



## THE SEAGULL

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

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| <b><u>CALENDAR</u></b>  | <b>Receive our The Seagull by email:</b><br><a href="mailto:paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au" style="color: white;">paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>  |
| <p><b><u>TERM 1</u></b></p> <p>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Council Special Meeting 6:00pm<br/>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Council AGM Meeting 6:15pm<br/>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Council Meeting 6:45pm<br/>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – Easter Raffle draw<br/>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Hat parade</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>PLEASE NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> HAS BEEN POSTPONED.</b></p> | <p><b>Term Dates 2019</b></p> <p>Term 1: January 29<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup><br/>Term 2: April 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup><br/>Term 3: July 16<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup><br/>Term 4: October 7<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS &amp; PUPIL FREE DAYS</b></p> <p>Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Monday<br/>Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day</p> |

**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

### **Lawn Bowls Team**

Our Lawn Bowls team enjoyed a great day of competition last Friday. We competed against 4 other teams and came in a very close second, being beaten by only 2 ends out of 60 played. Over the course of our training sessions and day of competition everyone's lawn bowls skills really improved and we enjoyed the experience immensely. Big thanks to Paynesville Lawn Bowls Club, in particular David, Ivan and Peter and to Robert Harrap for driving us to the tournament.

### **Tennis**

Next Tuesday our tennis team will compete in the Division Tennis Championships in Bairnsdale. Well done to Leah, Pablo, Tom and Dylan, and thanks to Mr White for selecting and training our team.



### **Student Council**

Our Student Council will be very busy over the next few weeks.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March the Student Council will be selling jelly at the school canteen. Jelly will cost 50c a serving, in the interests of sustainability we ask that students bring their own cup and spoon.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March we will have Wheels Day. Over the lunch hour and the beginning of the afternoon session students will be able to ride bikes on the big oval, use scooters, skateboards, skates on the courts and in the courtyard, or operate remote controlled vehicles in the hall. Bike helmets must be worn.

The student councillors will also complete another classroom walk to get feedback from students and teachers. This time the students will be focussing on collaborate learning and how this looks in our classrooms. We look forward to hearing about the students' observations and ideas.

**Wheels day!**

**29 of March**

**Bring all your bikes, scooters and  
wheelies!**

**Helmets must be worn at all  
times.**

**Time – 1:15 to 2:30**

**By Zane and Grace.**



## *Climate Change*

Student voice was in action today! Today was a global protest against inaction on climate change, led by Swedish school girl Greta Thunberg.

To mark this occasion 5 wattle trees were planted at 9:30am and this was witnessed by all interested students.



As a student body Paynesville Primary School feel very passionate about the environment and many students were happy to show their support of this very important issue.



## *Basketball*

The basketball season has come to an end for Paynesville Primary School teams. Well done to all our players for having a go, developing their skills and being part of a team. We are proud of you all.

A big thank you to all our coaches, Carey White, Tony Roberts, Luke Munn, Maureen McLeish, Kerry Walters and Kate Radford.

## **China**

Just a reminder that our trip to China will take place in the September school holidays. Full information was provided in last week's newsletter, please ask at the office if you would like to see this information again. ***If you are intending to go to China, then a deposit of \$400 per person is to be paid to Veronica at Bairnsdale Travel and Cruise by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.***

## **Science Fair**

This week information went home about our school science fair which is open to all students in Grades 1/2 and Grades 5/6. Completing a science fair project is a very rewarding experience. It is an unparalleled opportunity to conduct a real and meaningful investigation into a topic of interest. It is also a lot of fun, through my years of teaching I have learnt that all children enjoy science experiments!

Guidelines have been supplied, please contact your child's classroom teacher or myself if you have any questions. I love hearing about science!

Congratulations to Averil Watkinson whose science fair project from 2018 has been awarded a Primary Encouragement Award in the prestigious BHP Billiton National Science Awards. We are super excited for you.



