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**ISSUE 1**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

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

### CALENDAR – TERM 1

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Assembly 9am  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Active After School Program 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Prep Testing – No prep students at school  
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### **PEA TESTING DATES – NO PREPS AT SCHOOL**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Hi everyone and welcome back to the new school year. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. We have had a fantastic start to the year, all students have settled well into their new classes. We would like to welcome all our new families as well as returning families and look forward to a fabulous 2018.

As most of you are aware Tony Roberts has taken a year's leave to take up the position of Senior Education Improvement Leader for the Department of Education. In his new role he is responsible for the schools in our area, so he will still be looking out for us!

I am enjoying my role as principal and would like thank parents, staff and students for their support.

Regards, Carol Roberts

## STAFFING STRUCTURE FOR 2018

TEACHING STAFF	ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT STAFF	
Principal – Carol Roberts	Business Manager – Lauren Bills	
5/6 F – Jess Fry	Office Manager – Jenny Bowler	
5/6 L – Nick Lewis	Admin Support – Liz Freiberg	
3/4F – Jarryd Floyd	CLASSROOM EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF	
3/4R – Kate Radford & Angela Stringer	Kerry Walters	Luke Munn
1/2S – Mary Sowa	Carey White	Suzy Hudson
1/2T – Sarah Telford	Jorden Collins	Joyce Nowrungsah
Prep – Carol Roberts	Judi Owen	Brianna Tomkins
Specialist – Rachel Smith	Caroline Taylor	
Specialist – Nick O'Brien	Deanne Howlett – Visual Arts	

## NEW STAFF PROFILES



Hi everyone, my name is Rachel Smith and I am super excited to be working with the gorgeous Paynesville families this year. In addition to taking over the library lessons with the junior school, I am working alongside the very brilliant Luke in the kitchen garden and will also be teaching ICT. Exciting times ahead for me I feel. Prior to coming to Paynesville, I worked at a number of schools in the Bairnsdale area. My 3 children and I live on a property in Granite Rock where I get to do what I love – gardening, looking after my cows and slowly, but surely, renovating my home. I am really looking forward to getting to know the wonderful staff and students this year and would like to let you know that parent/carer helpers are always welcome to come and help in the kitchen or garden, so feel free to drop by on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday if you have a spare hour or two.

Hi, my name is Sarah Telford and I am very excited to be beginning my first teaching job at Paynesville Primary School. After studying for 6 years in Melbourne, I chose to apply for a position here at Paynesville to enjoy the country lifestyle. I enjoy swimming and hiking when I have free time and I am hoping to learn how to sail this year. I am looking forward to the rest of 2018!



Hi, my name is Nick Lewis. I just moved to Paynesville from the Mornington Peninsula. I spent the last few years teaching a variety of specialist subjects and a range of year levels at Bittern Primary School. I have also previously taught at Carrum Downs Primary School and Braintcroft Primary School in London. It has been fantastic meeting the teachers and students here at Paynesville and I am so excited to work with Mrs Fry and the amazing senior students. I would like to thank all of the staff and students of Paynesville Primary School for making me feel so welcome in my first week here.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS

Our wonderful staff will be continuing the After School Care programs this year.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:** We have two different programs available. Jordan, Caroline and Carey will run Monday and Wednesday's program. This program is free for participants and runs from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Please fill out the enrolment form at the office if you are interested.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** The Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday program is a user pays system. Joyce and Caroline manage this program. ***Care is available until 5:00pm and is \$5.00 per half hour per child.*** Families are invoiced for fees each month. This program is held in our Library / Pod area. Students need to complete and enrolment form at the office.



## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

As you are aware students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument at PPS. Vacancies exist for keyboard, Guitar, Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone & Trumpet. Lessons are held after school. If you are interested in commencing this term or if you have any questions relating to lessons/fees etc. please contact music teacher Gerry Ciavarella on 0409 142 240.

*Paynesville Primary School would also like to congratulate Gerry in being named the 2018 Citizen of the Year. We are very excited for Gerry and look forward to working with him again in 2018.*

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Paynesville Primary School, we like to be able to provide our families with various extra-curricular activities. These activities can be music lessons, art classes, circus skills or other activities that may become available. Please be aware that these are all provided by external providers and that the school is unable to cover these activities through Centrepay or the Camps, Sports & Excursions fund.



## **SWIMMING PROGRAM 2018**

Due to the major redevelopment of the pool area in Bairnsdale, we have only just received our swimming program notification. This program will commence a little later this month as the BARC needed to adapt programs and timetables to fit with the redevelopment schedule. Lauren has done a super job of liaising with the BARC to ensure that the swimming program goes ahead for us. ***Lessons for all grades will take place in the big pool this year.*** Lauren and I have been working with the BARC to ensure that all students are working safely at their level. As a school we really value the swimming program. Staff and School Council acknowledge the responsibility we have to provide opportunities for our students to learn to swim given our close proximity to the lakes and the accessibility of water sports. We are hoping to have permission notes to parents next week. Cost of swimming lessons *will be approximately \$145.*

## **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF).**

***The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is available again this year for eligible families. This payment of \$125 per eligible student can be used for school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sport programs, excursions and incursions.***

### **WHO CAN APPLY.**

On the first day of term one (29 January 2018) or the first day of term two (18 April 2018), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:  
Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- **OR** they must be a temporary foster parent
- **AND** the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

### **CRITERIA**

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years.

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

***Please see the office for an application form or any questions.***

# art for kids

painting . sculpture . drawing . print . making . cutting



**Tuesdays - Grades 2-4**  
**Thursdays - Grades 4-6**  
3:45pm - 4:45pm

MADD Building @ Paynesville Primary School

\$105 for Term 1 (7 x weeks) materials supplied

Contact Deanne on **0417 518 214** or  
[www.facebook.com/creativediscoveriesartclasses](http://www.facebook.com/creativediscoveriesartclasses) for more information

Please fill in the form below, select your class, and include payment to ensure your place

## art classes Term 1, 2018

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle:  **FULLY BOOKED**  Thurs. Art - Grades 4-6

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PAYNESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE OR DEANNE