



THE SEAGULL

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

<u>CALENDAR</u>	Receive our The Seagull by email: paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
<u>TERM 1</u> Mon 4 th Feb – Assembly 9:00am Mon 11 th Feb - Assembly 9:00am Mon 11 th Feb – Swim Trials 4:30pm Wed 13 th Feb – Meet the teacher Thur 14 th Feb – Meet the teacher	Term Dates 2019 Term 1: January 29 th to April 5 th Term 2: April 23 rd to June 28 th Term 3: July 16 th to September 20 th Term 4: October 7 th to December 20 th . PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TERM 1 Monday March 11 th – Labour Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to everyone, it is so nice to see you all after the summer holiday. There was lots of excitement and anticipation on Wednesday morning. Many parents reported that their children were up, dressed in their uniforms and ready to go by 7am!

The students have settled in very well to their new classes. We are excited to welcome 4 new classroom teachers to Paynesville Primary School this year, Mrs Callow, Mrs Ingram, Miss Gray and Mr White. I asked them to introduce themselves to our school community below.



My name is Kate Ingram and I have been a primary school teacher for the past 13 years at three different primary schools. My family moved from West Gippsland at the beginning of last year where I had been for the past 5 years teaching, in a variety of roles; Visual Art, Science and Senior School teacher. I am a mother to two children (Kurtis 14 and Grace 11) and as a family we enjoy activities such as camping and hiking. I also enjoy baking and like trying new recipes at any opportunity. I am excited to be starting a new teaching venture at Paynesville Primary School. The welcome I have received this week from the staff, students and parents has been wonderful and I'm really looking forward to working with you all this year.

My name is Mallory Gray and this year I am the Kitchen / Garden teacher. This is my first year of teaching, for the last 2 years I have completed my placements in the Prep Grade at this school. I am so happy to be teaching in the kitchen as it is definitely one of my favourite subjects. This year I am also working for 3 days a week at Buchan Primary School. In my spare time I love to spend time with my horses, dogs and guinea pigs.



I am Carey White and I am very excited to be beginning my teaching career at Paynesville Primary School. I really enjoy sport; my favourite sports are table tennis and tennis. This summer I attended a training camp in China to improve my table tennis skills. My favourite Footy Team is the Cats. I was born in Melbourne and moved to East Gippsland 3 years ago. In my spare time I like to go mountain biking and catch up with my friends. The Grade 5 students have made a great start to their school year and I am looking forward to teaching them this year.



My name is Kathleen Callow. I am one of the Grade 3/4 teachers this year. This is my first year of primary teaching, having recently completed my Primary Education Degree in October 2018. I have a passion for working with children that began with my earlier career in childcare. I currently live in Bruthen and I have three children of my own: Pippa (5), Jacob (3) and Lily (1). I am very excited to be here at Paynesville Primary School this year and I am looking forward to getting to know students and families.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

We run an Active Afterschool program on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30pm. We are lucky to have Jordan and Caroline run this program as they are School Education Support staff the students know. This year we are asking families to fill out a consent form for each term. A form must be lodged at the school office before your child can participate. Forms are available at the school office, if you have trouble getting in to the office please give us a call and we will send one home. If your child attends Active After School it is a good idea to pack them a few extra snacks to get them through.

SWIMMING TRIALS



Swimming trials will be held at the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool on Monday 11th February, from 4:30pm. If your child would like to try out for the school swim team to represent Paynesville Primary School at the District Swimming Carnival please come along. Students need to be in Grade 3 and above to try out. The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 21st February.

