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9:00am to 3.30pm – Friday

School Prizegiving, Prep Graduation and Christmas Carols

Monday 12th December



Dear Parents, Friends and Supporters of our school. We would like to invite you to a very special event on our school calendar. Please come along and celebrate our year with us.

9:00am Grade 6 Prize giving

9:20am Prep Graduation

10:15am Early Recess

10:45am School Violin Quartet Perform **Christmas Carol**

Performances

Grades 5 and 6 – Jingle Bell Rock

Grades 3 and 4 – Here Comes Santa Claus

Grades Prep, 1 & 2 – All I want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth.

School Choir Perform – I am Australian

11.30am School PFA Christmas Raffle Drawn

Special Guest Steven Fletcher Visits our School

Local man Steven Fletcher attended our school assembly on Monday. Steven spoke to the school about International disability Day and his experiences as a disabled person living in our community. Steven's nephew Jesse is in prep this year and Jesse was very proud of his uncle Steven's speech.



Above – Steven and the kids out and about in the playground.

Grade 5 Rail Trail Camp

A big congratulations to our grade 5 students who last week completed the Bairnsdale to Nowa Nowa Rail Trail. The exact journey was as follows.

Day 1 – Cycle from Bairnsdale to Bruthen (30km) and stay the night at Bruthen Primary School.

Day 2 – Cycle from Bruthen to Nowa Nowa (30km) and stay the night at Mingling Waters.

Day 3 – Canoe from Nowa Nowa down Lake Tyers to the old homestead site – up past the water dragons and arrive for a BBQ lunch before getting into the bus and return to school.

This is a great camp that school council are very proud of. Our grade 5 students undertake a challenging journey that tests them physically and mentally. At the end of the 3 days they are as proud as anything and they know that they have experienced first hand some of the beautiful and secluded sites of our region. We have developed an outstanding school camp program that supports students social and emotional development through grades 2 up to grade 6. A special word of thanks goes to parent and outdoor education guru Nick McConachy for his work in supporting this camp program being put in place.

The Grade 5 students would like to thank the following people for helping out with their camp.

Shane Steenholt – Collecting all the bikes from Nowa Nowa in his giant racing car trailer.

Luke Munn – Preparing all of the food, assisting with the canoeing and fishing.

Jamie Watkinson – Joining us for the very hard day 2 cycle trip from Bruthen to Nowa Nowa.

Anthony Goranitis – Arranging highway patrol support for the road crossing on day 2.

Michelle Young – Principal of Bruthen Primary School.

Robert Harrap – Driving the support vehicle, cooking the BBQ and everything else!

Sheree Benton – Driving out to Nowa Nowa Thursday night to help with tea.

Kerry Walters – Biked and Canoeed her heart out. Best bushgirl we know.

Mingling Waters Park – For looking after us.

Jeff Hannington and Nagle College – Providing us with great gear for the canoe day.

Ian Lewis – Raymond Island Ferry operator and owner of the second van we always use and strong supporter of our school.

Bairnsdale Secondary College Band Performance

Thanks to Gerry Ciavarella and the BSC Intermediate Band who came along to perform for us on Wednesday. Gerry has been a music teacher at Paynesville for a number of years now and it is wonderful to have him visit with his big high school students. A number of his Paynesville Primary School students are members of the BSC band and so it was very special to see them perform in front of our school. **Well done everyone – and a special thankyou to Bairnsdale Secondary College for their support.**



Abbey Hudson Leads the orchestra on Wednesday.



Kelsey Walters shows that she has got what it takes to be a conductor.

2017 Prep Teacher

Our very talented prep teacher Mrs Kate Radford has decided to step into a part time role next year. Kate has played a key part in improving the junior program in our school to a point where we are now leading the way. Kate will be our specialist cooking and library teacher next year.

Carol Roberts will be teaching our prep grade. Carol is a very accomplished teacher who has been leading our senior school team. Carol is a passionate and committed teacher who will deliver a first class prep program.

Both Kate and Carol will be members of the 2017 school leadership team.

End of 2016 & starting 2017

School concludes for students at 3.30pm on Friday December 16th 2016.

School starts for students at 9am on Tuesday January 31st 2017.

PFA Christmas Raffle

I would like to thank the PFA and in particular Ingrid and Bec who have organised the best Christmas raffle ever!!! Have you seen the prizes? The raffle will be drawn on Monday at assembly.

If anyone would like to help out at school events or be involved in fund raising then please call the school office and get in touch with Ingrid and Bec.

Stephanie Alexander Garden Refurbishment

Over the school holidays our school garden will have new beds installed. School neighbour, Mens Shed member and all round top bloke Lindsay Crawford has been helping us out. A special word of thanks to Jackie at Total Eden in Bairnsdale who are donating the new watering system and of course our own parent Luke Munn who often does all of the hard work around school. Fantastic effort everyone.



School Lockdown on Wednesday

So what happened at 12.45pm on Wednesday? The fire commander locked us down (stay inside) due to a chemical spill nearby. After the All Clear had been given by the police the Emergency Coordinator called to inform me that a mosquito spray contractor working in a local reserve had an accident. There you go...mosquitos...annoying alright.

Harper and Lilith were working hard in the grade one and two area this morning. Well done!