



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 3</u> Monday 29 th July – Assembly 9:00am Tuesday 30 th July – South Africa Conservation Talk Gr 3-6 Thursday 1 st August – Regional Hockey Churchill Friday 2 nd August- Jeans for Genes day Friday 2 nd August – Chinese visitors arrive	Term Dates 2019 Term 1: January 29 th to April 5 th Term 2: April 23 rd to June 28 th Term 3: July 15th to September 20th Term 4: October 7 th to December 20 th .
	PUPIL FREE DAYS / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS Friday August 16 th – Student led conferences Tuesday August 27 th – Lyn Sharratt PD day for staff

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had a wonderful week at Paynesville Primary School. Matt came to visit us from the Marine Mammal Foundation on Tuesday and the Prep Grade celebrated 100 Days of School on Thursday. Please read all about these special events below.

The Week Ahead...

Next Tuesday we have two guest speakers from South Africa coming to speak to our Grade 3 – 6 students about animal conservation in South Africa. We have a team representing Paynesville Primary School at the Regional Hockey 7's tournament in Churchill. On Friday, we have Jeans 4 Genes Day, where our students can wear denim or blue and bring a gold coin donation for this charity.

Also on Friday, we welcome our Chinese visitors to Paynesville. We have 15 students and 2 teachers coming to stay with us from our sister school in Changshu. I have found host families for everyone and would like thank all the families who have opened their homes to host a student.

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see our students wearing their uniform with such pride. Thank you very much to the students and families for making this happen. With the cold mornings we are having at present, some students are wearing a warm jacket, scarf and beanie to school. This is OK, we just ask students to not wear these extra items between 9am and 3:30pm. As per our uniform policy we do ask that pants, shorts, skirts need to be plain black.



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE



Congratulations to the students who reached their six 'sustainability points' and have received their boomerang bags! It is heartening to see the number of children who have really made an effort to reduce their packaging in their lunchboxes and help look after our school environment by picking up the rubbish in the school grounds and helping out in the garden. There is still time for students to gain their six sustainability points and a number of kids are close, so keep on bringing your nude food on Tuesdays!

Marine Mammal Foundation Visit

This week we were fortunate to have Matt from the Marine Mammal Foundation come and talk to the children about our amazing local marine animals and how we can help to take care of them. They learnt about how the local Burrunan dolphins are unique and endangered and that you can identify individual dolphins by the markings on their fins. Matt also talked about how dolphins find their food using echolocation and the problems that are caused by plastics and other rubbish that end up in our rivers, lakes and oceans. The kids really enjoyed the sessions and had great questions and suggestions about how they can help to look after the marine environment.

Here is some feedback from the Grade 1/2's.

Karma "It was interesting because I never knew dolphins could be new and their fins could be different"

Liam D "The echolocation helped me understand how the dolphins caught their food"

Lacey "I really liked it and I never litter. I never knew how it goes down the drain to the lakes"

Hayden "I never knew rubbish could get stuck on dolphins"

There were also some great ideas about switching simple items that we use to more environmentally friendly options.

Instead of:

- balloons: use paper lanterns or bubbles (it is easy to make a bubble mix at home and form a bubble blower using flexible metal)
- plastic straws: use metal straws
- single use plastic bottles: use a reusable drink bottle
- plastic bags: use reusable cloth bags



MARINE CHAMPIONS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



A number of our students were interested in learning more about our marine life and conservation and there is a great opportunity for them to be a part of the Marine Mammal Foundation (MMF) Champion program. The MMF have 10 sponsored positions available for this year's program and are looking for enthusiastic budding scientists and conservationists to join their team. The program is aimed at students aged 10-18 years of age and provides opportunities for them to:

- develop and implement their own sustainability initiatives
- learn about local and global marine ecosystems
- visit the Melbourne Museum and Melbourne Zoo in unique guided activities
- participate in outdoor activities such as sightseeing boat excursions, guided beach and nature walks and stand up paddle boarding.

To apply for a one year Marine Champions sponsorship please pick up an application form at the front office (and return to the front office or to Laura Owen). If any students would like assistance with writing up their application I, (Laura Owen) can help with this when I am at the school on a Tuesday. Applications need to be in by August 30th so if you are interested please let us know as early as possible so we can get the submissions in on time.



Grade 3/4 Marine Mammal Recounts

Today a guy called Matt came to tell my class about rubbish and what it is doing to the environment. Rubbish is killing animals. Even the rubbish in our school still ends up in the water. He also told us about the new species of dolphin only found in Victoria. They are called the Burrunan Dolphins. Its kind is endangered. In Melbourne there is exactly 106 and here in Paynesville there is about sixty-four.

By Maddie. H

Today we learnt about litter and dolphins. My favourite thing we did was the litter. It's because dolphins and birds were trapped with rubbish. We also learnt about echo location. It was pretty cool. Nicky and Emma-Lee did this play with keys that did a beep sound to show how dolphins find their food.

By Michael. K

On Tuesday the school went to a Marine Mammal incursion. Marine Mammal incursion is where we talk about animals like dolphins and seals. What I found interesting was how a few years ago people discovered a new dolphin called a Burrunan Dolphin. The most important part was that we need to start putting our rubbish in the bin because it has been killing animals. Someone found a plastic bag in a dead dolphin. We need to stop it because it can kill animals on our land. So stop littering.

