



NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Assembly - Fridays 3:00pm

Active After School Care - Monday and Thursdays
3:30-4:30pm

Week 2

Thursday 8th February

- Swim Trials 5:30 - Outdoor Pool

Week 3

Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th February

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 14th February

- GRIP Student Leadership in Sale for grade 6 leaders

Thursday 15th February

- Taekwondo Clinic
- Parents and Friends Meeting 3:00pm

Friday 16th February

- Hockey Clinic

Saturday 17th February

- Working Bee 8:30am

Week 4

Monday 19th February

- Meet and Greet BBQ 4:45pm

Wednesday 21st February

- Central District Swimming

Thursday 22nd February

- Taekwondo Clinic

Week 5

Thursday 29th February

- Taekwondo Clinic

Week 6

Thursday 7th March

- Taekwondo Clinic

Week 7

Monday 11th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th March

- NAPLAN commences

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am to 3:30pm

Start of Term 1

The Grade 6 Leaders ran their first assembly and received their badges on Friday.

School Captains: Lexie Fordham and Grace Hall

First Nations Leader: River Blanco

Sports Captain: Charlotte D'Amore

Wellbeing Leader: Chiarah Searle

Environment Leader: Mahlia Owen-Marchbank

SRC Leader: Alanis Hildred

House Captains: Jayden Taplin, Lacey Kiss, Bronte Pyke, and Hayden Garth

Class Student Representative Council leaders have been elected in classrooms during week 1.

1/2/3 Class SRC: Ricky Rowed

3/4 Class SRC: Melanie Guthrie

4/5 Class SRC: Angus Unthank

6 Class SRC: Hope Spencer and Serenity Singh



Principal's Report

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

It is a privilege to start this year as the Principal of our wonderful school and school community. Staff have worked very productively prior to students returning to ensure the classrooms were set and organised for learning. They also ensured that all students had the resources needed to set them up for learning success. We were all excited and keen to see the kids and families again on Tuesday. It has been such a great week since returning to school for 2024. Students have been intensively focusing on engaging in research based educational structures, routines and positive learning environments for optimal academic and wellbeing outcomes. They have settled back into school quite seamlessly and the Preps have had an especially positive start following their intensive Pre-Prep Transition program in term 4 last year.

Assembly on Friday was our first opportunity to welcome, meet and celebrate our School Student Leaders for 2024. They proudly received their badges and introduced themselves and talked about their role at the school for 2024. We are very proud of the way they have started the year as leaders and all the thinking and discussions that we have had in our initial meetings. They will be attending the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Sale Memorial Hall on Wednesday 14th February.

In the next few weeks we have some key events for our school and broader community. You can see these on the calendar at the front of the newsletter or on the Parent Facebook page.

NAPLAN for our grade 3 and 5 students will be in term 1 again this year. The tests will commence on Wednesday March 13th and are to be completed by Friday 22nd March. There will be more information to come out in the next few weeks, however if you have any questions related to these tests and your child/ren please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or come and see me.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Support Group meetings will be held next week. All families have a UeducateUS account that they can access through the app or via the computer

Kind regards, Deb Mathers – Principal

School Updates

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held between the 12th and 14th of February from 3:40-5:20 for Grades 1-6. You can book online through uEducateUs.

To access uEducateUs, follow the following steps.

To login to your **Parent** account, please install the **uEducateUs Mobile** app from the relevant app store by searching for **uEducateUs Mobile** or via the links below:



Apple app store

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/ueducateus-mobile/id1631446865?>



Google play store

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.ueducateus.mobile>

Once installed, we recommend setting a PIN Login. Once set you will only need to enter the PIN instead of your username and password when you open the uEducateUs app on that device.

Alternatively, you can access the uEducateUs system on a computer by launching any up-to-date web browser and visiting the following web address:

<https://paynesvilleps.ueducateus.com.au/>

Once logged in, you can change your password at

<https://paynesvilleps.ueducateus.com.au/changemypassword>

You can view and change your kiosk login code at

https://paynesvilleps.ueducateus.com.au/my_kiosk_login_code

Logging into the uEducateUs system will allow you to:

- Track your child's progress
- Communicate with your child's teachers
- View your child's attendance and submit absence notes (before and after the fact)
- View, approve or decline permission slips
- View semester reports, newsletters, upcoming events and much more...

Note: PIN access is only available on mobile devices, not computers

House Colours on Fridays

On Friday afternoons, students will be participating in fun activities in their house groups. On Fridays students can wear a house colour shirt, hat, or small accessory in their house colour if they would like to.

Grade Prep

Off to a flying start, all the prep children had a wonderful first day!

