



ISSUE 7
MARCH 12th, 2021

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

CALENDAR – The week ahead

TERM 1

Monday 8th March

- School Assembly

Tuesday 9th March

- Nagle College past students visiting

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Term Dates 2021

Term 1: January 28th to April 1st

Term 2: April 19th to June 25th

Term 3: July 12th to September 17th

Term 4: October 4th to December 17th.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 8th March – Labour Day

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday

Dear Parents and Carers

We have enjoyed a beautiful, settled week at school with the weather treating us very well. The students have been able to enjoy our lovely school grounds, with so many great options our students are spoilt for choice in our playground at lunchtime and recess. The sandpit and new playground continue to be popular with our students along with the old favourites of basketball, 2 square and tiggy. We have continued to open our library at lunchtime and it has been great to see some students choosing to play games and read during the lunch hour.

Our sandpit received a few new additions this week. Over the weekend John Taplin and Harry Smith's family spread the sand piles out and added finishing touches to the shed. The shed now has a chalkboard and ropes to give it a jetty look. On Thursday morning, Gerry Tomkins bought in an assortment of PVC pipes for the students to play with. It was awesome to see our students playing co-operatively together with such focus and engagement with this new equipment. Thank you very much to everyone who has helped us to make a wonderful new play space for our students. It really is awesome and we love it!



More sandpit photos...



Kitchen

Every week amazing creations and smells come from our school kitchen, and if the staff are lucky, some food makes it to our staffroom! This week was no exception! On the left we have Mayhem with some of the butterflies the junior school students made, they look delicious.

The upside down orange cake was also a big hit this week. Check out our school Facebook page for the recipes that are uploaded regularly by Kate and Jacqui. Thanks to Serena and Kerry for making the kitchen program an amazing place and learning experience for our students.



Grade 1/2 Clever Sticks

The Grade 1/2 students enjoyed making Clever Sticks on Thursday afternoon. This literacy immersion activity was inspired by the childrens book 'Clever Sticks' written by John Lechner and is a simple fable about finding one's voice. Great work Grade 1/2 students, I loved your sticks!



School Review

Today was the first day of our school review and it was lovely to be able to connect with students in their classrooms with the review panel. I would like to commend all the students we spoke to on how well they answered the learning questions we asked. I would like to thank everyone on the review panel for their time and expertise. We have three days of review remaining and we look forward to continuing to work with the panel as we form our school strategic plan for the next 4 years. Below is the review panel; from left Sharon Adams (reviewer), Heather MacAlister (DET Senior Education Improvement Leader), Vicki Keys (previous PPS Assistant Principal), Carly Miller (Principal of Tambo Upper PS), Alli Hopkins (Bairnsdale SC Assistant Principal) and Nick Fordham (PPS School Council President).



Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat parade will be held on Monday March 29th, 2021. This will be our last assembly of the term. We will keep an eye on the latest COVID guidelines, I am hoping that we will be able to hold our assembly outside on this day so that parents will be able to attend. I will let you know nearer to the time.





Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 1

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

<u>TERM 1 2021</u>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
		Nagle College students visiting				
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
		Division Tennis Tournament				
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>APRIL 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	Easter Hat Parade			End of Term 1	Good Friday	