By Libby. J

2019 Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July** to **Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. Please speak to Jenny or Lauren in the office if you would like more information.

100 Days of Prep

On Thursday this week, the Prep Grade celebrated 100 Days of School. They were able to wear their favourite dress up and enjoyed many 100 Activities, including making a 100th day crown, threading 100 beads to make a necklace, classroom disco, party food and 100 meter buddy races.

We asked the preps what they would be doing when they are 100 years old, you can read their responses below! Well done to the Prep Grade!



Milly – When I am 100, I will be driving a car.



Xavier – When I am 100, I will sit on the couch.



Jason – When I am 100, I will be a policeman.



Slater – When I am 100, I will play with my toys.



Ethan – When I am 100, I will sit on the couch and have snacks.



Judd – When I am 100, I will dance all night.



Felix – When I am 100, I will sit on the couch.



Patrick – When I am 100, I will go on a holiday.



Zealan – When I am 100, I will play all day.



Mayhem – When I am 100, I will go to the park.



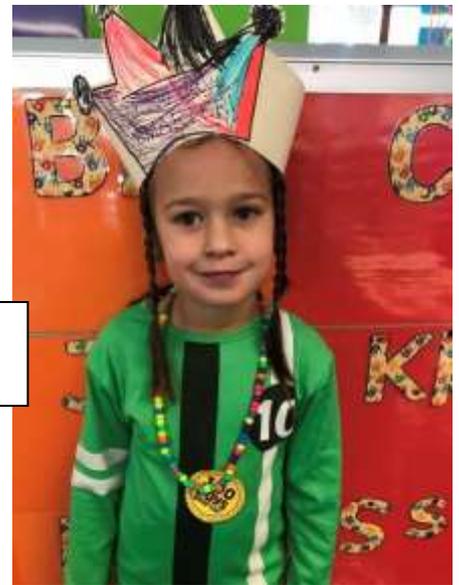
Iley – When I am 100, I will watch movies.



Melvin – When I am 100, I will play lawn bowls.



Ziya – When I am 100, I will have a castle.



Amelia – When I am 100, I will play with my dog.



It is Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 2nd August. This national event supports the Children's Medical Research Institute and helps find cures for children's genetic diseases.

Please dress up in denim or blue, bring a gold coin donation and show your support for this event. <https://www.jeansforgenes.org.au/>

Pupil Free Day – August 27th.

Tuesday 27th August will be a Pupil Free Day for Paynesville Primary School. Our teachers will be attending a Professional Development session on conducting 'Learning Walks' run by Dr. Lyn Sharratt from the University of Ontario. Dr Lyn Sharratt is an education expert who has been working with the Department of Education and Training on explaining how data can save teachers time and increase understanding on student achievement. Paynesville Primary School uses data every day to ensure that we are providing and obtaining the best level of education for our students. We look forward to this Professional Development and how we can improve our own practises.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/classrooms/Pages/approachesdatawallssharratt.aspx>

Student Led Conferences

Our student led conferences will be held on the 15th and 16th of August. Student led conferences are where students share their learning journey, including goals and achievements, with their parents and teacher. We have held this style of parent teacher interviews for the last few years and the feedback has been very positive.

Parents will be able to book their 15 minute student conference in the times indicated below. **There will not be school as usual on Friday 16th August, students will come to school for their conference time only.**

SESSION 1: Thursday 15th August 3:45pm to 7:00pm

SESSION 2: Friday 16th August 9:00am to 12:00pm

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN AT: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=6tmpg>

The image shows a three-step booking process for school interviews. Step 1 is 'Enter your details' with a green button. Step 2 is 'Choose teachers' with a green button. Step 3 is 'Choose times' with a blue button showing time slots 4:30, 4:40, and 4:50. A separate green button shows the school event code '6tmpg' and a 'Go' button.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

A live 90 minute panel discussion/presentation show including a range of topics regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder & creating awareness and understanding about ASD and what can be done to assist and help parents learn more.

**On The Spectrum
LIVE ON STAGE!**

Dougal AUSTIN Jeremy SAMSON

Bairnsdale RSL, 2 Forge Creek Road, Bairnsdale p: 5152 3928

Thursday August 15 starts 7.30pm

Cost: \$20 single & \$30 double

Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 3

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

TERM 3 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>AUG 1st</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>	Gr 3-6: South African Animal Conservation visit		Regional Hockey Churchill	Jeans for Genes Day Chinese Visitors arrive	
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>	Whole school cultural day	SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:15pm	Chinese Visitors depart	Red Nose Day	
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>			STUDENT LED CONFERENCES 3:45PM – 7:00PM	STUDENT LED CONFERENCES 9:00AM TO 12:00PM	
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u> BOOK WEEK PARADE					
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>	PUPIL FREE DAY LYN SHARATT PD				
<u>SEPT 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u> GRADE 3/4 COONWARRA CAMP	GRADE 3/4 COONWARRA CAMP	GRADE 3/4 COONWARRA CAMP			
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>		SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:15pm			