So many instructions, so many things to remember, so very tired!



Grade 1/2/3 Classroom Report

It feels like we have done so many things this week, it is hard to know where to start. Here are some pictures to help tell the story...



Sharing our favourite books with a buddy.

Making covers for our new Writer's Notebooks.



Commencing our maths journals.

Doing a maths assessment on an ipad.

Exploring maths equipment.



Electing our SRC (Ricky) & Deputy (Tom).

Running our first student-led sports lesson.

Grade 3/4 Classroom Report



Students in Grade 3/4 have eagerly begun their 2024 learning journey over the last week. Students have revisited our school values and how they look within the classroom, yard and beyond. Grade 3/4 students also jumped straight into learning and were particularly excited to work in groups for their hands-on maths activities.

Across the school, all students have started implementing Writer's Notebooks and students are excited to begin creating writing pieces. Caroline and I are just as excited to read all their unique and interesting pieces, we can already tell there will be a strong writer's voice from all students.

Caroline and I are excited to be part of the Grade 3/4's learning this year, and can already tell we will have a fantastic year full of fun, imagination and learning.

Mrs. Lewis



Some pictures of Grade 3/4 enjoying the different spaces in the room.



Grade 4&5 Classroom Report



We have been very busy in the 4/5 room this week. We began the week by refreshing our knowledge of the school values and making our own posters to display in the classroom.



We have started refreshing our number knowledge with place value in maths groups – along with lots of hands-on activities.

Students have begun learning new reading strategies using the ‘CAFE’ approach and we have added our first, very well decorated, strategies to the display.

We have started the journey into creating our ‘Writer’s Notebooks’ as a class. Kerry and Miss S have been blown away by how excited students are to personalise their notebooks and start filling them with exciting ideas!



Our elected SRC member for the year is Angus Unthank – who will speak on behalf of our classroom at meetings. Congratulations and we know you’ll be full of amazing ideas!



The students selected two Grade 4 students and two Grade 5 students to be our ‘Classroom Leaders’ for Term One. This means that they will organise an activity for the rest of the class to partake in each week. This week it was Capture the Flag which was a blast!



It has been a very positive start to the year and Miss S, Kerry, Jaime & TJ are excited to see what the rest of 2024 brings 😊

Grade 6 Classroom Report

We have had a busy start to the year. Students have settled in nicely and have been learning about our routines and expectations.

Students enjoyed sharing their reading life with each other and set up our classroom libraries with books that interest them. It's great to see everyone keen on their reading.

We started setting up our Writer's Notebooks, with many students keen to use them. These notebooks will be used to help students generate ideas for their writing.

In maths, we have worked on our number knowledge. The students enjoyed learning a card game called '21'. Mrs Mathers was a celebrity guest to play this game against some of the Grade 6 students. It's fair to say that the students knew all of the tricks in this game and were keen to teach Mrs Mathers.

This year our Grade 6 team consists of Jarryd, Suzy, Jaime and Maria. Maria will be working in our classrooms on a Monday and has expertise in upskilling our students in technology.

Homework has started this week and has a spelling focus. Students have two activities to complete which involves word building and practising their spelling words from the Soundwaves Program.

Thanks

Jarryd, Suzy, Jaime and Maria



Kitchen with Mrs Clack



Wellbeing

Chaplaincy at Paynesville P.S.

I am delighted to be working in this space again in 2024.

Chaplaincy is funded nationally to provide an extra level of support for the emotional wellbeing of school communities. It is not a religious program! Primarily, the role is about being a listening ear, providing a safe and confidential space for students to talk.

For students to spend time in my office, parents / guardians need to give consent. Consent forms can be found at the front office. Sessions will then be arranged as requested by students, in consultation with their classroom teacher.

Please feel free to ask questions or come and have a chat. I'm working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Jill McConnell (jillian.mcconnell@education.vic.gov.au)

Staff Member of the Week

As staff we are living our school values everyday and acknowledging the work each of us as staff does to promote and show values.

Trinity Fordham - Term 1 Week 2



Values Award Winners for Week 2

Paynesville P.S. Values Awards

Value of the Week: RESPECT

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

River Blanco - respectfully listening to adults instructions

Charlotte Brocchi - being kind and respectful in the classroom

Liam Checkley - respecting property by picking up someone else's lunchbox

Melanie Guthrie - respecting everyone and including their ideas

Kyran Howard-McKay - respecting his class by listening during learning time

Lacey Kiss & Bronte Pyke - assisting a junior student who was upset

Mahlia Owen-Marchbank - being kind and helpful to others

Aaron Risely - always giving others a helping hand

Chiarah Searle - realising she had been given too much change and respectfully returning it to the canteen

Maisie Scullin - using respectful language in the classroom

Jaxon Wyntjes-Maynard - respecting his class by listening during learning time and setting a good example

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.

