



# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 12 Term 3 Week 6 - 22nd August 2024

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm & Friday 8:30am to 3:45pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Assembly** - Fridays 3:00pm

**After School Care** - Mon and Thurs 3:30-4:30pm

**Lunch Orders** - Fridays

**Week 6**

- Children's Book Week - Reading is Magic

**Thursday 22nd August**

- Cricket Clinic - Paynesville Cricket

**Friday 23rd August**

- VicSpell 5 / 6 Regional - Hosted in hall

**Week 7**

**Tuesday 27th August**

- 3/4KL Class Reconciliation Performance

**Thursday 29th August**

- Father's Day Breakfast 8:30-9:00
- Father's Day Stall
- Wheels Day

**Friday 30th August**

- Father's Day Raffle drawn at Assembly
- Wear It Purple Day

**Week 8**

**Wednesday 4th September**

- Hawk's Friends - Grades 3-6
- Bank First Morning Tea

**Thursday 5th September**

- Hawk's Friends - Grades 3-6
- Responsible Pet Ownership

**Friday 6th September**

- Gippsland Biggest PJ Day

**Week 9**

**Thursday 12th September**

- 1/2/3 Class - Raymond Island Excursion

**Week 10**

**Wednesday 18th September**

- End of Term Pizza Lunch

**Thursday 19th September**

- Melbourne Stars Cricket Clinic

**Friday 20th September**

- Footy Colours Day

## Book Week

This week is Children's Book Week with the theme *Reading Is Magic*. On Monday we held our Book Parade, and were lucky enough to have children from Uniting Kinder join our parade. It was great to see all the amazing costumes. In classrooms students have been looking at picture books nominated for the Book of the Year award, and Grade 6 students participated in shadow judging.



## Principal's Report

### Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Members of our Community,

So many exciting things have been happening across the school and with community events as well. It has been great to see our students, staff and families getting involved and supporting the students and our school. On Sunday the 11th of August the Parents versus Students Bowls games were hotly contested and for those who had never played bowls before it



was a great way to start to learn the game and have fun with their kids and with other families and members of the Bowls Club. The BBQ afterwards was yummy and the day itself was a beautifully sunny Winter's day. A special thanks to the Bowls Club and its members for hosting this event and sharing some skills with us all.

Across the school there has been

Book Week and associated learning relating to the CBCA shortlisted books and our grade 6 class had the privilege of Shadow Judging the 6 books shortlisted in the Picture Story Book category. The book that won the category was 'Timeless'. There have also been many incursions, sports and activities going on across the school and some of these you will read about throughout the newsletter. Take care and thanks for your ongoing support.

Please also find below an official message we received from the Department about a Whooping Cough Outbreak currently occurring in Victoria.



**Deb Mathers**

**Principal**

## **Official - Whooping Cough Outbreak**

Monash Health South East Public Health and the Gippsland Region Public Health Units have been notified of several outbreaks of whooping cough (pertussis) in schools in their local areas.

### **Actions for schools**

Victorian government schools must follow the [Infectious Diseases](#) policy.

When a school is made aware of a medically confirmed case of whooping cough, this should be reported to the Incident Support and Operations Centre. Refer to [Managing and Reporting School Incidents \(Including Emergencies\)](#) for more information. Schools should email Monash Health South East Public Health Unit at [sephu.trace@monashhealth.org](mailto:sephu.trace@monashhealth.org) or the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit at [GRPHU@lrh.com.au](mailto:GRPHU@lrh.com.au) if they need help managing an outbreak depending on the catchment area where the school is located.

Primary schools must not allow a child with whooping cough to attend the school for 21 days after the onset of cough or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment.

Contacts aged younger than 7 years who are in the same classroom as a confirmed whooping cough case, and who have not received 3 doses of pertussis vaccine, should also be excluded for 14 days from after they were last exposed to a person diagnosed with whooping cough, or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment. These requirements are in accordance with the [Department of Health's School Exclusion table](#).

The Department of Education can help schools communicate to alert the wider school community of confirmed cases and recommended actions. Please contact South Eastern Victoria Region Emergency Management for assistance – [emergency.sev@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:emergency.sev@education.vic.gov.au) or 03 8904 2444.

