



## THE SEAGULL

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

<b><u>CALENDAR</u></b>	Receive our The Seagull by email: <a href="mailto:paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au">paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
<b><u>TERM 1</u></b> Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar – School Council AGM Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr – Easter Raffle draw Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Hat parade	<b>Term Dates 2019</b> Term 1: January 29 <sup>th</sup> to April 5 <sup>th</sup> Term 2: April 23 <sup>rd</sup> to June 28 <sup>th</sup> Term 3: July 16 <sup>th</sup> to September 20 <sup>th</sup> Term 4: October 7 <sup>th</sup> to December 20 <sup>th</sup> . <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS &amp; PUPIL FREE DAYS</b>  Monday March 11 <sup>th</sup> – Labour Day

**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

Thank you for your support over another eventful week at Paynesville Primary School. We are already half way through this term and everyone is doing a wonderful job.

Today our Lawn Bowls team competed in the Division Bowls Competition. We have been enjoying our training sessions at the Paynesville Lawn Bowls Club and are very excited to see how our skills match up to the other schools we are competing against. Thanks again to Peter, David and Ivan for all their coaching and for supporting us today.



## **KURNAI WEAVING**

Over the past few weeks, the students from Grades 1 to 6 have been learning how to weave a traditional Kurnai basket. The baskets were used by the Kurnai people to carry food collected from their environment such as berries, tubers and fruit. First students learned a basic stitch around a pencil, (a blanket stitch or half hitch), then we collected lomandra grass from the school grounds to start to create their own basket. The students will create their own shape to hold what ever they have imagined. Some ideas were pencil holders for their desks, place mats for the table or coasters. I loved seeing the joy on the students' faces when they had mastered the stitch and I look forward to watching their creations grow!

Kerry Walters



## **VEGGIE GARDEN**

Ingrid and I have been working in the veggie garden the past few weeks getting garden beds filled and mulched, some seedlings planted and tepees up. It has been wonderful to see the kids enthusiastically getting involved and helping in the garden in their recess break on a Tuesday morning. There are some great gardeners in the making!

We are hoping to get lots more planted in the next few weeks. If anyone has any seeds or seedlings, they would like to donate or if they would like to help in the garden please come along first thing on a Tuesday morning.

Laura Owen





What an amazing afternoon. It was fantastic to see our students doing their best to support this very worthwhile cause. Students were very proud of how many laps they completed. Well done to the students who dressed up, there was a splash of purple and yellow throughout our school and did anyone notice Mr Floyd's hair!



## ***ELECTRONICS DAY***



On Thursday we held an Electronics Day. This special event was organised by our student council. Thanks to the parents for supplying their children with a device, students were very excited about the day and it is great to see student voice in action at Paynesville Primary School.

## ***STUDENT COUNCIL CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS***

This week 5 of our Student Council Representative and School Captain's went around classes to observe and learn about the classroom reward system we have operating in our school. The team interviewed teachers and students to gather information about how effective these systems are and to find out if there was any room for improvement. The students discussed their findings with me, and Averil and Ebony attended our weekly staff meeting to provide their feedback. The staff really enjoyed listening to the students' feedback and ideas. The same team will go around classes in a few weeks to see if there has been any change based on their findings.



## ***DROUGHT RELIEF UNIFORM VOUCHERS***

We have started to receive the first of the drought relief uniform vouchers. We will send these home in envelopes via the student bag postal system. We are uncertain as to the order these vouchers are being distributed, it seems that the order in which you returned the form to school is not the order in which the school receives the vouchers. If you are still to make an application please see the office so we can assist with this.

## CLASSROOM SHOW AND TELL

Lynk in our Prep class was very excited to bring in his new puppy for show and tell today. The students and staff in Prep were very happy to spend some time getting to know the new addition to Lynk's family.



# China Trip 2019



Thank you to those who sent through their apologies in relation to Wednesday night's meeting. Please see the information below regarding China 2019.

We have a rotating overseas camp schedule. Last year it was NZ for Grade 5 and 6 students and that means that this year it is China. This will be our fifth school trip to China to visit our sister school in Changshu and to visit the cities of Shanghai, Suzhou and Beijing.

