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

Swimming Timetable		CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 1	
Swimming Grades 5, 6 & Prep	Feb: 19 th , 22 nd , 26 th , 29 th March 4 th , 7 th , 11 th , 18 th , 21 st	FEBRUARY Events <u>Grade 6 Yachting</u> – Feb 11 th , 18 th , 25, March 3 rd & 10 th <u>Division Swimming Carnival</u> Wed Feb 24 th at the Outdoor Pool in Bairnsdale <u>Maths World Inursion</u> - 22 nd Feb	
<u>TERM 1</u> - Wednesday January 27 th to Thursday March 24 th	<u>TERM 2</u> – Monday 11 th April to Friday 24 th June	<u>TERM 3</u> - Monday July 11 th to Friday September 16 th	<u>TERM 4</u> - Monday October 3 th to Tuesday December 20 th
<u>BLUE HOUSE</u>	<u>RED HOUSE</u>	<u>GOLD HOUSE</u>	<u>GREEN HOUSE</u>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Keep the 2 litre milk bottles coming in as the senior grade prepare to *build their Igloo*. Last week's science classes produced the most amazing hydraulic cranes – well done everyone.

A big word of congratulations to the *school choir who opened the Paynesville Bowls Club tournament* on Monday. Mr Werrett and Miss Benton took the choir along to sing I am Australian and the National Anthem. According to the organisers – you were all outstanding. Apparently a few of the older bowlers shed a few tears of joy during the performance.

On Monday we will have to hold our assembly outside as we have a visit from *The World of Maths*. All grades will be undertaking a series of maths activities during the day with the focus on fun and strategies.



Jaime Fordham, Melody Tomkins, Ayla Buckley and Rebecca Medling celebrate their victory in the girls freestyle relay.

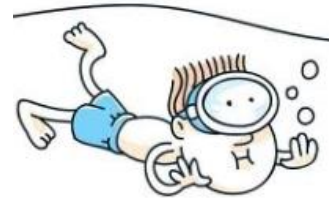
Student Safety

Every morning at PPS teachers send the roll to the school office. This informs Liz in the office which students are absent. If the teacher or the office have not been notified of the absence then a call is made by Liz. This call is not to check up on parents or to encourage attendance (although this is very important). This process is about protecting children who make their own way to school. This call is to let parents know that their child is not at school. Liz does this everyday to keep children safe – When children walk or ride to school we want them to arrive safely. This system helps ensure that every child who leaves their home to travel to school – makes it safely.

New Zealand Trip Information Session – Tuesday March 4th @7.30pm

For students and parents considering travelling to New Zealand with the school this year or in 2017, we are holding an information evening to provide an overview of the experience. We will address the development of our sister school program and our relationship with Chelsea Primary School in Auckland. We will go over the itinerary in detail, accommodation arrangements and a range of other small parts that make up a successful experience. See you there.

Swimming



Swimming Lessons

The grades 1,2,3 & 4 concluded their 10 sessions this Thursday and the grade 5,6 and preps start their 10 sessions. A special thankyou to all of the families for their support of our swimming program. This is a big commitment in terms of time and money – but it is important in our location that children can operate safely in and around water.



District Swimming Sports Results

Well done to every child who took part. It is a wonderful experience that teaches students the importance of having a go, how to win and of course the greatest lesson – how to lose. *The following students qualified for Division (Outdoor Pool on Wednesday Feb 24th) by coming first or second.*

Rebecca Medling	1 st	Backstroke
Tali Oates	1 st	Breaststroke
Chloe Radford	2 nd	Freestyle
Jaime Fordham	2 nd	Backstroke
Isaac Hoskins	2 nd	Backstroke
Ellie Roberts	2 nd	Girls 9/10 yrs Freestyle Relay
Averil Watkinson	2 nd	Girls 9/10 yrs Freestyle Relay
Chloe Radford	2 nd	Girls 9/10 yrs Freestyle Relay
Tali Oates	2 nd	Girls 9/10 yrs Freestyle Relay
Oskar Watkinson	2 nd	Boys 11 yrs Freestyle Relay
Spencer Zizman	2 nd	Boys 11 yrs Freestyle Relay
Noah Esdaile	2 nd	Boys 11 yrs Freestyle Relay
Tate Hammond	2 nd	Boys 11 yrs Freestyle Relay
Melody Tomkins	2 nd	Girls 12/13 yrs Freestyle Relay
Mikayla Harrison	2 nd	Girls 12/13 yrs Freestyle Relay
Ayla Buckley	2 nd	Girls 12/13 yrs Freestyle Relay
Jaime Fordham	2 nd	Girls 12/13 yrs Freestyle Relay



Other Events Coming Up this term

World of Maths	Feb 22nd	All students
Kanga Cricket Clinics	Feb 24th	All Students
Hockey Clinics	March 3rd	All students
Open Water Safety	March 8th	Grades 5 and 6
20 / 20 Big Bash V West	March 17th	Grades 3 – 6
Kanga 8's Cricket Tournament	March 21st	Grades 3 and 4
Cricket V Bruthen	March 23rd	Grades 3 - 5

School Council Election 2016 - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term i each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term i each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Council Election Timeline

February 22 nd	Nominations Open (nomination forms are available from the school office)
March 1 st	Closing and Assessing nominations
March 8 th	Ballot if required.

Paynesville Netball

More girls needed to play under 11s netball

Girls need to be turning 8 during 2016, and maximum age is 11 (not turning 12 during the year). Games are Thursday nights, no experience required.

Expressions of interest to 0406 713 890, or in person of course. Come and try first.

Thanks heaps Katie Garth (Darcie/Hollys mum)

