



CALENDAR OF EVENTS		PFA FUNDRAISING EVENTS	
MARCH		April 17 th	Outdoor Cinema (tbc)
Mar 6 th	P-2 Swimming Program	May 8 th	Mothers' Day Stall & Morning tea
Mar 9 th	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	June 20 th	Dahlsens BBQ
Mar 13 th	P-2 Swimming Program	July 23 rd	Trivia Night.
Mar 16 th	P-2 Swimming Program	September 4 th	Fathers' Day Stall & Breakfast
Mar 16 th	School Council Finance 4:15pm	October 10 th	Dahlsens BBQ
Mar 25 th	School Council AGM 6:00pm	October	2016 Fundraising calendar
Mar 25 th	School Council General Meeting 6:45pm	November (Melb Cup w/end)	Art Show
Mar 27 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – 3:30PM FINISH		
TERM 1 - Thursday January 29 th to Friday March 27 th	TERM 2 - Monday April 13 th to Friday June 26 th	TERM 3 - Monday July 13 th to Friday September 18 th	TERM 4 - Monday October 5 th to Friday December 18 th

Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Paynesville Primary School,

What a wonderful week we have had. The Broomhall family made a leaf blower powered hover craft, the Grade 6 extension maths group solved a very challenging maths problem and Jim Asimakopoulos taught us all to be positive, to treat others with respect and that there is nothing you can't achieve if you put your mind to it.

Jim Asimakopoulos Visits Paynesville Primary School

On Wednesday all grades attended a workshop with Jim and his support person Adam. Jim spoke to the students about his life with cerebral palsy and he promoted the idea of being a positive and respectful person. Jim is an inspirational man who works for the Department of Education, is a football coach, a basket baller and an engaging public speaker. Jim has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his contribution to schools. We all learnt a lot about Jim on Wednesday and we learnt a lot about ourselves.

The Grade 6 students were the last group to work with Jim and they loved hearing his messages and stories. As keen basketballers Jim and Adam were keen to hear about the Paynesville Basketball team's exploits on Tuesday night. So after Jim's talk the Grade 5 and 6 students took Jim and Adam out to the basketball courts to show them how we play basketball at Paynesville.

Jim shot a free throw on just his third attempt and Adam showed us how to slam dunk!! Both of these men will come and visit us again next year and we are hoping to get Jim down

to watch a football match this season. After Jim and Adam had headed off the Grade 5 and 6 students wrote some reflections about what they learnt from Jim.

Jim is a nice, happy, caring and positive man. He respects everyone for who they are. He does not focus on the negatives, he focuses on the positives for everything and for everyone. (Dakota)

Jim coming to our school was so inspirational. He has really opened my eyes about how people look and act towards people with a disability. Jim is a really good basketball player and he is also an amazing footballer and coach. Jim inspired me to become a better person and to respect everybody the way I would like to be respected and to never treat anybody differently. (Ben)

Jim is a very inspirational man. He has a very good sense of humour and he insisted that he is the same as us – which he is, he just does things differently. After Jim's visit everyone was very inspired. (Aleksia)

Jim has taught me that because you have a disability does not mean that you should be judged by others. Jim can talk but it is very hard for him. Other people with disabilities can't talk at all – and that is okay. Jim taught me "don't judge a book by its cover." (Taylor)

When Jim came to Paynesville Primary School I thought "He has a disability – be kind". When I first saw him I thought he was a very nice man. He told the grade 5 and 6 class that he loves his sport and talking to our school. All I can say now is "He is an awesome and inspiring man". (Steven)

Jim...I like his positive attitude. He has a lot of friends and a lot of fun. You can understand him and everything he said was right. Jim can do things that I can't even do. He was very brave to make that speech. Jim is a very cool and awesome man who has accomplished many things. (Ayla)

Jim can do many things like shoot a goal in basketball and kick a football. Even though he has a disability he does not let that hold him back. He finds it hard to speak but he recently celebrated his 6000th speech! He drinks with a straw, eats with a fork and uses a wheel chair to get around. When Jim was born he had the cord wrapped around his neck. I liked it when he named all the footy grand final winners for every year without looking – that was really awesome. (Rebecca)

Jim is so cool. I never thought someone with a disability could do so much. The basketball goal he shot – that was so awesome! He is really good at kicking a footy. He must be very brave to stand in front of everyone and make a speech. It was very inspirational. (Indi)

Today I learnt that if someone has a disability you should not laugh at them and to respect them for who they are. I learnt that people who have a disability can do the same things as we can do, but in their own way.

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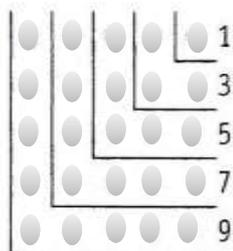


GRADE 5 AND 6 STUDENTS WITH JIM

Homework – do we need it?

