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CALENDAR – The week ahead	Receive our newsletter by email, please send your request to: <a href="mailto:paynesville.ps@education.vic.gov.au">paynesville.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a>
TERM 2 Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June - Alpha Concert, Cinderella Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term Dates 2021  Term 1: January 28 <sup>th</sup> to April 1 <sup>st</sup> Term 2: April 19 <sup>th</sup> to June 25 <sup>th</sup> Term 3: July 12 <sup>th</sup> to September 17 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June - Swimming catch-up, Grades Prep and 5/6 - Last day of term, 3:30pm finish	Term 4: October 4 <sup>th</sup> to December 17 <sup>th</sup> .  PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

#### Dear Parents and Carers

We have all enjoyed a wonderful week this week. Today we held our student council 70s and 80s dress up event, more later but you have a sneak peak with our front cover photo. This week student reports and school photos went home, as I read through our students reports I was very proud of all of the students.

As COVID restrictions ease across Victoria so do our School Operation Guidelines. As of today we are allowed to host incursions, which is very exciting as we can now have the scheduled Alpha Show at our school on Monday. This show is always very popular with our students, this year they will be performing Cinderella



#### 70s and 80s Dress Up Day

Today I needed to double take as I wondered which era I was in! Our students looked truly sensational! I loved looking at all the costumes and sharing them at our special morning assembly. Thank you so much to all the Mums, Dads and grandparents for helping out our students with their costumes. Everyone had a lot of fun and a highlight of the day for many was the school disco held in the hall during lunchtime, thanks very much Miss Sargant.































































## Grade 1/2 Special 70s and 80s Activities

The Grade 1/2 students embraced our 70s and 80s theme today with a range of very exciting activities from the era. They made food from the 70s and 80s, dream catchers and tie dyed their own bags. It all looks wonderful and a lot of fun! Well done Grade 1/2 students and teachers.



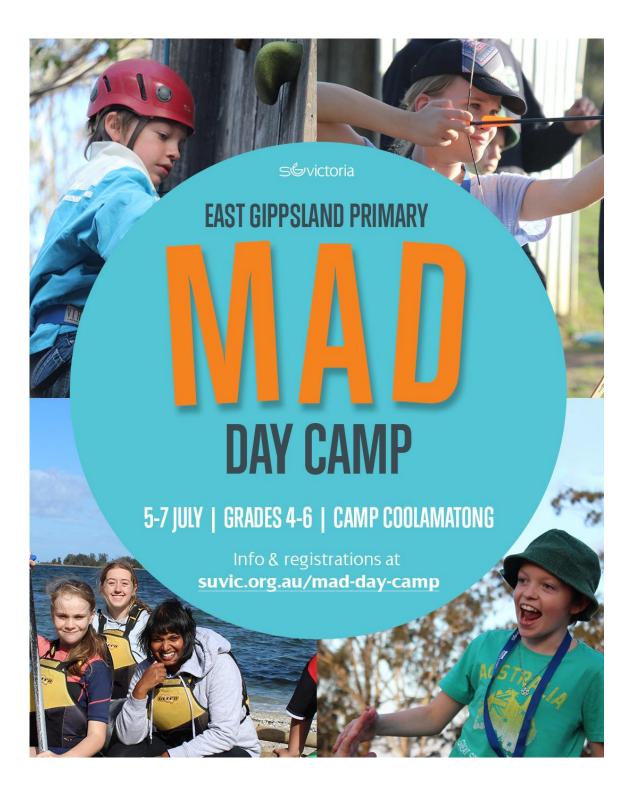












### Bendigo Bank Sandpit Upgrade

We are so fortunate to have a Community Bank Branch in our town as they are a great supporter of community groups in our area. Visit the local Paynesville Community Bank Branch if you have any banking needs. The bigger they grow, the more they can support our community!



#### University of NSW ICAS Assessments

We are delighted to inform you that Paynesville Primary School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas

These assessments are designed to recognise academic excellence for high potential students. The emphasis is on challenge and extension.

These exams are held at school, during school time and are an excellent opportunity for your child to experience a serious exam situation. Many students enjoy the academic challenge.

#### In 2021 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

	Sitting Dates	Cost	
Digital Technologies	Monday 9th August to Friday 13th	\$17.05	
(Grade 3 -6 students)	August		
Science	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	\$17.05	
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August		
Spelling Bee	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	\$17.05	
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August		
English	Monday 16th August to Friday 20th	\$17.05	
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August		
Mathematics	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$17.05	
(Grade 2 -6 students)	September		
Writing	Monday 9th August to Friday 13th	\$21.45	
(Grade 3 -6 students)	August		

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps

Our school's unique access code is: HPN060

Online parent payment closes Sunday, 25 July 2021.

**IMPORTANT:** Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. Students must sit the assessments designed for their school year level.

#### Australian Maths Competition

2021 AMC Wednesday 4 August - Friday 6 August

This year we will again give our students the opportunity to participate in the Australian Maths Competition (AMC). The AMC is a one-off online test. The AMC is an engaging 30-problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives; it is open to students in years 3 to 12. Australia's leading educators and academics, with a deep understanding of our national curriculum standards, actively design the unique AMC problems each year.

If you would like your child to participate, please contact the school office and arrange payment of the cost \$6.50.



# Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 2

Please note any changes to the calendar have been highlighted in RED.

<u>TERM 2 2021</u>								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>		
	Alpha concert				Swimming – Prep and 5/6 End of Term 2			
School Holidays 28 <sup>th</sup> June – 9 <sup>th</sup> July								
11 JULY	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>		
	Start of Term 3				Division Tee Ball Competition			
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>		
	Bendigo Bank Sandpit Opening at Assembly							
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		
1 AUG	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>z</u>		
	Grade 3/4 Coonawarra Camp	Grade 3/4 Coonawarra Camp	Grade 3/4 Coonawarra Camp					