Safer Internet Day - Webinars



Parent and carer webinar schedule 2024

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Term 1

Safer Internet Day (6 February)

eSafety 101: How eSafety can help

Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.

Understanding how to support your child with online gaming

Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.

Understanding parental controls to safeguard your child

Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary school.

Online safety and social media: TikTok, YouTube and Instagram

Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.

Term 2

National Families Week (May)

eSafety 101: How eSafety can help

Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.

Wellbeing and digital technologies

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Consent and online boundaries: How to support your primary-aged child

Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary school.

Setting your child up for success online

Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary school.

Here are some simple ways you can **connect. reflect. protect.**



Connect safely

- **Keep your personal information private** on apps and games
- Only **share passwords with trusted adults**
- **Be kind and caring to others online** like you are in person

Reflect before you act

- **Think of others' feelings** before you post, like or share content
- **Ask someone if it's OK** before you take or share a photo or video of them
- **Be curious and ask questions** about what you read or watch online



Protect yourself and others by taking action

- **Be a supportive friend** if you see someone who needs help online
- **Ask a trusted adult for help** if something doesn't feel right

Find more tips at
eSafety.gov.au



Safer
Internet
Day 2024 | Tuesday
6 February



eSafety Commissioner



Get fit with us!

Group Fitness Classes Starting February 21!

General Fitness Wednesday's 8-8:45 am

A group class for all levels of fitness. A balanced mix of strength, cardio and pilates to get you feeling strong, fit and flexible

Low Impact Wednesday's 9-9:45 am

Aimed at over 55's or injured but anyone is welcome. Focussed on strength and mobility

Mum's and Bubs Thursday's 8-8:45 am

For mums with bubs of all ages. Suited to all fitness levels and capabilities, a mix of strength, cardio and pilates with a focus on core and pelvic floor health.

\$15 per class | BYO yoga mat

📍 Located next-door to the library at Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre

Walk-ins welcome. Please register by phone (03 5156 0214) or email (info@pnc.vic.edu.au) if you would like class reminders sent to you.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MUMS GROUP



We are currently seeking expression of interest for a new Mums Group!

The group will meet on the **second Thursday of each month beginning with a one-off meet and greet on March 21st at 10am**. This will be a great opportunity to connect with local mums, hear from guest speakers, and more! Each session will be a gold coin donation, with tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

If this is of interest to you, please get in contact on 5156 0214 or email info@pnc.vic.edu.au

Supported Playgroup

Come and join us for:

- Songs and rhymes.
- Art & craft.
- Messy Play.
- Fun & Friendship.
- Information about your child's development.
- receive support around parenting and play.
- Discuss topics from the small talk program.

Session times:

Tuesdays- 9:15 - 11

Paynesville Primary School
in collaboration with Uniting.



Our playgroups are facilitated by a child development specialist & trained smalltalk facilitator.
Please contact prior to attending a session.

Jade on 0477 738 303
Jade.davies@54reasons.org.au



Funded by the Victorian government. Smalltalk developed by the parenting research center.

PAYNESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

FIRST MEETING

**THURSDAY
15TH
FEBRUARY
3:00PM
SCHOOL
LIBRARY**

The Paynesville Primary School PFA will be having it's first meeting Thursday 15th of February at 3:00PM in the school library.

This meeting will be used to identify the priorities for the school community in 2024, and to organise fundraising.

Parents, carers, family members and community members are all welcome to attend the meeting.



PAYNESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEET AND GREET BBQ

Family, friends and community members are welcome to the 2024 PPS Meet and Greet BBQ!

- make connections
- have a chat
- have something to eat



**MONDAY 19TH FEB
4:45PM-5:45PM
IN THE SCHOOL
COURTYARD**



PAYNESVILLE TENNIS CLUB

**Sunday 11th Feb.
12.00 to 3.00pm**

is back!

Introducing PICKLEBALL



"Come join us as we launch into a NEW ERA"

12.00pm * Tennis Hit Up, Sausage Sizzle and Pickleball demonstration

1.00pm * Formalities

1.15pm * Free on-court Pickleball Coaching Session

* At the end of the session the coach will have you playing the game

**IT'S OUTDOORS AND WE HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT...
GET ON COURT AND LEARN THE SKILLS!**

BOOK YOUR SPOT: pickleballbookings3880@gmail.com

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