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

Reconciliation Ceremony at Bairnsdale West Primary School

On Wednesday our school student leaders travelled to Bairnsdale West Primary School to attend the Reconciliation Day ceremony. The theme for the day was Walk the Talk. Guest speakers from a range of backgrounds spoke about what this meant for them.

Some key messages that stood out for me were around what Walk the Talk means in our everyday lives. For me it means being positive, being patient, showing understanding and not blaming others.

So I will make sure that I take responsibility for what I say and do, I will support my children to do the same, and I will make a positive contribution to my community.
Guest speaker Paul Corben on the day said “Rumour and misconceptions spread when good people are quiet” so positive people speak up and see the good in others. This is hardest when other people don’t look, act, think or talk like we do. Maybe they are from another culture or another country. How accommodating are we of difference – do we consider the feelings of everyone when issues arise? It was a wonderful day and our students soaked up the positive vibe.

**Hilary Nancarrow says:** “Reconciliation to me means to be who you are. If you don’t have something nice to say – don’t say anything at all. It is everyone’s responsibility to be actively involved in reconciliation. Without action – we are not going anywhere. Walk the Talk.”

**Baylee Gillies says** “Reconciliation means that you can’t tease people from a different background or from a different country. We are all the same. People might have dark skin or light skin, freckles, blond hair or black hair. Reconciliation helps Australians move forward with a better understanding of our shared past.”

**Charlie Broomhall says** “I think reconciliation is about saying sorry to the Stolen Generations. Respecting the traditional owners of this land and paying our respect to past and future Australians. **If you don’t have anything nice to say – don’t say anything at all.** We said sorry for the pain and suffering caused by past government policies and practices, in particular those stolen families who were robbed of their family, language and culture. To Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people this has always been part of our story and struggle, injustice and heartache.”

**Simone & Ella** “Reconciliation means respecting our ancestors from the past. It doesn’t matter whether we have different coloured skin, hair or eyes we are all equal. Reconciliation means standing up for what you believe in and never giving up”
**Winter sports: Monday June 2\(^{nd}\)**

Fifty of our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students are heading into the Bairnsdale World Centre Sports Ground on Monday to compete in the Bairnsdale District Winter sports tournament. Students will compete in Netball, Teeball and Soccer. Students will leave by bus at 9.15am on Monday morning.

**At Assembly last Monday**

I would like to thank the music students who performed at last week’s assembly. The students performed without their tutor and conductor Gerry and they were fantastic. The progress that these students have made is a credit to every family involved in the music program and I am very proud of every child who has made the effort to learn an instrument. Well done.

**Next Assembly: Monday June 2\(^{nd}\)**

Next week at assembly we will be entertained by award winner Rebecca Medling. Rebecca will be playing the piano for us. We will also have a play performed by drama students Ellen Pini, Zara Steenholdt and Chloe Higgins. Finally the school choir will be performing two songs – so come along and enjoy an action packed assembly.

**NSW tests**

A number of our students are currently sitting NSW University tests. Children sat computer studies today and they have Science next week. Good luck everyone.

**Our Library**

We are very keen to have our library operating effectively throughout the week. We are keen to have the library available to all students and parents and therefore the library will be open between 8:30 to 9:30 daily. Please drop in to return/borrow are just browse the books in our school library. Our library student monitors will be keen to assist you at these times. Students will still be able to borrow within their class timetable per usual.

**“Positively Paynesville’s Reach for the Stars Award.”**

**Grade 2 Student Harper Lamperd**

has improved his reading by 8 levels so far this year and is now reading at a level above grade 2. Harper put his success down to working hard and reading alot at home – especially Gary’s books.

Well done Harper!!!
Grade 1 student Jacob Buchanan proudly displaying the model car he made as a part of the junior school transport theme.

PFA News.

Breaky Club.

Everyone knows our kids’ brains work best when fuelled!

Breaky club serves toast and warm milo in the kitchen every morning from 8:30. We now have a roster for breaky club. It’s an easy job, a few pieces of toast, a milo or two, a quick clean up and some great conversation. If you are available to help regularly or occasionally, please put your name on the roster at the office.

Thank you.

School Disco.

Our school disco is coming up! Friday 13th June between 6 and 8pm. All students are invited to come and boogie the night away!. There will be games and songs to suit all ages. Classes are putting together their music requests. Entry is free with a plate to share.

Parent Helpers will be needed on the night to assist with supervision, if you are available please let Tony Roberts know and be sure to wear your dancing shoes.
PFA Calendar Of Events.

School Disco 13th June
Trivia Night 25th July
Kitchen Garden Festival 2nd August
School Bush Dance 7th August
Fathers Day Stall and Breakfast 5th September

Can you spare an hour or two to help with one of these events? You may be able to help make or sell food, meet and greet people or work a stall. If you are able to assist in any way please see Tony Roberts or Vicki Keys with the dates you are available.

Reading Support Program

Paynesville Primary School now has 12 reading support volunteers who work with students from all grades to improve their reading. Volunteers can work the days and times that suit them and they build a real bond with the students that they are working with. If you would like to be a reading support volunteer then please contact the school office.

Science

We need lots soft drink bottles for science classes, if you are able to bring your used bottles in it would be greatly appreciated. I am also hoping to make some lemonade during the next few weeks; if you have lemons to spare they would also be gratefully received.

Science Mind Bender

Look for the answer to this science bender later in the newsletter.

Four Litres, Please

You are standing beside a river with two jugs. One jug holds exactly 5 litres. The other holds exactly 3 litres. They have no other markings.

The question: how can you measure out exactly 4 litres of water using just these two jugs?

Note: you can fill the jugs and pour water back into the river as much as you like.
Solution 1

1. Fill the 5 litre jug.
2. Use it to fill the 3 litre jug. That leaves 2 litres in the 5 litre jug.
3. Empty the 3 litre jug.
4. Pour the remaining 2 litres in the 5 litre jug into the 3 litre jug.
5. Refill the 5 litre jug.
6. Pour the 1 litre from the 5 litre jug into the 3 litre jug. That leaves exactly 4 litres in the 5 litre jug. Kazam!

Apparently there is another way to do it. I’d love to hear how if you can solve it.