



ISSUE 1
JANUARY 31st, 2020

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

<u>CALENDAR – The week ahead</u>	Receive our newsletter by email, please send your request to: paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
<p><u>TERM 1</u></p> <p><i>Monday 3rd February - Assembly</i></p> <p><i>Thursday 6th February – Hockey Clinics</i></p> <p><i>Friday 7th February – District Swimming Sports Trial, Outdoor Pool, 4:15pm</i></p>	<p>Term Dates 2020</p> <p>Term 1: January 28th to March 27th</p> <p>Term 2: April 14th to June 26th</p> <p>Term 3: July 13th to September 18th</p> <p>Term 4: October 5th to December 18th.</p> <hr/> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</p> <p>Monday 9th March – Labour Day</p>

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to everyone, it is so nice to see you all after the summer holiday. It is important to acknowledge that the summer holiday has been stressful for many in our area. We are fortunate to live in a supportive and caring community where we look out for each other.

The students have settled in very well to their new classes. We are excited to welcome four new classroom teachers to Paynesville Primary School this year; Julia Karas, Erin Bould, Jessica Sargant and Angela Stringer. I asked them to introduce themselves to our school community below.



Hi Everybody! My name is Jess (Miss S) and I'm teaching grade 1/2SA this year. I thought I would use this opportunity to share some things about myself with you all. My partner (Nic) and I recently moved to Newlands Arm from Langwarrin, near Melbourne. We own a 41ft ex shark fishing boat named Roam who we have entered in the Classic Boat Rally. I love camping and seeing as much of Australia as I can. I have two dogs named Flossy and Hoosha.

It is a dream come true for me to be teaching at Paynesville Primary School and I honestly cannot wait to get to know everybody and make incredible memories. Please don't hesitate to come and introduce yourself – I'm always up for a chat 😊

My name is Julia Karas and I have 14 years of teaching experience ranging from Prep to Grade 10 in various schools in Melbourne and East Gippsland, from fairy tales to Shakespeare. I have trained and taught in Steiner Education and contemporary educational methods. I have two daughters and two grand teenagers!

It has been a big and wonderful surprise to find myself teaching in the prep room. The children have settled in beautifully and are very harmonious as a group. At present I am easing them into the rhythm and routines of the day in which we are covering the different aspects of maths and literacy, interspersed with song, movement and creative play.

I am already familiar and at home working at Paynesville Primary and delighted to be working with the prep children.



Over the years, I have worked at PPS in a part-time capacity as the specialist teacher in library, PE, ICT, art and kitchen. This year I have returned fulltime into a classroom role team teaching middle school with Mary Sowa.

Both of my sons attended PPS and are now in VCE and second year university. As a family, we spend our time on the farm and capturing all the fun the lakes have to offer.

PPS has many great programs on offer, I encourage all students to make the most of their opportunities and enjoy life to the max!

Hi everyone! My name is Erin Bould, I'm a new teacher at Paynesville Primary School. I actually attended Paynesville Primary between 2000 & 2006, and I absolutely loved my time here. My grandma was also a teacher at Paynesville Primary, and my aunt did a lot of relief teaching here.

In my spare time I do a lot of camping, hiking and other outdoor activities. I have a little one eyed, blind dog called Maisey, she's 10 years old. My boyfriend Mitchell is a local labourer and helps build houses.

I'm going to be working alongside Mr Floyd as a grade 5/6 teacher, I'm so excited to be back at Paynesville and to get to know all the students and staff. Let's have a great year!



Active Afterschool

We run an Active Afterschool Program on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30pm. We are lucky to have Jorden, Connor and Jayde run this program as they are School Education Support staff the students know. This year we are asking families to fill out a consent form for each term. A form must be lodged at the school office before your child can participate. Forms are available at the school office, if you have trouble getting in to the office please give us a call and we will send one home. If your child attends Active Afterschool, it is a good idea to pack them a few extra snacks to get them through.

Meet the Teacher

On Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th February, we will hold 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons. This is an opportunity for parents to connect and communicate with your child's teacher for 2020. If these times do not work for you and you would like to schedule an alternative time, please contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange another time.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN AT: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=yux7j>

The image shows a three-step booking process for school interviews. Step 1 is 'Enter your details' with a large number '1' and an icon of three people. Step 2 is 'Choose teachers' with a large number '2' and an icon of two dropdown menus. Step 3 is 'Choose times' with a large number '3' and an icon of three time slots: 4:30 (checked), 4:40 (unchecked), and 4:50 (checked). To the left, there is a 'School event code' field containing 'yux7j' 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.

Instrumental Music at PPS



Students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument at PPS. Music lessons are generally run afterschool on a Tuesday or Wednesday and the music tutor is Gerry Ciavarella.

Vacancies exist for the following: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Bass Guitar and Drums.

Contact Gerry Ciavarella on 0409142240 if you have any questions.

Swimming Trials



Swimming trials will be held at the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool on Friday 7th February, from 4:15pm. If your child would like to try out for the school swim team to represent Paynesville Primary School at the District Swimming Carnival, please come along. Students need to be in Grade 3 and above to try out. The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 19th February.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 1

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

TERM 1 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEB 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am			Hockey Clinics	District Swimming Sports Trial 4:15pm Outdoor Pool	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am	Meet the Teacher 3:30 – 5pm	Meet the Teacher 3:30 – 6pm			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am		Grade 6 Sailing School Council Finance 5:30pm School Council 6:15pm	Grade 6 Sailing		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am					
MAR 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ASSEMBLY 9:00am		School Council Finance 5:30pm School Council AGM 6:15pm			