## **Easter Raffle – Donations please...**

*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 – raffle tickets will be coming home towards the end of next week. Raffle will be drawn on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at Assembly.*

## **Easter Hat Parade**

*Our annual Easter Hat parade will be held on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This is the last day of the term and we felt it was a great way for families to start the School Holiday break.*

## Home Reading

Well done to our families for sharing your child's reading journey by reading every night and recording this reading in the reading diary. I found the following tips for home reading, I have provided the link as there is lots of useful information on this website.

### Some tips for home reading



- Establish a home reading routine. Read aloud with your children everyday. Ten minutes for each child around a book of his/her choice. If you lack confidence in reading aloud, the fact that you are reading with your child is what matters. Talk about the illustrations and contribute where you can. Share your excitement for reading and this will be the model your child will adopt.
- The reader holds the book! There is a lot of power and control in the world of reading. The reader needs to have the power.
- During home reading time, turn off electronic devices and give each child ten minutes of your undivided attention.
- Before you read a book, set your child up for success. Reading is not a test! Reading time is only ten minutes so do some of the following: Keep the introduction short – one minute is enough. Talk about the illustrations and the title. Read the blurb and talk about the author, talk about any unusual words, read a page here and there as your child flicks through the book, discuss the characters. This is a short introduction, not an interrogation. If the book is already a familiar one, then this step is unnecessary.
- If reading time is stressful, move the reading to a new location. Instead of sitting at the kitchen bench, move to the lounge room floor, or go outside and sit under a tree or take the books to the local coffee shop.
- Find a reading time that works for your family. Limit the time and set the timer if reading in the past has always been difficult. It is better to have an enjoyable 10 minutes than a laborious 30 minutes where everyone is left feeling frustrated.
- At the end of the 10 minutes, ask questions that encourage discussion, for example: What was your favourite part? Tell me about the characters. What do you think will happen next? What did you think about that setting? What do like/ dislike about this book? There is no need to interrogate the reader. Make it a conversation as you would in a book club.
- Encourage your child to read independently. A bedside light is one of the best enticements for your child to read before going to sleep. After the 10 minutes of reading with you, the child can elect to continue reading independently.
- The less you interrupt the 10 minutes of reading, the more you are supporting the readers independence, resilience and confidence. Zip your lips, monitor the miscues, and listen as your child reads.
- Avoid judging your child's reading with words such as: 'good', 'excellent' or 'getting better'. Instead say things about the strategies your child uses when reading such as: 'I like how you read on when you came to that difficult word.' 'I like how you changed your voice to be the voice of the character in the story'. 'I noticed that you reread the bit that did not make sense.'
- If your child is reading independently and has reached the level of chapter books, it is not necessary for you to read aloud together any more. That is not to say, you cannot continue to share reading time because it is what you love to do as a family or that you sit and read silently together or that you talk about the books your child is reading because you are interested in his reading choices. Readers read differently in their heads as compared to reading aloud.
- Visit the local library — make it a family ritual on a set day every week. Let your children select their books while you select books you are interested in reading. Not every book has to be read cover to cover. Your child might select books based on illustrations or factual information about a topic of interest.

- Independent readers pick and choose what they read. They are entitled to read some and reject others. They are entitled to not complete books because they are boring. Readers make choices.
- Model what it means to be an enthusiastic reader. Create a home of readers where everyone reads – It is just what we do in this house! Talk about what you have read. Read aloud what makes you laugh and share it with your child



[http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis\\_prod/w/Teaching\\_Resources/Parents\\_guide.aspx/](http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx/)

## SHINE YOUR WAY...



Every Friday afternoon Fiona and Allie run a music and drama session called 'Shine Your Way' for the 3/4s. Fi and Allie teach you how to overcome stage fright and shyness. It is very active and has heaps of cool games. At first I thought it was going to be bad but now I am looking forward to it.

