students try a new sport and be willing to give it a go and learn new skills.



## **Values Award Winners for Term 4 Week 1**

### **Paynesville P.S. Values Awards**

#### **Value of the Week: SAFETY**

**Students identified by staff this week to be demonstrating our School Values**

**Paige Lewis** - always remembering to wear her hat

**Caprice Wyntjes** - always waiting her turn to talk

**Milo Matthews** - keeping our raffle tickets safe

**Hayden Garth and Spencer O'Riley** - keeping our environment and wildlife safe by picking up litter that wasn't theirs without being asked

**Jason Guthrie** - being inclusive and making his peer feel safe to try new things

**Angus Unthank** - playing safely with young students at Active After School Care

**Spencer and Fletcher O'Riley** - setting up equipment for PE

**Ollie Gaffney** - looking out for friends safety always

**Carl Quigg** - safely handling tools in the garden

**Well done to all these students as well as so many others across the school that have worked to display actions showing our value of SAFETY this week.**

## **Values Award Winners for Term 4 Week 2**

### **Paynesville P.S. Values Awards**

#### **Value of the Week: **POSITIVITY****

**Students identified by staff this week to be demonstrating our School Values**

**Kyran Howard-McKay** - his positive approach to his numeracy learning

**Louise Collins** - trying her best and having a good go.

**Tiarna Llewellyn** - having a positive start to the term

**Elijah Owen-Marchbank** - having a positive attitude towards every aspect of his learning

**Vera Cooper** - positive involvement in our Nexus Arts visit!

**Mayhem Ngawhika** - positive engaging in his learning

**Ashleigh Lewendon** - having positive energy

**Edward Vincent** - always having a positive attitude

**Alesia Lakhari** - having such a positive attitude starting at a new school

**Well done to all these students as well as so many others across the school that have worked to display actions showing our value of POSITIVITY this week.**

*Brought to you by*



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE  
GRADE SIX  
**BIG DAY OUT @ LAKES  
ENTRANCE AQUA PARK**

*A fun and engaging event for all  
grade six students from East  
Gippsland Primary School,  
transitioning into Year Seven 2025*



**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024  
10AM - 2PM  
429 MAIN BEACH WALK, LAKES ENTRANCE**

please RSVP on 0476 225 013 Or email  
Kelly, Callie or Nicki at  
[yowie@gippslandyouthspaces.org.au](mailto:yowie@gippslandyouthspaces.org.au)

Celebrating Community

# CHILDREN'S WEEK Event and Expo 2024

FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
1PM-6PM

Ages 0-18

Bluey and  
Peppa Pig!  
2pm, 3.30pm  
and 4.30pm

For further  
information,  
please contact  
Michelle Shaw:  
0459 217 031

Children have the right to a clean and safe environment

FREE ENTRY,  
ACTIVITIES  
AND BBQ,  
GIVEAWAYS  
AND PRIZES!

## FAMILY FUN DAY WITH INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES

- Jumping castles
- Face painting
- Designated quiet space
- Stalls and entertainment
- Table tennis
- Raquet ball
- Carpet bowls
- Art and craft
- Food and drinks
- Coffee van (Coffee at cost prices)
- Sports clinics
- Virtual Reality Headsets
- Reading for kids
- Local services
- Drumming

BAIRNSDALE SQUASH & TABLE TENNIS CENTRE - 64 GREAT ALPINE ROAD, LUCKNOW



Uniting 54 reasons

