



ISSUE 22
July 31st, 2020

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 7th August
Wednesday August 19th
Wednesday August 19th
Friday September 11th

Jeans for Genes Day
School Photos
School Council 6:00pm via Webex
Pupil Free Day - Staff Planning

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you will have heard the Victorian Premier has now mandated that masks must be worn by all Victorians when they are outside their own home from mid-night on Sunday.

This means that all staff and all parents will be required to wear a mask during pick up and drop off times at school from Monday morning onwards.

Students are not required to wear a mask either at school or travelling to and from school. This includes those students who are travelling on the school buses each day.

The following is an extract from the current COVID-19 guidelines. While this guidance has not been updated for country schools at this time we do expect that these are the restrictions that will be placed for staff and students here at Paynesville Primary School from Monday. We will let you know if this changes.

All school-based staff must wear face coverings at school, and when travelling to and from school. Teachers and education support staff will not be required to wear face coverings while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. School staff will wear face coverings in other areas of the school when not teaching (for example, in the staffroom, on yard duty and when providing first aid), and when travelling to and from school.

These are challenging times for all Victorians. The highest priority for our school has and always will be the safety of all students whilst in our care and the safety and well-being of our staff. As a school we look forward to your cooperation as we face this challenge together.



Rotary Awards

Our Grade 6 students continue to be involved in the Rotary Community Award this year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic students have needed to be a little creative in how they complete the activities. Students have been able to attend online events instead of live events and have been completing their new skill and physical activity components at home.

I checked in with a few of our Grade 6 students this week to share with you how they have been working through the requirements of the award.



Isabelle – For her new skill Isabelle has been cooking and having lots of fun helping her Mum in the kitchen. For the environmental component of the award Isabelle looked at the issue of people putting rubbish into their recycling bin. On ANZAC Day she stood at the end of her driveway to mark this occasion, she attended one of our School Council Meetings on WebEx. Isabelle has been learning to play golf for her physical recreation, she was happy to leave the backyard after lockdown!

Tom – Tom has been completing the community service part of the Rotary Award by helping out at the Paynesville Childcare, he has had lots of fun playing with the kids. He has been learning to play table tennis with his Dad at home and learning to read music. Tom entered the Mayor's Poster Challenge for the environmental requirement of the award and made a poster encouraging people to keep our lakes and streams rubbish free.

Jacob – Jacob has been learning to cook with his Dad and he attended our School Council Meeting via WebEx. He also stood at the end of his driveway to commemorate ANZAC Day.



Australian Maths Challenge Results

During Term Two, four of our students took up the challenge to complete the Australian Maths Trust Maths Challenge. To complete the challenge the students needed to work through a number of problem solving tasks. The tasks extended the students and gave them further experience and skills in problem solving. The results are below and I thank these students very much for taking up the challenge. Well done!

Charlotte D'Amore	Middle Primary	Distinction
George Roberts	Middle Primary	Distinction
Mitchell Roberts	Upper Primary	Credit
Tom Roberts	Upper Primary	Distinction



Parent / Teacher Interviews

Thank you very much to the parents who were able to attend our online Parent / Teacher interviews this week. I trust you enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with your child's class teacher about your child's learning. All our students have made learning goals for Semester 2 and were able to share these with their parents at the interview. If you were not able to make the interview please ask your child to share their learning goals with you.

I am interested to know how parents found the experience. Perhaps in the future we could offer either online or face to face interviews depending on parent preference. Please email me with your feedback, I would love to hear how you found the experience.

Volcanoes

Check out these stunning pictures! Making volcanoes in the sandpit today was a big hit. The results were impressive, nothing beats this activity for awesome science fun.



University of NSW ICAS Assessments

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSES THIS SUNDAY

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.



CHILDREN'S
MEDICAL
RESEARCH
INSTITUTE

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*



CHILDREN'S
MEDICAL
RESEARCH
INSTITUTE

Jeans
for Genes

**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)

