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

End of term 1 Arrangements		CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 1	
School concludes on Thursday March 24 th at 3.30pm. Easter Friday is a holiday. Thankyou for your support of your child's learning.		Easter Hat Parade – Thursday March 24 th – last day of school @3pm assembly. Kanga 8's Cricket Tournament March 21 st Grades 3 & 4 Cricket V Bruthen March 23 rd Grades 3 – 5	
<u>TERM 1</u> - Wednesday January 27 th to Thursday March 24 th	<u>TERM 2</u> – Monday 11 th April to Friday 24 th June	<u>TERM 3</u> - Monday July 11 th to Friday September 16 th	<u>TERM 4</u> - Monday October 3 th to Tuesday December 20 th
<u>BLUE HOUSE</u>	<u>RED HOUSE</u>	<u>GOLD HOUSE</u>	<u>GREEN HOUSE</u>

“Students as learners”

This seems so obvious – but it is so important. When children come to school to learn, their parents expect them to learn and their teachers really plan and deliver strong learning programs – then we have a culture where students will learn. AND, if students see themselves as the centre of their learning journey and they understand that is why they are at school – then we have an even more powerful model for student success. Every carer and parent wants the best for their child – and one of the greatest gifts we can give them is for them to see themselves as learners. Please keep talking up your child's education with them at home, ask them what they are learning, how they are going, what they can improve on, celebrate milestones and successes and promote high aspirations. This little idea of really valuing education - will make a big difference.

Easter Hat Parade

Thursday March 24th – last day of school @ 3pm assembly.



Please bring your Easter Bonnet / Hat to school on Thursday and be part of the big Parade. We will hold a special 3pm assembly and invite each grade up to show their Easter gear. You can pre decorate your hat at home and bring it – or – you can bring a long a hat to decorate at school. See you next Thursday!!!

NSW University International Exams

Students in Grades 3 - 6 have the opportunity to sit the University of New South Wales Exams in the months of May, June, July and August.

These exams are held in school, during school time and are an excellent opportunity for your child to experience a serious exam situation. Many students enjoy the academic challenge and the feedback about which areas they were strong in and which areas they could improve. Students are also given results which are moderated with all the other students around the world who have sat the exam.

The table below highlights the exams offered, the test date and the cost. We ask that the students wishing to sit the University of NSW exams **return the form below with payment by Thursday March 24th.**

<i>NSW University International Exams</i>			
Student Name: _____		Total Payment attached : _____	
Year level: _____			
	Test Date	Cost	Select subjects with a tick please.
Digital Technologies	May 17th	\$8.80	
Science	May 31 st	\$8.80	
Writing	June 13 th – 17 th	\$18.70	
Spelling	June 15 th	\$12.10	
English	August 2 nd	\$8.80	
Mathematics	August 16 th	\$8.80	

I give permission for my child to participate in the UNSW Testing for 2016. I acknowledge that payment is required with the form on registration.

PARENT NAME: _____



Early this week we had author Susie Sarah visit our school. Susie worked with students from all grades. She introduced her books, told her own story about becoming an author and a publisher and she passed on her love of literacy. Susie reminded us all that adults have the ability to pass on to children a love of literacy. Reading, writing and spelling all support a child unlocking the key to literacy and to enjoying the magic of books.

PPS Principal's 11 Cricket Vs Bairnsdale West

On Thursday our senior cricket team took on the mighty Bairnsdale Westians. In what has been called Clash of the Titans – this game lived up to the hype. Paul West (Yes and he works at Bairnsdale West) and Jack Werrett (who will soon change his last name to Ville) had both prepared their teams well. Both teams were highly skilled and highly motivated as they battled it out for 20 / 20 supremacy.

In the end the Bairnsdale West bowlers proved to be too consistent and the Westians ran out the winners in what will go down in the record books as a classic match.

A special word of thanks to Paul West and his Bairnsdale West team for coming over and joining us for a great day of cricket. Terrific to make new friends and enjoy some friendly competition.

Below – the Bairnsdale West batting line up prepares to face the mighty Paynesville Bowling attack.

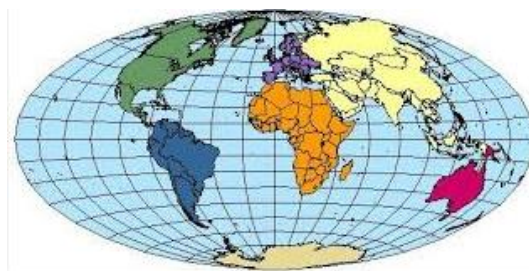
Right – PPS cricketers Noah Esdaile and Jack McConachy preparing to take the field.





A reminder that students can work on Mathletics at home in the evening, in the weekends or in the holidays. If your child makes it onto the Hall of Fame – please take a snap shot and email it to the school email address – attention Mr Roberts and your fame will be shared with the school community. I know many of you are putting in a lot of hard work with your maths – and it will pay off for you.

Global Education



China: Our sister School from Changshu Primary School in China will be visiting our school in early August. A group of 2 staff and 12 students will be travelling to Paynesville from Changshu (2 hours inland from Shanghai). We are looking for families to host a student in their home for a week in early August – exact dates will be confirmed. Please contact the school office if you would like to host a Chinese boy or girl in your home.

New Zealand: A reminder for students to book your place on this years trip to NZ in Nov if you are planning to attend. This is a week long camp experiencing NZ culture and exploring the Auckland area.