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Office Hours - 8:30am to 4:00pm - Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 3.30pm - Friday

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CALENDAR – The week ahead	Receive our newsletter by email, please send your request to: paynesville.ps@education.vic.gov.au
TERM 1 Monday 13 th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Tuesday 14 th June - Spelling Bee Wednesday 15 th June - Wheels Day Thursday 16 th June Friday 17 th June	Term Dates 2022 Term 1: January 31st to April 8th Term 2: April 26th to June 24th Term 3: July 11th to September 16th Term 4: October 3th to December 20th
	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS Monday 25 th April – ANZAC Day Friday 3 rd June – Professional Practice Day Monday 13 th June – Queen's Birthday

Dear Parents and Carers

Lots of exciting activities happening at school this week. Our students took the lead in kitchen class this week, our students who attended Somers Camp returned, our Grade 5/6 students had a cyber-safety session with Brooke from Victoria Police and we were wowed by the outstanding Alpha performance of Sleeping Beauty.

Today our tee-ball competed at the Division Winter Sports tournament at the Bairnsdale City Oval. We played the Snow River Education Cluster (SREC) who were a well-practised and talented team, we were defeated but were very proud of our performance and team work. Thanks very much to Kerry for her consistently strong coaching of our team. Good luck to the SREC who will be proceeding to the next level of competition.



Paynesville Men's Shed

Our sincere thanks to Peter and Sandy from the Paynesville Men's Shed for their generous donation to our school of two ukuleles and ten portable music stands. Judy is looking forward to teaching our students to play the ukuleles and having this music addition to the Grade 2/3/4 music club.



Alpha Shows

How exciting it was to have the Alpha cast come to our school today to perform their take on the fairy tale Sleeping Beauty. It was wonderful to see our students so engaged and truly enjoying the show. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2023 for another outstanding performance.



Junior Rotary Community Awards

A number of our Grade 6 students have been working on the community service component of the Junior Rotary Community Awards.

Six of our students have been volunteering at the Paynesville Kindergarten. Emily shared her Taekwondo skills with a demonstration of her forms and kicks. Great job Emily!

Naidoc Week

This year Naidoc week runs from 3 – 10th July, during our school holidays. This year's theme is 'Get up, Stand Up, Show Up.' Students who wish to, are able to show their support by wearing a wrist band (pictured below). The bands will be available from the school office at a cost of \$2.50 each. I am hoping the bands will arrive next week, we are happy to take preorders until they arrive.



Think U Know

On Thursday this week the Grade 5/6 students enjoyed a session with Brooke from the Victoria Police, Bairnsdale, on how to stay safe online. Our thanks to Brooke for delivering this program, our students enjoyed the session and everyone took away some new knowledge. The link below gives parents and carers further information about the program as well as links to many other useful resources.

https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/





From the kitchen...



This week in kitchen our students made cupcake cones. The recipe comes from Grade 6 student Immogen, who sourced the recipe and lead the lesson. A number of Grade 6 students have put their hands up to take the opportunity to lead kitchen class over the next few weeks. Well done, it's great to show leadership in this way and we all look forward to more student favourites. You have set a high standard Immogen, well done.

I just love the photo on the left, Amelia's face says it all!







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
Science	Monday 22 nd August to Friday 26 th	\$19.25
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August	
Spelling Bee	Monday 22 nd August to Friday 26 th	\$19.25
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August	
English	Monday 15th August to Friday 19th	\$19.25
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August	
Mathematics	Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd	\$19.25
(Grade 2 -6 students)	September	
Writing	Monday 8th August to Friday 12th	\$23.65
(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: JXQ582

Online parent payment closes Sunday, 1 August 2022.

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.

Somers Camp

Well done to Maddison, Aries, Jai and George for successfully completing the DET Somers 9 day camp. All the students and their families would agree that this was an amazing opportunity with loads of challenge, fun and personal growth. Next year a limited number of Grade 4 and 5 students will offered a place at Camp Woorabinda. Look out for the chance to enter the student draw to be part of this experience.















Outstanding Learning

Well done to Holly and Mia for their outstanding commitment to their learning. Mr Floyd celebrated the girls' achievements over Brownies (thanks Paige) in the principal's office this afternoon. I was delighted to hear about how well the girls are going in class and at home with their literacy and numeracy. Well done.







JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS GROUP

ABOUT JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS

The Junior Group of Bairnsdale & District Field Naturalists Club Inc. is one of only two in Victoria. It is a family-friendly group and while the age range for juniors is under 18yrs, most junior members are of primary school age. Parents / guardians are expected to accompany juniors on activities.

An excursion is held at the start of each month (usually excluding school holidays) where juniors can participate in walks, nature activities, meet local experts and people passionate about local flora, fauna, geology and other aspects of our natural environment. Some of the recent trips include fossildigs, scats and tracks, fungl identification,

If you think you would like to join our Junior Group, please give me a call for further details.

CONNIE TUCK, JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR

BAIRNSDALE & DISTRICT FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

Tel 0409421390

Membership 2022 calendar year for a family \$45, with mid-year membership available to new members.

> For more information go to www.bairnsdalefieldnaturalists.com.au



Enjoying the natural environment



Appreciating flora and fauna



Discovering the natural world



Playgroup

EAST GIPPSLAND SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Are you interested in attending a Playgroup at the East Gippsland Specialist School, delivered by Uniting? Come along and join the fun!

What is a playgroup?

Playgroup brings together parents, carers and children (aged 0-5) for a couple of hours each week to connect, learn through play, and provide a safe and fun space for everyone! Playgroup activities include arts and craft, indoor and outdoor play, music, storytelling and more!

When and where do I attend?

Every Tuesday, 9.30am-11am during the school terms at the East Gippsland Specialist School -31 Calvert Street, Baimsdale.

Are you interested?

Contact Kirsten Van Diggele on kirsten.vandiggele@vt.uniting.org or just rock up on the day and introduce yourself to one of the staff!





Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 2

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

<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>		
	Queen's Birthday	Spelling Bee						
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>		
	Regional Winter Sports MyGolf Excursions	Footy Clinics			Last Day of Term 2			
School Holidays 25 th June – 10 th July								
<u>10</u>	11 JULY	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>		
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		Responsible Pet Ownership P - 2	Science Guy Show 2pm					
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>		
<u>31</u>	1 AUGUST	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>		
		Soccer Clinics		Regional Girls Footy				
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>		
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