



ISSUE 21
July 24th, 2020

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

DATES TO REMEMBER: *Monday 27 and Tuesday 28th July*
Friday 7th August
Wednesday August 19th

Parent / Teacher interviews
Jeans for Genes Day
School Photos

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had another wonderful week at Paynesville Primary School. Students have been preparing Semester 2 learning goals in class this week in preparation for the Parent / Teacher interviews. At lunchtimes the library has attracted large numbers with chess, lego, duplo and wool craft being very popular. Footy and 2 square continue to be lunchtime favourites as well, it is a great reflection on our students that these games are inclusive and any one is welcome to join in.



Parent / Teacher Interviews

Our Parent / Teacher interviews will be held online next week. At these interviews parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about their child's report and the students will talk about their goals for Semester 2. Many thanks to the parents and carers who have made an interview time to talk with their child's class teacher already. Bookings will close late this afternoon.



Parent / Teacher interviews will be held after school on Monday 27th July and Tuesday 28th July. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the interviews will be held online via WebEx this term. Please book your time using the School Interviews website below. Bookings will close on Friday 24th July. Meeting invites will be sent via email.

At these interviews, parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about their child's school report which went home last term and your child will share their Semester Two learning goals.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN AT: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=Rq2vd>

The screenshot shows the School Interviews website interface. 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 green arrow points to the 'School event code' field, which contains 'Rq2vd' 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.

FACE MASKS

We understand that face masks and the wearing of them is a hot topic at the moment. Students have the option to wear face masks at PPS. If you would like to make your own face mask the Department of Health has a guide available on their page <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-victoria-covid-19>. The instructions can be found under the heading 'How can I make a cloth face mask?'



Mandala Dot Painting

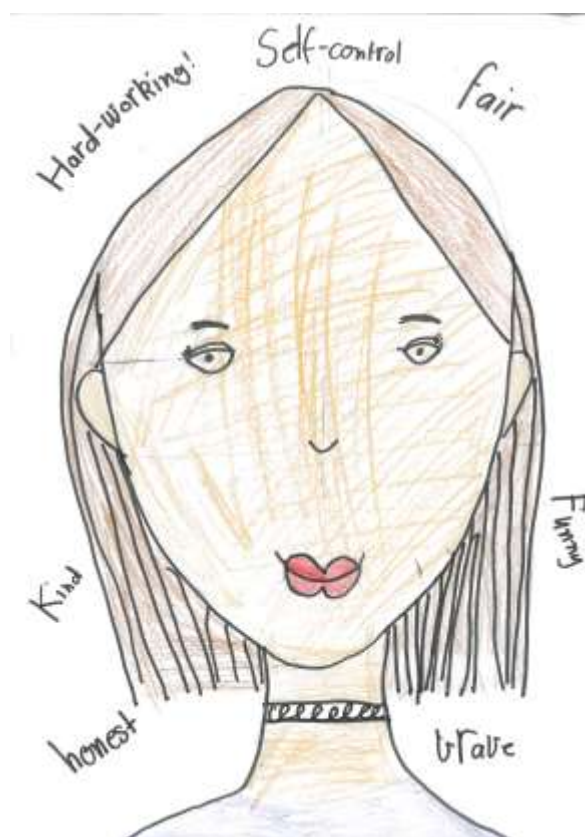
This week I had the pleasure of meeting Colin Hunt who popped in to our school office. During our recent lockdown Colin had a bit more time on his hands and wanted to do something that would bring a smile to others and brighten their day. Colin has been painting pebbles in a Mandala dot painting style. He has been anonymously hiding them in friends letterboxes. They are truly beautiful and this week Colin delivered 20 to our school. Thanks very much to Colin, we love them and will think of a special use for them.

Respectful Relationships

Paynesville Primary School is a Respectful Relationships School. Through the Respectful Relationships curriculum we promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. The program teaches our students how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

The Respectful Relationships whole-school approach recognises that schools are a workplace, a community hub and a place of learning. Everyone involved in our school community deserves to be respected, valued and treated equally. We know that changes in attitudes and behaviours can be achieved when positive attitudes, behaviours and equality are lived across the school community, and when classroom learning is reinforced by what is modelled in our school community.

As part of one of the Grade 3/4 Respectful Relationships lessons this term the students drew self-portraits and wrote their character traits around the outside. Aleisha and Libby were happy for their amazing work to be shared in the newsletter, great job girls and thanks for sharing your work.



HOW YOU CAN OFFER SUPPORT TO SOMEONE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC OR FAMILY VIOLENCE

BELIEVE

AND TAKE THEIR FEARS SERIOUSLY



LISTEN WITHOUT INTERRUPTING OR JUDGING

NEVER BLAME THE PERSON EXPERIENCING THE VIOLENCE



DON'T TELL SOMEONE WHAT THEY SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T DO.

OFFER PRACTICAL HELP



TRANSPORT



APPOINTMENTS



CHILD MINDING



A PLACE TO ESCAPE



HELP EXPLORE OPTIONS
[1800respect.org.au](https://www.1800respect.org.au)

IN AN EMERGENCY OR IF SOMEONE IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER,

CALL 000

1800RESPECT

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

University of NSW ICAS Assessments

We are delighted to inform you that Paynesville Primary School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

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.

In 2020 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

| | Sitting Dates | Cost |
|---|---|-------------|
| Digital Technologies (Not available to Grade 2 students) | Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020 | \$15.95 |
| Science | Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020 | \$15.95 |
| Spelling Bee | Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020 | \$15.95 |
| English | Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020 | \$15.95 |
| Mathematics | Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020 | \$15.95 |

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: **KLZ388**

Online parent payment closes Sunday, 2 August 2020.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. Students must sit the assessments designed for their school year level.



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Jeans
for Genes

It is Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 7th 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/>

*Hot Dogs in bread and slushies will be available on the day.
Hot dogs with sauce \$1.00 Slushies \$0.50c*



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**RAISE
MONEY.
FIND
CURES.
JEAN-IUS.**

You can help find treatments and cures for the 12 kids born every minute with a birth defect or genetic disease.

Charlie, 6
Cystic Fibrosis



Please give today at
[JeansForGenes.org.au](https://www.jeansforgenes.org.au)