Parents give Paynesville Primary School the thumbs up!

Every year the Department of Education gathers data on student achievement and parent satisfaction. There is a clear connection between promoting high levels of learning in English and Maths and delivering other programs and events that enrich and extend learning. The level of student achievement across our school has been improving consistently over the past five years and for the past three years we have had superb results at all levels putting us at and above state averages. I am proud to say that our parent satisfaction survey also has us at state achievement levels! To have both student achievement and parent satisfaction data at state levels is a superb result for our school community and everyone should feel very proud of the work parents and staff are putting in for our children. AND – aren’t they worth it 😊.
What a horrible thing to happen to such a nice person! Who would do such a thing?

In what is being called the crime of the century it has been revealed that kind hearted school principal Tony Roberts was last weekend kidnapped when working at school in the weekend. Tony was supposed to meet Mrs Keys for some planning – but when Mrs Keys arrived Tony was gone!!!!!!! A search of the school took place all of Sunday night and finally Tony Roberts was found on Monday morning exhausted from cleaning all of the school toilets. When asked why he would want to do such a thing – he replied he had been kidnapped and had been forced into it by a mean and bossy kidnapper. Unfortunately Tony had not been able to get a clear look at his kidnapper and so the offender was still on the loose. The police were called and they quickly secured the crime scene. However the police were unable to break the case wide open and so they have called in the services of the grade 3 & 4 detectives. Suspicion has so far fallen on the school staff who are still upset about the staffroom having no chocolate biscuits last week. Miss Sowa said while she was upset about the lack of chocolate biscuits she would never kidnap someone for it! Kate Radford said she hadn’t had a chocolate biscuit for weeks as Mr Werret and Mr Floyd get to the staffroom first and eat them all! The investigation continues. Tony Roberts is still shaken by the ordeal but has returned to work.

Lead detectives James, Gracie and Kayla have searched Mrs Keys’ office for clues and fingerprints but found no conclusive evidence.

While they did find 24 old coffee cups and a missing guinea pig the students are still to figure out who could have carried out such a terrible crime.

When interviewed after searching the crime scene James said “I am astounded at what humans are capable of…kidnapping really…it is horrible in there!”.

Gracie was beyond words and all Kayla Webster had to say was “I hope Tony Roberts used disinfectant when cleaning the toilets!”.

With the investigation continuing it is hoped that detective inspector Benton will be able to announce the identity of the offender at Monday’s assembly.

In the mean time school cleaner Luke Munn said “It is great that Tony has returned to his principal job because he was a terrible cleaner anyway”.

![Image of students with jackets and folders saying "CONFIDENTIAL"]
Three Little Pig Houses

The prep grade have been very busy this week making models of the Little Pigs’ houses. They worked through the whole design and build process themselves and they all managed to create some excellent buildings. Despite some trouble with contractors and building permits, all of the preps said they would have a go at owning a building in the future.

Questacon Science Centre Comes to School

The State Government has identified science as a key learning area for improving student achievement.

At PPS we have promoted science and have a lot of success with science competitions and with science supporting student achievement in literacy and numeracy.

On Wednesday a group of scientists from Questacon in Canberra ran a staff Professional Development session for our teachers and the Lindenow Primary School Staff.

Then on Thursday all of our classes attended workshops with the Questacon Scientists and the children loved it!

They held water in the air and made instruments louder!!

Questacon have set up many of their exhibits from Canberra at the BARC over the weekend and all of our children have been given free passes so please get along and get hands on with science!!
ABOVE – Gracie, Chloe, Sage and Tali all enjoyed expanding their scientific knowledge.

BELOW – **With the Paynesville Art Show** on next weekend, the grade 5 and 6 students have work with our Art Teacher Deanne to create first prize! Judge Brendon Timms came along on Friday to check out the artwork and support students.
The Paynesville Art Show’s major sponsor, King & Heath First National Real Estate (Paynesville), are also kindly sponsoring the first junior art competition open to all students at Paynesville Primary School. This competition will be known as the:

“First National Junior Artists”

The competition will have three Grade-Categories:

(1) Prep-Grade 2
(2) Grades 3-4
(3) Grades 5-6

Three winners of each category will be awarded with a prize. Thank you to King & Heath First National Real Estate (Paynesville) for providing the opportunity to create this junior art competition that allows our students to be a part of the Paynesville Art Show and enjoy their first experience of exhibiting their artworks in public.

A special prize of a free art classes for one term with Deanne Howlett, from Creative Discoveries Art Classes, will be awarded to one lucky winner.

There is a limit of one artwork entry per student and it can be created in any medium. Each artwork must have the entry form (below) attached to it and be handed in to the school office by Wednesday 26th October, 2016.

“First National Junior Artists”

Student Name:

Grade: