



THE SEAGULL

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

<u>CALENDAR</u>	Receive our The Seagull by email: paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
<u>TERM 2</u> Friday 24 th May - Swimming Grade 1/2 & Grade 5/6 Monday 27 th May - King Arthur 9:00am Wednesday 29 th May – School Photos Wednesday 29 th May- Nexus Arts 2:00pm Thursday 30 th May – Winter Sports Thursday 30 th May – NO CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS Friday 31 st May - Swimming Grade 1/2 & Grade 5/6	<u>Term Dates 2019</u> Term 1: January 29 th to April 5 th Term 2: April 23 rd to June 28 th Term 3: July 16 th to September 20 th Term 4: October 7 th to December 20 th . <u>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & PUPIL FREE DAYS</u> Monday June 10 th – Queens Birthday

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have reached the halfway point of Term 2 and what a busy term we have had to date. The second half is gearing up to be just as eventful. Our swimming program continues right up until the last day of term, we have visiting performers coming with productions for the school to enjoy, visiting schools for Sports competitions, camp and that is just the start...

We have also noticed that coughs, colds and sniffles are starting to emerge as the weather changes. We understand that education is important and we do encourage 100% attendance, however there are exceptions to this. If your child is unwell please keep them home until they are able to return.

NO ASSEMBLY MONDAY – KING ARTHUR

There will be no assembly on Monday 27th May. Assembly will be replaced by an Alpha Show, King Arthur. The Alpha shows are always enjoyed immensely by our students and we are all looking forward to it.



WA-SA-BI WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday afternoon after our school photos we will have another performance. 'Wasabi consists of two master musicians of the Japanese tradition. Join them as they take your students on an unforgettable and exhilarating journey through the music and culture of Japan'.

SOURCE: <http://nexusarts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/b-Wasabi.pdf>

ANZAC THEME

The Grade 5 and 6 students have been studying the theme of ANZAC's this term. As a part of their study the students have been creating trench dioramas. These students are very proud of their creations. Well done everyone!



RECONCILIATION WEEK

On Friday 31st May, at 2pm, we will hold a special Reconciliation Week Assembly. At this assembly students will share what they have learnt about Reconciliation over the past week.

2019 THEME: Grounded in Truth. Walk Together with Courage.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

'SoutheastNOW'S special opening Friday.' The article below is about an art exhibition at the East Gippsland Art Gallery from May 24 to July 6. The exhibition features a diverse collection of work from 17 Koorie artists living and working in Gippsland.



Ray Thomas, *Mischievous Dolphins*, acrylic on canvas. (15)



Allie Hudson with a school group at East Gippsland Art Gallery. (15)

SoutheastNOW'S special opening Friday

SoutheastNOW is on at the East Gippsland Art Gallery from May 24 to July 6.

The exhibition features a diverse collection of work from 17 Koorie artists living and working in Gippsland.

In 2019, the reconciliation theme is 'Grounded in truth – Walk together with courage', and opens this Friday at 5.30pm with a welcome to country by Elder, Uncle Colin Thomas.

This exhibition gives the local community and visitors to the area the opportunity to engage with art, stories, knowledge and artistic skill of emerging and established artists all with a connection to GunaiKurnai Country.

SoutheastNOW features a broad range of work from artists at varying stages in their creative careers – emerging artists like 17-year-old Chris Mongta, to renowned established artists like Dr Aunty Eileen Harrison.

Other exhibiting artists include Zion Bradley Brown, Lee Darroch, Ronald Edwards-Pepper, Frances Harrison, Allie Hudson, Rob Hudson, Brian O'Connor, Susan Martin, Narby Mullett, Alice-Ann Pepper, Patricia Pittman, Leslie Ritchie, Colin Thomas, Ray Thomas and Alan Solomon.

Chris Mongta is Yuin, Monero, GunaiKurnai. Growing up around the ocean, fishing, diving and camping is what inspires his artwork.

"I was taught about art and its connection to culture by my grandfather Alex Mongta," Chris said.

"From my mother, Michelle Mongta, I learnt bush foods and their medicinal uses. I'm always immersed in the bush along with culture and that reflects in my work."

Dr Aunty Eileen Harrison is a Kurnai artist and Elder who hears the old ones in the trees and in the messages from the birds and animals.

Dr Aunty Eileen stresses the impor-

tance of listening deeply from the heart of our being. She feels closely connected to her mother and grandmother and feels their strong spirit and presence with her as she paints.

Dr Aunty Eileen recently had a significant body of work featured in a solo exhibition at Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale.

In 2013, Ray Thomas won the prestigious Deady Award for a loving painting of his mother, Alice, then the oldest living Gunai woman.

"My artwork has been a constantly evolving journey since the mid 1990s," Ray said.

"Like many other urban-based Koorie artists, I began with the commonly used 'dots' and 'cross-hatch' styles of the central and top end regions of Australia."

After many years learning and researching Gunai history, Ray has recently relocated to Lakes Entrance.

"I have developed a more person-

alised signature style with peeled back corners and floating objects overlaid with traditional markings and patterning from my Gunai heritage," he said.

Held annually to commemorate Reconciliation Week, gallery director, Crystal Stubbs, said this exhibition is one of the most important exhibitions in the gallery calendar.

"Over the last two years these significant shows have broken attendance records with local schools and community groups really embracing this unique opportunity," she said.

"People travel from far and wide to view and learn about the artwork. We are incredibly fortunate to have an exhibition that is culturally significant, featuring work that is deeply and vibrantly expressed."

Exhibiting artist, Allie Hudson, will be delivering free guided tours and workshops to schools and community groups during this exhibition.



Lee Darroch, *Protest Shield #5*, acrylic paint on wood. (15)

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER – STARTING JUNE

As a part of our efforts to make our school more sustainable we will be emailing newsletters out to families each week rather than handing out paper copies. This transition to electronic newsletters will begin at the start of June. If anyone has not already provided the school with their email address could you please see Lauren or Jenny in the office so they can update your details. For families that are unable to regularly access emails it can be arranged for a paper copy to be picked up from the office. Thank you for supporting us in this transition. Our newsletter is available on the Facebook page and the school website.

WEBSITE

Our new school website is live. This website has been put together by Jacqui Teague and we think it will be a very useful source of information for our parent community. If you are able, please take the time to look through it and if you have feedback please contact Jacqui or the office. We would love to find out what you think of it.

<https://www.paynesville-ps.vic.edu.au/>

HOCKEY

If you are interested in learning to play hockey, a couple of our parents are keen to run a program with students after school on Monday, 3:30 to 4:15pm. At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest, so if your child is interested please let the school office know next week.

WINTER SPORTS DAY - MAY 30th

NO CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

Due to the Winter Sports day being hosted by Paynesville PS next Thursday May 30th there will be no lunch orders from Ian. There will be hot food available to purchase from the canteen from 10:00am to 2:00pm

WINTER SPORTS DAY MENU.			
HOT FOOD		DRINKS & SNACKS	
<i>Dim Sims</i>	<i>\$ 0.50</i>	<i>Lollie Packets</i>	<i>\$0.50</i>
<i>Party pies</i>	<i>\$ 0.50</i>	<i>Icy poles</i>	<i>\$0.50</i>
<i>Party Sausage rolls</i>	<i>\$0.50</i>	<i>Pkt Chips</i>	<i>\$0.50</i>
<i>Hot Dogs in bread</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>	<i>Honey Joy</i>	<i>\$0.50</i>
		<i>Choc Crackles</i>	<i>\$0.50</i>
		<i>Cake slices</i>	<i>\$0.50</i>

Please bring small notes or coins.

SUSTAINABILITY GROUP & VEGGIE GARDEN

Thank you to all of the families who have got on board with the Nude Food Tuesday Challenge. It has been so great to see the children so excited to share with us that they have brought their package free lunchbox to school. Don't worry if you have missed the first couple of weeks of the challenge, you can join in at any time.

It has been wonderful to again have so many eager gardeners helping in the veggie garden at recess and lunchtimes on Tuesdays! This week we were planting some potatoes, getting our garden bed prepared for planting next week and watering the plants that are already growing. If you haven't already seen them, the pumpkin plants are thriving and the pumpkins are starting to form. The kids have been very excited to spot them growing.



Ingrid has had a wonderful idea for families who would like to be composting their food waste but do not have a compost bin at home. We now have lidded buckets that families can take home, fill up with food scraps and return and empty into the school compost bins. If anybody would like to be a part of this, you can find Ingrid and myself in the Veggie garden on Tuesday mornings or leave a message for us on the Paynesville Primary School facebook page to organise to pick up your bucket.

A group of students from Grades 1,2 and 3 have initiated a lunchtime 'nature group'. The kids are interested in looking after their school environment and all the plants and animals that are living there. At lunchtime on Tuesday the group decided they were going to pick up all the rubbish they could find around the school and record where they found it. They collected 3 buckets full of rubbish most of which was found outside the classrooms amongst the plants. Anyone is welcome to join this team on a Tuesday. Well done Bridie, Lexie, Grace, Ella, Mahlia, Teza, Aleisha and Paton.



CHINESE VISITORS – HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Friday 2nd August to Thursday 8th August

This year Paynesville Primary School will be hosting our friends from Changshu Primary School in China. For many years now Chinese students have come all the way to Paynesville to experience an Australian school setting and to enjoy our beautiful area. This is a big effort and it is a relationship we really value. Many Paynesville PS students, parents and staff have visited China and we have another group heading over in the September school holidays.

I would ask all of our families to consider hosting a Chinese student in your home for the week.

Yes – you are busy after school, yes they do not speak much English and yes – there are other considerations. BUT ...your family will be richer for the experience. We have 15 students to care for in our homes – please contact the school office and let them know that your family would love to host a Chinese student.

University of NSW ICAS Assessments

Students in Grades 2 - 6 have the opportunity to sit the University of New South Wales ICAS Assessments in September this year. This year the assessments will be conducted online.

These assessments are designed to recognise academic excellence for high potential students. The emphasis is on challenge and extension.

These exams are held at school, during school time and are an excellent opportunity for your child to experience a serious exam situation. Many students enjoy the academic challenge.

The table below highlights the exams offered, the test date and the cost. We ask that the students wishing to sit the University of NSW exams **return the form below with payment by Friday 31st May.**

<i>University of NSW ICAS Assessments</i>			
Student Name: _____		Total Payment attached : _____	
Year level: _____			
	Test Date	Cost	Select subjects with a tick please.
Digital Technologies <small>(Not available to Grade 2 students)</small>	3 rd September	\$14.50	
Science	5 th September	\$14.50	
Spelling Bee	12 th September	\$14.50	
Writing <small>(Not available to Grade 2 students) (Paper assessment for Grades 3/4)</small>	10 th September	\$14.50	
English	17 th September	\$14.50	
Mathematics	19 th September	\$14.50	

I give permission for my child to participate in the UNSW ICAS Assessments for 2019. I acknowledge that payment is required with the form on registration.


PARENT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 2 & 3

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

TERM 2 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1st June</u>
	NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO PRODUCTION KING ARTHUR AT 9:00am Swimming Prep & Grades 3&4		Nexus Arts 2:00pm – Toshi & Noriko – Wasabi. AM - School Photos	Winter Sports	Swimming Grade 1&2 Grade 5&6 Reconciliation Assembly 2:00pm Last day for ICAS registrations	
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am Swimming Prep & Grades 3&4			Nexus Arts 11:45am Steve Schulz	Swimming Grade 1&2 Grade 5&6	
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		School Council 6:15pm		Swimming Grade 1&2 Grade 5&6	
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am Swimming Prep & Grades 3&4 Melbourne Camp	Melbourne Camp	Melbourne Camp		Swimming Grade 1&2 Grade 5&6	
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am Swimming Prep & Grades 3&4				Swimming Grade 1&2 Grade 5&6 Last Day of Term 2. 3:30pm finish	
TERM 3 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am					



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CONTACT GIPPSLAND LAKES ROLLER DERBY

VIA FACEBOOK TO REGISTER

MORE INFO GL.RD@OUTLOOK.COM