Secondary schools are not bound by the legislative exclusion requirements applying to primary schools but are encouraged to follow the same guidance to ensure students' safety.

Staff are not required to be excluded from school under the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations. However, staff who are feeling unwell are encouraged to stay home and recover.

At this stage, it is not necessary for schools to provide further information about whooping cough to their school community.

### **Vaccination and standard precautions**

Vaccination is the most important preventive measure against whooping cough as it reduces the risk of infection and severe illness. Vaccination also protects the most vulnerable – infants aged 6 months and under. It is recommended staff and students stay up-to-date with their vaccinations, including booster doses and seek medical attention early if whooping cough symptoms occur. A free booster dose of pertussis (dTpa) is covered under the national immunisation program (NIP) for adolescents aged 12-13 years of age/year 7 secondary schools.

Schools are also asked to encourage all students to stay home if sick, practise good hand hygiene, cover their cough and dispose of tissues in a bin.

### **Find out more**

For more information, refer to:

- [Infectious Diseases](#) policy
- Better Health Channel for information about [whooping cough](#) symptoms, prevention and Victorian eligibility for free booster immunisations.

For further enquiries, contact your local Public Health Unit:

Monash Health South East Public Health Unit:

- email: [sephu.trace@monashhealth.org](mailto:sephu.trace@monashhealth.org)

Gippsland Region Public Health Unit:

- email: [GRPHU@lrh.com.au](mailto:GRPHU@lrh.com.au)

or SEVR Emergency Management:

- email: [emergency.sev@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:emergency.sev@education.vic.gov.au)
- phone: or 03 8904 2444

Regards,

**Ian Burrage** | Regional Director  
South-Eastern Victoria Region  
Department of Education

# Around the School

## Book Week



## Environmental Report

Hello everyone,

Over the past few weeks in the garden the students have been busy planting seeds for spring, getting our garden beds ready and building trellis for the snow peas. We have made sure the compost is being turned so it's ready to put in the garden beds. Last term I also surveyed all of the kids, looking for their understanding of the environment. Most of them were confused and didn't know what I was talking about. This says that we need to educate them more on this topic. I am about to join a climate activist' group that will hopefully extend my understanding of the environment and also help me with other ideas for the school.

Thanks for reading this week's environmental report.

- Mahlia, Environment Captain

## District Athletics

Last week some of our students attended the District Athletics in Bairnsdale. The students represented the school in a positive and respectful way and tried their best. A big thanks to all of the staff, families and volunteers who also attended. Several students will be continuing through to Divisions.



# Kitchen



## Father's Day

Our Father's Day breakfast will be held at the school library on Thursday the 29th of August at 8:30. We would love to see any fathers, uncles, grandpas, family members or special friends there to celebrate the day with their students. The same day will also be our Father's Day Stall. Raffle tickets have gone out for the Father's Day Raffle, which will be drawn at assembly on Friday the 30th.

## Volunteers

We love our beautiful volunteers here at school. Thank you to all our other volunteers who have been helping in the garden and in classrooms. Also a special shout out to our PFA who have been working hard together to get a Father's Day Breakfast organised for Thursday 29th August. They have also been organising some awesome prizes to be donated by our local community for the Father's Day raffle.

## Bullying No Way!

Week 5 was the National Week of Action against Bullying. Students did activities in their house groups and had great discussions around Respect and how they can act to prevent and stop bullying.



## **James Hart Illustrator Incursion**

We were lucky enough to be visited by Illustrator James Hart last week. Students had a great time creating illustrations that they can use to support their writing.



## **Recycling Bottles and Cans**

Since we started accepting bottles and cans for recycling last term we have recycled over 650 bottles and cans! This is equivalent to 23 kg of plastic! We are continuing to accept donations of bottles and cans with the 10c recycling symbol at the office, and we are in the process of registering with ReturnIt so that you can donate directly to our school through local recycling organisations.



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss 20 DAYS a year.

They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

# Grade Prep

This is how the Preps celebrated Book Week!



## Grade 1/2/3 Classroom Report

**Grade 1-2-3** have been learning how to make and draw arrays to help them work with their **multiplication** and **division** in maths.