## **OVERVIEW**

We have a sister school in China who have students visit us (and stay in our homes) every year. Many of you will have hosted these Chinese students and their teachers in your own home. Every second year we travel to China to reconnect and to make new connections. The trip is open to children of any age – we have had preps attend. This works because children needs to be accompanied by their parent or guardian. We have a tour guide for our time in China who ensures the trip runs smoothly. We have a chartered coach and all accommodation, most activities and most meals are included. This trip is suitable for first time travellers and for seasoned globetrotters. Kerry Walters came on the trip in 2017, she will be leading the 2019 trip, and I sincerely thank her for that.

### **Itinerary (tbc – but will be close)**

**Shanghai** – Modern City of 28 million people. Spend about two days here visiting the old laneways, The Bund, Nanking Rd, The Pearl Tower and the Markets. This is also, where you can go to Disneyland China if you want to. Travel by private bus to Suzhou.

**Suzhou** – Venice of the East. Old gardens, lanes, canals. Postcard China with little restaurants along the canals with red lanterns hanging overhead. Great night market. Travel by private bus to Changshu.

**Changshu** – small city of 2 million people. Similar to Canberra without the politicians. Our sister school is here. We attend school for a day with our Chinese friends and then we explore the city with them. We go to assembly and take part in a range of activities. Changshu to Beijing.

**Beijing** – We take the bus back to Suzhou and catch the overnight train or bullet train to the nation’s capital. Here we visit Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, the Old Quarter and The Great Wall.

### **General Information**

When: 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – 4<sup>th</sup> October (school holidays) tbc

Where: Depart and return Melbourne

How much? Flights pp (children under 12yrs a little cheaper) approx. \$1200

In China (Accommodation, transport, most food and activities) approx. \$1000

Spending Money (depends on you really \$500 au per adult and child would be enough for me – and I don’t shop much)!

Passport (if you don’t have one), VISA (about \$100 Aus) and Insurance (if you don’t have it on your credit card (about \$200 )

### **Last Thoughts**

Travel is full of experiences that challenge and enrich us. China is a diverse country with a proud history. While we visit many, wonderful places (including one of the wonders of the world) everyone who has been on this trip before (about 15 staff, 30 students and 15 parents) have all said that it is the people that are the highlight. In particular it is the time we spend with our friends at our sister school in Changshu. We always leave that place crying because the connection is just so special.

If this trip is for you then your next step is to call or call in and see Veronica (our travel agent).

### **Veronica Davies – Manager - Bairnsdale Travel and Cruise**

9.00 AM - 5.00 PM Mon - Fri. After Hours by appointment

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**Veronica will ask you for a deposit of \$400 per person for flights to be paid by Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Veronica will then email individual families balances and payment dates. Veronica organises VISAs and insurance if you need it. For the in China component (accommodation, bus, trains, meals etc) Michael Hu will be in touch with travellers via email to arrange payment.

**By close of business on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> we will know who is going because their deposit for flights has been paid to Veronica. That is the deadline.**

If you have any questions then please contact Kerry Walters via the school office.

# EASTER RAFFLE 2019



Families are asked to donate an Easter item via the school office to support our Easter raffle. We will try to have many prizes so that we can have lots of winners. We will spend the next few weeks collecting donations – and then send tickets out to families for the last two weeks of term. Raffle will be drawn on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at Assembly.

## Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 1

Please note any changes to the calendar have been highlighted in **RED**.

<u>TERM 1 2019</u>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
Lions club market	<b><u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</u></b> <b><u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u></b>					
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
	<b><u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u></b>		School Council Finance 5:15pm School Council AGM 6:15pm			
<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
	<b><u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u></b>					
<u>31</u>	<b><u>APRIL 1</u></b>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
	<b><u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u></b> Easter Raffle Drawn				Term 1 ends Easter Hat parade	

### PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB



The Paynesville Lions Club invites all members of the Paynesville community to our monthly market this **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. The event is a well-established market held on Gilsenan Reserve on the second Sunday of the month from 8.00am to 1.00pm. A host of stalls including :- Household, Items, Fresh Produce, Arts and Crafts, Cakes, Tools, Plants, Hot Foods and much more. New stallholders are welcome. To book a stall Ph **0400 327 526**