Mitchell Roberts

### *Shine Your Way*

*Every Friday we go to the Vicki Keys Hall to do some music and drama with Fi and Ali in the afternoon. Fi and Ali teach us how to perform in front of everyone and she teaches us how to dance. We play a lot of games and she said your acting when you're playing games. If someone doesn't want to do something she always says 'Ok, you don't have to', if it's a game or she says 'Come on, you can do this'. Ali is a really good teacher and always makes everything fair and even!*

*She's fair and sometimes funny and always puts a smile on our faces. We always laugh, the Grade 3/4s love it. When we're too loud she waits and puts a finger over her mouth and says be please quiet.*

*I enjoyed how she made us extremely happy. I got nervous to sing in front of people but she convinced me to sing and I got up to sing.*

*Lily Bramhall*

## ***SHINE YOUR WAY!***

The 3/4s have started a program called 'Shine Your Way' where they will decide on a song, practise it and perform it on stage. The program



is run by Ali Perry and Fiona Cooper. On the first lesson, the 3/4s played a game to shine and not be scared around each



other, half were old zoo keepers trying to catch the other half which were the monkeys. Next the 3/4s had a bit of a dancing around with a song.

Ali and Fiona picked a couple of people to come up and show their hidden talents. After some 3/4s came up to share their hidden talents of musical statues. Some brave people came up to sing a song without music.



***By Rahni Grant and Bonnie McCaskill!!***

# Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 1

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

| <u>TERM 1 2019</u>           |   |  |  |                            |   |           |
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| Sunday                       | Monday  | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday  | Thursday                   | Friday  | Saturday  |
| <u>17</u>                    | <u>18</u>   | <u>19</u>                                | <u>20</u>  | <u>21</u>                  | <u>22</u>   | <u>23</u> |
|                              | <u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>                                  | Division Tennis Championships            | School Council Finance 5:15pm<br>School Council Special Meeting 6:00pm<br>School Council AGM 6:15pm<br>School Council 6:45pm |                            |   |           |
| <u>25</u>                    | <u>25</u>   | <u>26</u>                                | <u>27</u>  | <u>28</u>                  | <u>29</u>   | <u>30</u> |
|                              | <u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>                                  | Pupil Free Day has been <b>POSTPONED</b> |  |                            |   |           |
| <u>31</u>                    | <u>APRIL 1</u>  | <u>2</u>                                 | <u>3</u>   | <u>4</u>                   | <u>5</u>  | <u>6</u>  |
|                              | <u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u><br>Easter Raffle Drawn           |  |  |                            | Term 1 ends<br>Easter Hat parade<br>China deposit due at Bairnsdale Travel & Cruise |           |
| <u>TERM 2 2019</u>           |   |  |  |                            |   |           |
| Sunday                       | Monday  | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday  | Thursday                   | Friday  | Saturday  |
| <u>21<sup>st</sup> APRIL</u> | <u>22</u>   | <u>23</u>                                | <u>24</u>  | <u>25</u>                  | <u>26</u>   | <u>27</u> |
| Easter Sunday                | Easter Monday<br>SCHOOL CLOSED                          | Swimming<br>Prep & Grade 3&4             | Swimming<br>Prep & Grade 3&4   | ANZAC DAY<br>SCHOOL CLOSED | Swimming<br>Grade 1&2<br>Grade 5&6  |           |
| <u>28</u>                    | <u>29</u>   | <u>30</u>                                | <u>1<sup>st</sup> May</u>  | <u>2</u>                   | <u>3</u>  | <u>4</u>  |
|                              | <u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u><br>Swimming<br>Prep & Grades 3&4 |  |  |                            | Swimming<br>Grade 1&2<br>Grade 5&6  |           |
| <u>5</u>                     | <u>6</u>  | <u>7</u>                                 | <u>8</u>   | <u>9</u>                   | <u>10</u>   | <u>11</u> |
|                              | <u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u><br>Swimming<br>Prep & Grades 3&4 |  |  |                            | Swimming<br>Grade 1&2<br>Grade 5&6  |           |