There is a prize on offer to anyone who can write a number sentence to match our whole photo display in the newsletter. (Hint: it involves brackets)



# Grade 3/4 Classroom Report

The last fortnight has been especially busy with book week, footy clinics, guest illustrators, district athletics, rehearsing for our classes performance (next tuesday) and much more. In class students have enjoyed the open-cycle in writing, we have reviewed different text types and chose the one they'd like to write. During review time students have enjoyed sharing their chosen text type with each other.



In digital technologies students have worked on creating algorithms on CodeSpark alongside improving their resilience for when things don't work how they are supposed to. Grade 3 / 4 also used some science kits to follow instructions to create their own circuits in groups.



Many students in 3 / 4 have been bringing scratch paper into class and creating designs, therefore for S.T.E.A.M, as a class we created our own scratch cards using: card, oil pastels and black paint. The designs students created were beautiful!

## Student section- Joke by Mia

Knock knock- *who's there?*- Stacey- *Stacey see me rolling*

## Learning focuses

Week 5-6: Different text types and structures, punctuation, main and minor characters, chance and data displays.

Week 7-8: text types, punctuation, paragraphs, maps/compass/coordinates, revision on four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division),



# Grade 4/5 Classroom Report

The last two weeks have been busy in our classroom! We've looked at metaphors, similes & onomatopoeias in reading as a part of our 'Language Recognition' reading response - where students find where things have been written in an interesting way. For Book Week we are exploring some of the shortlisted children's books of the year! We started the week with 'Timeless' which was the winning book!

In maths we continued on with learning about time, including looking at 24 hour time. We are now starting our learning about 'Chance & Data'!

In writing we have been making brochures about East Gippsland - including things like what you can do here, where East Gippsland is on a map, where you can eat and which kinds of flora & fauna we have here. Some students are making posters or brochures about different places (such as Tasmania & Papua New Guinea) when they have finished.

In investigations we have learnt about the bubonic plague - where students were given the chance to perform role plays/create posters. We are now working on a unit called 'Our Lost Animals' - where we study different animals that have lived in Australia, but are now extinct (or are they??). We began with Thylacines and this week are looking at Diprotodons - which is very exciting because a skull from one of these large marsupials was found in the Buchan Caves!

We spent a lot of time talking about bullying and how to be an upstander in our school during 'Bullying, No Way!' week and we had 2 amazing incursions - with the illustrator James Hart & with the Clontarf Football Academy. We had our Book Week parade on Monday and it was amazing to see so many great costumes!

This week we are having two sessions with artists from a local art gallery creating art based on endangered animals. We are also having a cricket incursion and continuing our visits to the local kindergartens this week. Thank you for a wonderful couple of weeks 4/5! *Miss Sargant*



## Grade 6 Classroom Report

The Grade 6 classroom has continued to be a busy classroom. We have had Carol Tseung join us for her placement. The students have enjoyed getting to know Mrs T and helping her with her future teaching.

A huge congratulations to all of our students that represented the school at District Athletics. They all can be proud of their efforts and the way they conducted themselves. Well done to Charlotte and Ashleigh for making it to Division.

Grade 6 students have been making connections and asking questions when reading. It is always fantastic to discuss their deep thoughts about our different texts.

Students recently learnt how to write a resume and job application. We are using classroom money as a reward system and students are learning how to earn money through classroom jobs and displaying the right attitudes to be a successful learner. Students have also had fun writing a newspaper article about an adult that works at our school committing a crime. These are very enjoyable to read.

Students enjoyed an experiment with Mrs T and learnt about chemical reactions.



# **Values Award Winners for Term 3 Week 5**

## **Paynesville P.S. Values Awards**

### **Value of the Week: LEARNING**

**Students identified by staff this week to be demonstrating our School Values**

**Angus McGrellis** - showing great skills in illustrating as part of the James Hart Incursion

**Ayrton Borg** - his effort towards learning skills

**Lachie Walker** - concentrating so well on his learning after returning from holidays

**Milo Matthews** - joining in with our literacy learning in our classroom in such a positive way

**Luke Noske** - the amazing way he's slotted back into PPS! Well done!

**Carl Quigg** - enjoying his learning in our classroom this week

**Wyatt Howard** - staying engaged in his learning

**Becky Risely** - engaging in class and sharing a well thought out reading response

**Tera Ngawhika** - participating fully and being ready to respond

**Gabriel Mitchell** - trying his best in writing his procedure

**Well done to all these students as well as so many others across the school that have worked to display actions showing our value of LEARNING this week.**