This has always been a topic of debate with every principal, teacher, parent and student having a different opinion. This week I spent an hour with the grade 6 extension maths group who get together once a week to share answers and to solve problems from their weekly maths homework. This was a highlight for me as Aleksia, Dakota, Sunny , Taj, John (The retired Principal and Secondary maths teacher), Sharna (The Deloittes Auditor), Lauren (The Business Manager), Liz (the receptionist) and I worked on a very challenging year 7 question. We managed to come up with a number of ways to find the answer – but in the end Liz Freiberg found the simplest solution. We have included the question here so that you can try it at home.

The numbers of dots in the five L-shapes represent the first five odd numbers. These numbers add to 25. What is the sum of the first 100 odd numbers? [Hint: These L-shapes form a square.]



Steven McKinnon chose the topic 'Homework' for his persuasive writing this week. Steven has addressed this topic from an angle that I think many readers will appreciate. Here it is...

Time for Play **by Steven McKinnon.**

Schools are giving students much more homework. This is because parents believe that more homework is better for their future. But this is not as good as it seems.

Because they get too much homework, children are having their time for play stolen. Children need their playtime to exercise and to meet their friends.

It is not fair that some students have more homework. It makes them very angry that they can't play as much as others.

One solution is to make a new law that says how much homework all children have to do.

Basketball Results

On Tuesday the Paynesville boys played the Bairnsdale Ringshots. The staff running the competition described this as better than last years mens A Grade final. What a game. With one minute to go the score was 19 – 17 to the Ringshots. Kyson Liversidge has the ball – he looks to drive and gets fouled. He goes to the free throw line to shoot two shots. He makes them both – 19 all the crowd chant!!

But no...the referee calls no goals as Kyson's foot touched the line. Jack Werrett explodes from the bench – the crowd goes wild. In the last minute the game goes back and forth. The final whistle goes and Paynesville loses by 2 points. The boys shake hands, the coaches shake hands and the spectators remember to breath again.

The Paynesville girls also played at the same time this week and they took on the girls Cannons Team. This was by far the girls best performance. The girls looked polished as they made the Cannons work hard for the whole 40 minutes. In the end the PPS lost 22 – 7.

A special word of thanks to all of the PPS supporters who come along and cheer the place down.

Next week's basketball draw:

Girls: Play 'Team 1' at 6pm

Boys: play 'Go Girls' at 6pm

(Bus leaves at 5.30pm from the school car park for those players who would like a ride).

China Trip Meeting

Meeting Thursday March 12th 5.30pm in the school staffroom for any children and parents who are considering joining the September school holiday trip to visit our sister school in Changshu..

Thank you for your support, Tony Roberts.

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After-school art classes with Dee

Creative art activities for kids - open up your imagination and have a hands-on experience to create artworks you can be proud of.

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Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent name: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU.

'THE NOTICEBOARD'

ArTea

After school art sessions.

Two sessions: P-2 or 3-6

Painting, drawing, collage, printing

\$8 per session

Phone Maureen Poole on 0419 578 412 for further details or to register.

East Gippsland Shire Libraries

Easter Activity Session



Bairnsdale library invites children of ages 5 to 12 to come along and enjoy Easter stories, craft activities and an Easter egg hunt.

Tuesday, 24 March
Bairnsdale Library
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Bookings are essential as places are limited to 30 participants.
Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.

Kids Learn to Sail with Tackers



Tackers is a Yachting Australia program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing.

Each program includes 20 hours tuition from qualified YA Instructors & Assistant Instructors, Fun on-water & off-water games and a Tackers Kit & Certificate.

Where
Gippsland lakes Yacht Club
Paynesville

When
29th March- 2 April 2015

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Bairnsdale Soccer Club FUTSAL INDOOR SOCCER SEASON COMMENCES APRIL 2015

JUNIORS REGISTRATION AT NAGLE COLLEGE HALL Registration & Skills Clinic

Under 8 - Tuesday
March 17 & 24, 5:00-6:00pm

U10 - Tuesday
March 17 & 24, 6:00-7:00pm

U12 - Wednesday
March 18 & 25, 6:00-7:00pm

SEASON COMMENCES
April 14th & 15th (Term 2)

SENIORS REGISTRATION AT NAGLE COLLEGE HALL

Registration & Practice Matches

U14 & U16 - Monday
March 16 & 23, 5.30-6.30pm

MEN - Monday
March 16 & 23, 6:30-7:30pm

WOMEN - Tuesday
March 17 & 24, 7:00-8:00pm

SEASON COMMENCES
April 13th & 14th (Term 2)

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REGISTRATION FEES

JUNIORS (6-18) \$110
SENIORS (19+) \$170

FULL PAYMENT DUE UPON
REGISTRATION

BAIRNSDALE HOCKEY Registration Night March 11th 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Training Wednesday's
4:00pm to 6:00pm
Game days – Saturdays
April to September
U/11 start at 9:00am
Open begins at 2:30
Enquiries: Kristy on
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