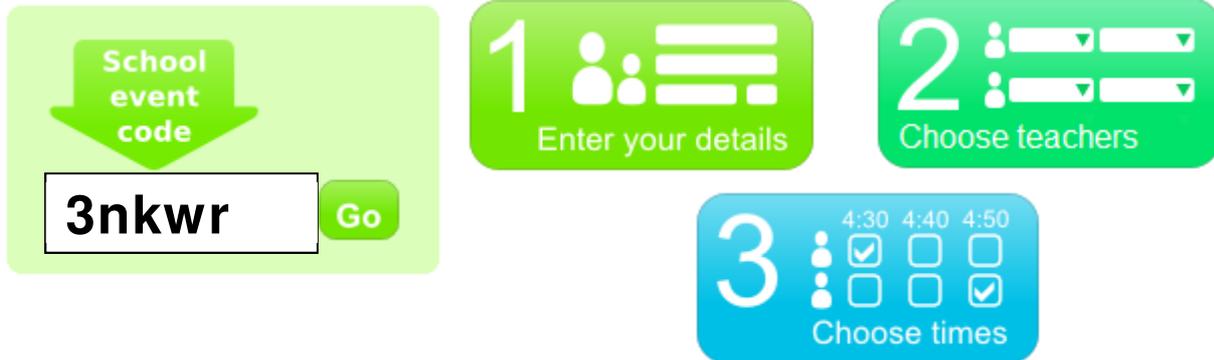
SWIMMING LESSONS

Traditionally Paynesville students have attended swimming lessons during Term 1. For 2019 Paynesville PS swimming lessons have been scheduled for Term 2. Further information will be available closer to the time with class dates and times. We are hoping this will coincide with the opening of the swimming pool upgrade that have been happening at the BARC.

MEET THE TEACHER

On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February we will hold 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons. This is an opportunity for parents to connect and communicate with your child's teacher for 2019. If these times do not work for you and you would like to schedule an alternative time, please contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange another time.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN AT: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=3nkwr>



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

PLAYGROUND BOAT

It's in! We are so excited to have a new and very popular piece of playground equipment, our new boat. Big thanks to a couple of our past students Dad's, Tim Heaney and Martin Higgins who put it in to the ground this morning. This boat has been an ongoing project of the Paynesville Men's Shed and Frecheville Heaney Boats. They have worked very hard to restore and adapt the boat for our school playground. We are very thankful for the Paynesville Men's Shed and Frecheville Heaney boats in



making this a reality for us. Thanks also to Norglass Paints who provided marine paints at very reduced rates.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument at PPS. Vacancies exist for the following: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Bass Guitar, Drums, Keyboard & Guitar. Please note lessons on keyboard and guitar take place on Thursday afternoons from 4pm. Contact our music teacher Gerry Ciavarella on 0409142240 if you have any questions.



Drought assistance information

We have had lots of queries lately in relation to the drought assistance packages that are now available. East Gippsland has been declared a drought affected area and this has led to the creation of these packages.

Paynesville Primary School families have the ability to access both packages. The first package is for uniforms and assistance with school textbooks, this was sent to families at the end of the 2018 school year. If you require another application form please see the office. The second package is connected to camps, sports and excursions. The information for this package is included below and application forms have been attached to this newsletter.

If families have any questions or would like further information please speak with Lauren or Jenny in the office. Jenny is available Monday to Thursday and Lauren is available on Wednesday and Friday's.

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS.

As part of the Victorian Government's drought assistance package, **all Paynesville Primary School students are eligible** for a drought assistance payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

This includes parents/carers that do not hold a means-tested concession card, but are experiencing financial hardship as a result of drought conditions. Families who receive the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. A 'one off' amount of \$375 per student will be paid to the school to be used towards educational expenses for the direct benefit of your child.

How to apply

Complete the attached CSEF drought package application form (blue form) and return it to the school office or see the office for further information.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at Paynesville PS in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **Changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Please see the office if you have any questions regarding this application process.

Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 1

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

<u>TERM 1 2019</u>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>					
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u> Swim Trials 5:00pm		Meet the teacher 3:45pm 6:00pm	Meet the teacher 3:45pm to 5:00pm		
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>		Open Water Experience School Council Finance 5:15pm School Council meeting 6:15pm	Open Water Experience District Swimming Sports		
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1st March</u>	<u>2</u>
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	<u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</u> <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>					
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>		School Council Finance 5:15pm School Council AGM 6:15pm	Prep, Gr1 & Gr2 Forge Theatre excursion		

2019 PREP CLASS



art for kids

painting . sculpture . drawing . printing . making . creating



Tuesdays - Grades 2-5

3:45pm - 4:45pm

Thursdays - Grades 4-6

3:45pm - 4:45pm



* examples of past activities

creative discoveries
art classes

Contact Deanne Howlett on **0417 518 214** or

www.facebook.com/creatediscoveriesartclasses for more information

Classes are held in the MADD building @ Paynesville Primary School

\$135 for Term 1 (9 x weeks) materials supplied