## **Values Award Winners for Week 6**

### **Paynesville P.S. Values Awards**

#### **Value of the Week: RESPECT**

**Students identified by staff this week to be demonstrating our School Values**

**Aaron Riseley** - being welcoming and respectful when I come into class

**Louise Collins** - listening respectfully to whoever is speaking

**Rosie Pertzelt** - being kind to other children when they hurt themselves

**Kenzie Cartwright** - always treating others with kindness and respect

**Londyn Miller** - respectfully helping classmates with their maths

**Ashleigh Lewendon** - polite and helpful

**Mya Wayman** - always using her manners

**Oliver Miller** - being respectful, listening fully to others

**Edward Vincent** - showing respect to others

**Claudia Holland** - showing respect in Breakfast Club

**Well done to all these students as well as so many others across the school that have worked to display actions showing our value of RESPECT this week.**





# 2024-2025 Season Paynesville Junior Cricket Club Sign Up Day



Come down & enjoy another great season. All the information you need about playing, registering, clothing & equipment will be provided on the day

Sunday 06-10-24

10am AJ Freeman Reserve Paynesville

### Junior Blasters

- ✓ Woolworths Jnr Blasters
- ✓ Ages 5-10
- ✓ starts 10th October
- ✓ Thursdays 4:30-5:15pm
- ✓ 8 week program

### Under 13s

- ✓ Starts 2nd October
- ✓ Training on Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm
- ✓ \$50 Registration Fee
- ✓ Games Friday 5pm-7pm

### Under 16s

- ✓ Starts Thursday 19th September
- ✓ Training on Tuesdays & Thursday 4:30-5:30pm
- ✓ \$50 Registration fee
- ✓ Games Saturday 8:30-11:30am

### Under 13s & under 16s

Players can purchase playing polo shirts \$35 and caps \$20 directly from the club  
Players are required to purchase playing whites (trousers) & appropriate footwear  
All equipment to be provided by the club including bats, pads, gloves, helmets etc



Online Registration here  
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/paynesville-cricket-club/b9c68abe/register>



PCC Clothing Store  
Check out this seasons merchandise



Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre



Neighbourhood Houses  
The Heart of Our Community

## BUDGETING HACKS FOR FAMILIES



Over just four short sessions, develop an awareness of family finances and gain control over your money.

This program covers a range of practical topics to support you with useful tips about managing money giving you the confidence to manage your family's finances.

- Creating a budget & savings goals
  - Identifying needs & wants
  - Food Shopping on a budget
  - Changing attitudes towards money.

### WHEN:

5-7pm

Monday Aug 26th  
Monday Sept 2nd  
Monday Sept 9th  
Monday Sept 16th

### WHERE:

Paynesville  
Neighbourhood Centre

### COST

Gold Coin Donation

For more information, or to book your place, contact us:

ph: (03) 5156 0214

e: [info@pnc.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@pnc.vic.edu.au)

w: [www.pnc.vic.edu.au](http://www.pnc.vic.edu.au)

Learn local programs are recognised Workforce Australia approved activities

# Welcome to free support in your community

East Gippsland Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is a new service that will offer mental health and wellbeing support whenever you need it. It's free, easy to access without a referral, and located in your community.

If you are 26 years of age or older and would like support with your mental health and wellbeing, East Gippsland Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is offering telehealth services right now. More supports will be available over the coming months.

We believe anyone needing help should be able to access straight-forward continued support. We will be with you throughout your journey.



**mental health &  
wellbeing local**

Free support in your community

For free support,  
call **1300 000 352** or visit  
**[betterhealth.vic.gov.au/mhwlocal](https://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/mhwlocal)**

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**Latrobe Regional  
Health**



**GIPPSLAND LAKES  
COMPLETE  
Health**

East Gippsland Mental Health and Wellbeing Local services are delivered by Wellways in partnership with Latrobe Regional Health and Gippsland Lakes Complete Health and are funded by the Victorian Government.