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

Excursions and Events Coming up this Term

MAY

27th – June 3rd - Reconciliation Week
29th, 30th, 31st - 3 & 4 Coonawarra Camp
30th - Prep, Grade 1 and 2 Forge Theatre
“We are going on a Bear Hunt”

JUNE

1st - Winter Sports at Paynesville Primary
5th - Prep, Grade 1 and 2 Puppet Show at the Paynesville Library
9th - Pupil Free day – No school for students
12th - Queens Birthday – No School
14th - Maths Olympiad
23rd – Prep. Grade 1&2 – BSC Concert
26th - The Vicki Keys End of Term assembly
28th - Mid-Year Reports go home.

TERM 1: Feb 1st – March 31st

TERM 2: (Tues) 18th April – 30th June

TERM 3: 17th July – 22nd September

TERM 4 – 9th October – 22nd December

Dear Parents and Carers,

WHAT DO I DO?

Most parents are comfortable with the idea that all children are at different points on the academic intelligence ladder. Kids learn to read, write or count at different rates. As parents we can identify an area of need in our child and we can go about strengthening that by learning our times tables or learning our spelling words for example.

Many parents are less comfortable with the idea that children are all at different points on the emotional intelligence ladder. Kids learn social and emotional skills and understandings at different rates. It can be upsetting to a parent if their child is having emotional difficulties with other children and it is hard to know what to do. **Do** – stay calm, take the longer road and focus on supporting your child with the skills, knowledge and attitude they need to have successful interactions with others. This approach empowers your child and it lets them know that they have the capacity to improve and that their happiness and success comes from them and is not reliant on someone else.

DON'T BLAME – don't get emotional and blame your child, your partner or yourself and especially do not blame other children if your child is having social / emotional difficulties. The thought that “my child would be happy if other children would change their behaviour” will disempower your child and will not help them to learn or be happy.

I sometimes get the word *bullying* rolled out into a conversation where a child is having social issues with another child. For bullying to occur you need an imbalance of power, you need intent and you need repetition. If a couple of Grade 1 girls are having issues and are trying to work out their role in the relationship they may manipulate, exclude, ignore, tell on or be mean to each other – this is not pleasant but it is developmentally normal. Parents may want to jump in and save their child – but they will deny their child the chance to learn.

If, as a parent, you find yourself talking about some else's child in a manner that is derogatory – please pause for a minute – because you are an adult and this is bullying. Every child is special – every child deserves our respect.

Messenger Dogs Show a real hit



The school loved a performance titled "Messenger Dogs".

We learnt about the role of dogs in the war.

According to our sources this was the "best show ever!!"





Grade 6 students – Spencer, Callie, Oskar and Jack put together a video presentation this week for the Department called “Student Voice in Learning”. This work highlighted the importance and impact of students being key players in their learning journey.

Hannah Bills has been doing work placement in the Prep room with Mrs. Roberts over the last few weeks. Hannah is currently studying to be a teacher and we wish her well with her studies.

Children’s Chatter.

Jackson – I appreciated when Miss Bills did our chit chat with us and came on excursions.

Liam – I liked when Miss Bills gave us class points.

Ella – I liked having Miss Bills here because she was fun.

Wyatt – I like Miss Bills because she is nice to everyone.



Coming up this Week

We have a big week coming up with lots of exciting events happening. We have assembly on Monday which will include the Science Fair awards and the finals of ***The Voice*** featuring Charlotte Renooy, Grace Oldfield and Kayla Mayne.

After assembly the Grade 3 and 4 students will board their bus to Camp Coonawarra where they will go horse riding, rock climbing and raft making.

Then on Thursday we have the District Schools Winter Sports being held at our school. We will have sports teams from across the area coming to compete in T Ball, Soccer, Footy and Netball. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out and to the PFA who run the canteen on the day to raise funds for our school – and to make the day fun!!

Students Received their Athletic ribbons at assembly on Monday.



Winter Sports – June 1st

Paynesville Primary School Canteen Menu

Open 10am – 2pm

Party Pies x3	\$2.00	Bottled Water	\$1.00
Dim Sims x 3	\$2.00	Poppers	.50c
Cocktail Franks x3	\$2.00	Packets of Chips	.50c
Mini Muffin Pizzas - Cheesy / Tomato Base Ham & Cheese / Tomato Base	\$2.00	Icy Poles	.50c
Potato Gems	\$2.00	Tea / Coffee Available for Parents and Teachers	
Cupcakes	\$1.00		

Paynesville Families please note that this menu replaces the usual canteen operations and is available over lunchtime