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

REMOTE LEARNING WEBSITE: sites.google.com/view/pps-remote-learning

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a fantastic week we have had! It is so wonderful to welcome our Grade 3 to 6 students back to school. Everyone has settled back into the routine of school and the classrooms and school yard have been buzzing with excitement as everyone has been catching up after such a long period of time away from school.

On Monday this week we held our new style of assembly, where myself and 2 school captains went around to every class with certificates and notices for the students. On the assembly agenda this week was how proud we are of our students for the amazing job they did of home learning, our new lunchtime ICT Pod timetable and school uniform now we are experiencing colder weather.

Student Council

As the majority of Term 2 was spent in the remote learning context our Term 2 Student Councillors will be in their positions from next week through to the end of week 4 next term. I would like to congratulate our new student councillors for Term 2 and look forward to working with them.



COVID-19 School Operations

Due to COVID-19, if your child has cold or flu symptoms it is very important that they do not attend school. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell. It is also important to ensure your child has a drink bottle as the water fountains are unable to be used at this present time.

School Uniform

Students are permitted to wear an extra coat or jacket, scarf or beanie to and from school but these items are not allowed to be worn while at school. If your child requires a school jumper we will be able to loan them one so they are not cold. We are currently speaking with our uniform supplier about a new school beanie, they are in the process of providing us with a quotation and design for School Council to approve. We will inform families as soon as this item is available for purchase.

New Playground

Paynesville Primary School has recently received a bequest from Shirley Bott who was a Paynesville resident who used to volunteer in the school office. As a School Council we felt it was important to use these funds for the purchase of a legacy item that could be enjoyed by all our students for a long period of time. We felt that a new playground would be a suitable way to spend these funds.

This week, I surveyed our students about what new equipment they would like to see added to our existing school playgrounds. I surveyed the students for their opinion on new styles of equipment that we do not currently have. New additions we are considering are a double slide, climbing wall, rope structures, monkey bars and stepping stones. I will collate this data and use it to select a few different playground designs which I will then take to the student council and the school council for the final decision.

ICT Pod

We have made some changes to the use of the ICT Pod during lunchtime to allow for cleaning, reduce numbers of students using the room, to avoid different grade levels being in an enclosed space together and to reduce the amount of time a student can spend in the pod over the week. Our ICT Pod will be open at lunchtimes as per the timetable below:

Monday	Grade 3/4
Tuesday	Grade 5/6
Wednesday	Grade Prep/1/2
Thursday	Grade 3/4
Friday	Grade 5/6



Slushy Machine

Funds raised from last years student Market Day have been used to purchase a slushy machine. Today everyone who wanted one received a free slushy! We will continue to sell slushies on Friday's at a cost of 50 cents, BYO cup. The slushy mix we will be using is the 'Fruchilla' brand which is approved by the Victorian School Canteen Association. If you would like to know more details are available at <http://www.fruchilla.com.au/flavours/>

Today's slushies were well received by everyone.



Australian Mathematics Competition 2020

This year interested students from Grade 3 to 6 have the opportunity to enter the Australian Mathematics Competition.

The competition is a one-off online test consisting of 30 engaging problem solving questions that demonstrate the importance and relevance of Mathematics in students everyday lives.

The cost is \$6.50. If you would like your child to participate in this competition please let the school office know.

Certificates and prizes are awarded and I will be able to provide practise questions.

Foster mathematical problem solving

The AMC is an engaging 30-problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives.

Unbox the possibilities

Kangourou sans Frontières **KSF** 19 March
Australian Mathematics Competition **AMC** 30 July
Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad **AIMO** 30 September

AMI
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JUNIOR

School
Holiday
Fun

MASTER

CLASS



It's free and presented
by the **GIPPSLAND
SUPER6**

BBQ & Drink for participants at
conclusion of clinic

More advanced children will have
opportunity to play some holes on
course after clinic finishes

There will be professionals on
hand to teach the Juniors

Sunday 12th July
2020

10:00am to 12:00pm

To register email

Bryce Bell - bell@gsa.org.au

Dylan Higgins - dhiggins@gsa.org.au

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Club



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Bushfires and Pandemics - how to support child wellbeing

Presented by
Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences and
Melbourne Graduate School of Education

Hear from leading experts in child and mental health, education and disaster recovery as they discuss how to create supportive communities and build resilience and optimism in our children.

The past six months has seen Australians confront a catastrophic bushfire season followed by a once-in-a-generation pandemic. Many children – particularly in regional Victoria and New South Wales – witnessed bushfires firsthand while others have seen the effects of COVID-19 here and around the world.

With so much disruption, what can guardians, teachers and allied health professionals do to create supportive communities and build resilience and optimism in our children?

Register now or find out more [here](#).

The panel discussion will be followed by an audience Q&A.

Co-hosts

Professor Shitij Kapur
Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences and Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Health), University of Melbourne

Dr Jim Watterson
Dean, Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne

Panelists

Young people with bushfire experiences

Professor Lisa Gibbs
Director of the Child and Community Wellbeing Program in the Centre for Health Equity, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne and Lead of Community Resilience in the Centre for Disaster Management and Public Safety

Professor Helen Cahill
Director, Youth Research Centre, Melbourne Graduate School of Education

Jane Nursey
Clinical Neuropsychologist Director of the Conatory of Anzac Practitioner Support Service at Phoenix Australia

Andrew Coghlan
Head of Emergency Services with Australian Red Cross



Webinar Details

Date:
Thursday 18 June

Time:
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Register here:
go.uimelb.edu.au/8gcr