



## THE SEAGULL

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<b>CALENDAR</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 3</u></b>  Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August – Chinese visitors arrive Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August- Assembly 9:00am Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August – Whole School Cultural Day Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August – School Council 6:15pm Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August – Chinese visitors depart Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August – Red Nose Day	<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> <b>Term 3: July 15<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup></b> Term 4: October 7 <sup>th</sup> to December 20 <sup>th</sup> .  <b>PUPIL FREE DAYS / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</b> Friday August 16 <sup>th</sup> – Student led conferences Tuesday August 27 <sup>th</sup> – Lyn Sharratt PD day for staff

### Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you for another fantastic week at Paynesville PS. We have had many varied activities this week and every has been very supportive. Thank you to those who volunteer their time for the various events and activities which happen throughout our school. We couldn't do this without your support.

### Hockey Results

What a big week the school hockey team has had. On Wednesday they travelled to St Mary's in Bairnsdale for a practice match. Then on Thursday the team got up early and headed down to Federation University in Churchill to take part in the South Eastern Victoria Regional Tournament.

After playing four games Paynesville had 2 wins, one draw and one loss. When the points were added up Paynesville Primary School secured second place.

Leah, Rahni, Andrew, Nathan, Averil, Grace, Ghardeep, Zane and Tom would like to thank JD (Ghardeep's dad) for his excellent coaching, Robert for driving the team to Churchill and back, the Grant Family for lending all their hockey sticks and Kevin for driving the team to St Mary's.

Well done team!





## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Red Nose day raises awareness and money for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or SIDS. Students and staff are invited to dress in Red to show their support for this worthy cause.

Red Noses (\$3) and pens (\$5) are on sale in the school office.

The student council will be running activities. For 50c students can get red hair, red nails and red face paint. We will also be running a guess the number of lollies in the jar competition. There will be red jelly for sale at 50 cents a cup (BYO cup and spoon).

## African Animal Conservation Visitors

On Tuesday we were fortunate enough to have Drew Abrahamson and Carl Thornton from the Captured in Africa Foundation and Pit-Track come and speak with our Grade 3-6 students. They were visiting as part of a 10 day awareness program related to African wildlife and all things conservation. We are very fortunate to have these visitors to our school and the opportunity this gives our students. This was made possible through the organisation of Miranda Paech the Australian Ambassador of the Captured in Africa Foundation.

We have asked some of our students to share the view after the visit.

### **The animals need our help!**

#### ***Bethany M***

On Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July two South Africans came to talk about the animals that are endangered in South Africa and Africa. It was heart breaking to see the animals in small cages. It was also very sad to hear about poachers. Poachers are people who kill animals that are in protected areas.

#### ***Layla K***

On Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July two South African people came to talk to us about South African animal conservation. What I found interesting was their accent and the different animals they had.

#### ***Maddy G***

They brought in the cutest stuffed animals and they made me think more about what else is happening in the rest of the world.

#### ***Isabelle H***

On Tuesday the 30.7.19, two people came to our school all the way from Africa to talk about the animals there. A lot of beloved animals are dying over in Africa because of poachers. The two talkers there united their animal saving groups because one of them needed the other groups dogs. A lot of elephants are dying for their tusks and rhinos are dying for their ivory which are there horns. There are dogs there to be trained and they help both of the groups very well. They also help animals by giving them bigger enclosures. The talk was very interesting and fun.

#### ***Jacob***

Two people came and talked to us on Tuesday. They talked to us about how poaching should stop and how they risk their lives for the animals. Poaches sneak in and try and kill and they kill to get skins and rhino horns. They also told us to look after our animals and to not poach them.

### **Olivia**

On Tuesday two people came to our school to talk about the work that they do in south Africa. There was a man and woman. The man worked with dogs to protect all the animals from poaches. The lady worked with big cats, also to protect them from the poaches and she also finds cats that have been caged and that are not very healthy. They both work together and I think they are doing an amazing thing.

### **Gracie**

I thought it was fascinating, but when I was going to it I was surprised. I had no idea what was happening to African animals. When I heard that the animals are dying, it made me sad. I can't believe they put their lives on the line to save those animals.

## Home Reading and Homework

At Paynesville Primary School every child is expected to read at home every night for approximately 20 minutes and to record their reading in their home reading diary (or diary for older grades). We also have age appropriate homework such as Maths Mate in grades 3 – 6 that is completed weekly (8 weeks of homework per term). Homework and home reading supports the learning students are engaging with in class and it allows parents to stay in touch with student learning. Every child learns different things at different rates and it is important to look at your child's growth rather than comparing your child's levels to other children. We also have minimum standards of knowledge in literacy and numeracy that act as a guide to the core skills and knowledge students need at each year level and supports students to successfully transition into Secondary College.

**Jeans  
for Genes**

Thanks very much to everyone who dressed in jeans today for this very worthwhile cause. I

think Paynesville Primary School looks fantastic in blue and denim. We raised \$83 and we will be sending these funds to the Jeans for Genes charity to help them continue their amazing work into researching genetic childhood illness.



## Chinese Students Arrive

Today is the day! Our visiting students from our sister school in China arrive this afternoon. We are really looking forward to hosting them and showing them around our school and district. Next week at school they will spend time in classrooms, including a special Australian Cultural Day on Tuesday, and our students will travel to Raymond Island and Lakes Entrance with bus drivers and tour guide extraordinaires Robert Harrap and Richard Olsen.

## Playground Poets

Well done to the Grade 1 and 2 Playground Poets. It has been so lovely to see your poetry all around our school. You are sensational and we are very proud of you! Below is two examples of the poetry that has been displayed in various locations around our school.

### GO

When you go  
It is like a lightbulb moving  
When you go  
It looks like a black light  
When you go  
It looks like colour moving  
When you go  
It seems like a big black suitcase

### LAKE

Millions of diamonds  
On a lake  
Shining brightly  
A shimmering wind  
underwater  
With beautiful fish and  
seaweed  
A world of its own.

## Student Led Conferences

Our student led conferences will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> August, students will come to school for their conference time only.**

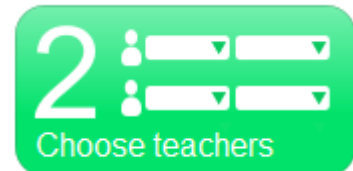
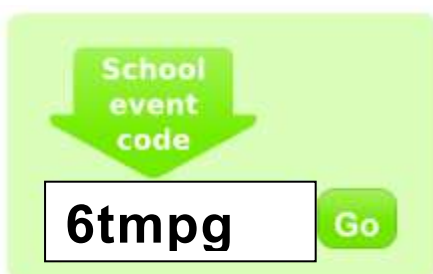
**SESSION 1: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**3:45pm to 7:00pm**

**SESSION 2: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

**9:00am to 12:00pm**

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



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](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

# 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>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>
Parent Opinion Survey closes	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u> Athletics		Gr 1/2 Plays 9-11 in Hall	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				Movie Night 6:00pm tbc	
<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		Fathers' Day Stall tbc		
<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			
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>				Term 3 concludes Footy Colours day	

Tbc – To be confirmed.