



THE SEAGULL

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

<u>CALENDAR – Week ahead</u>	Receive our The Seagull by email: paynesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
<p><u>TERM 1</u></p> <p>Mon 4th Mar - Assembly 9:00am Wed 6th Mar – 5/6 Lawn Bowls Wed 6th Mar – China Info evening 6:00pm Fri 8th Mar – 5/6 Lawn Bowls Fri 8th Mar – Relay for Life</p>	<p>Term Dates 2019</p> <p>Term 1: January 29th to April 5th Term 2: April 23rd to June 28th Term 3: July 16th to September 20th Term 4: October 7th to December 20th.</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & PUPIL FREE DAYS</p> <p>Monday March 11th – Labour Day</p>

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have all been enjoying the lovely summer weather this week. Our students have been busy both in school and out of school.

One of our school goals this year is to improve student voice and agency. This can be achieved at both classroom level and school wide level. At the school level our Student Representative Council (pictured right) are the voice of all students and I meet with them on a weekly basis to hear about things they would like to see happening in our school.

As a SRC we have discussed many of the students' great ideas.

The first event our student council will implement and organise is an Electronics Day, more details included later in the newsletter.

Our student council and school captains will also be going into classrooms to make observations. This term they will be looking at and providing feedback on classroom reward systems and opportunities for student collaboration. As a staff we look forward to hearing their feedback at our staff meetings.



LAWN BOWLS

This week interested Grade 5 and 6 students have been given the opportunity to trial for the School Lawn Bowls team. Peter, David and Ivan of the Paynesville Lawn Bowls Club have been teaching the students the sport of lawn bowls and helping to select our team to compete at the Division Lawn Bowls Competition to be held in Bairnsdale on Friday 8th March. We are very grateful to have received such quality tuition and support from the Paynesville Lawn Bowls Club. Our 3 super coaches will also support our team at the competition on Friday. We think you rock Peter, David and Ivan!





ELECTRONICS DAY

Electronics Day will be held on Thursday 7th March. Electronics Day is when students can bring a device to school and are allowed to play it during a session, decided by their classroom teacher. If you would prefer your child did not participate in Electronics Day, please let your child's classroom teacher know. Devices will be kept in the teacher's office while they are not being used during

the session. Wi-Fi is unavailable so students cannot use games that need Wi-Fi. Devices will be returned to students at the end of the day. There will be no inappropriate games eg. guns and gore.

By Averil Watkinson and Ebony Oldfield (on behalf of the Student Council)

SUSTAINABILITY

Over the past 2 weeks the sustainability team have been looking at composting. All class rooms now have a compost bin for food waste. The children have had discussions about what can and can't go into the compost and why it is important.

When food waste sits in landfill it creates methane which pollutes our atmosphere. On the other hand, when we compost food scraps they can, with time, be used to help our plants in the veggie garden to grow.



This week Rebecca Lamble, the Resource Smart Schools facilitator, came to school to help do a waste audit. The sustainability team conducted a mini 'war on waste', measuring the amount of waste in the school bins and sorting one of the bins to assess what our main waste materials are. The kids did an amazing job given that it was quite time consuming and smelly work!

Our results showed that by weight:

36% of the waste was rubbish

33% paper and cardboard

28% food scraps

2.8% other recyclable materials

We are hoping that having the compost bins will eliminate our food waste from the main bins and then we can focus on developing strategies to reduce our other waste materials. Thanks to everyone who helped us out on Tuesday!





COMPOST RECIPE

- **2 parts brown waste** (dry leaves, straw, wood chips, saw dust)
- **1 part green waste** (veggie scraps, grass clippings, coffee grounds)
- **Air:** turn compost once a week to make sure that the decomposers in the compost get the oxygen they need to do their job
- **Moisture:** the compost should be as moist as a wrung-out sponge. Decomposers in the compost require water to survive.

Note: the brown and green waste are added gradually in layers.

By Laura Owen



DOGS

Just a reminder to everyone that dogs are not permitted in our school grounds. This is a school policy we have to help ensure the safety of all our students. We are unable to discriminate between cute little dogs, big dogs or spotty dogs, the policy applies to all dogs.



We thank you for your respect in regards to this matter and ask that dogs remain outside of the school grounds at all times.

STATE MINNOW SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Sara and Emily Melrose who competed in the 2019 State Minnow Titles held in Rye over the weekend. Sara and Emily sailed in 7 races over the weekend. Sara competed in Open Fleet, placed 3rd in juniors and won the President's Award. Emily competed in Novice Fleet, won her first race ever competing in a field of 19 and gained 8th place overall. Emily and Sara are looking forward to competing in the National Minnow Titles which are being held in Darwin this July. We can't wait to hear how you go girls!



STRATFORD PONY CLUB INTERSCHOOL GYMKHANA

On Wednesday Ella and Lacey Kiss represented Paynesville Primary School at the Stratford Pony Club Interschool Gymkhana held at the Sale Showgrounds. There were 136 students competing from 34 schools. Ella and Lacey performed very well against tough competition.

Their results are:

Ella

- 1st Pleasure Pony
- 3rd Handler
- 5th Show Jumping

Lacey

- Reserve Champion for Prep / Grade 1
- 1st Rider
- 2nd Handler
- 2nd Fancy Dress
- 4th Pleasure Pony



DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS



Well done to Miranda Cooper and Tom Roberts for representing Paynesville Primary School in back stroke at the East Gippsland Division Swim Carnival held in Bairnsdale on Wednesday this week. Top effort!

JUNIOR SCHOOL EXCURSION TO FORGE THEATRE

The Junior School Excursion to the Forge Theatre on Thursday 21st March has unfortunately been cancelled due to circumstances beyond the theatre's control. This will be replaced by a Christmas themed show in November.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Today is Schools Clean Up Day, this event is part of Clean Up Australia Day which will be held on Sunday 3rd March. Each class decided on a part of our school that we would like to clean up. This clean up was organised by our sustainability group. We have a beautiful school and it is wonderful to see students caring for our school environment with such passion and enthusiasm.



'Relay for Life' - CHANGE OF DATE FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

Paynesville Primary School are participating in the Relay for Life this year. Cancer Council's Relay for Life raises funds for research, prevention and support services for those affected by cancer. So come along or donate to support our school team!

Paynesville Primary School (Oval) Time from 1:30-3:10pm

Description: Purple & yellow dress up day, gold coin donation. Students are going to walk, jog or run laps of the oval to raise money for cancer research. Each student will need to find a sponsor/s to donate money for each lap completed. You could donate \$1 a lap or 20 cents a lap, every bit helps!



Would you like to visit China in 2019?

Information Evening **WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH at 6:00pm** in School Library.

This year is the fourth time Paynesville Primary School students, parents and staff will travel to China. While we are there we visit the modern city of 28 million people that is Shanghai, we visit Suzhou, Venice of the East with its beautiful canals, laneways and markets. We visit Changshu where we meet up with our friends at our sister school. We travel by overnight sleeper train to Beijing where we visit the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall of China.

There are many wonderful sights and sounds – but the highlight for me is meeting up with our Chinese sister school. The relationships we have developed are very special and there are many families in our school who remain close friends with Chinese families they have hosted when they visited us.

During the 10 day trip we stay in motels and eat out at local restaurants. It is a busy schedule – but China is a busy place. The history, the culture, the sights and the sounds are amazing.

Parents must accompany their child(ren). This trip is mainly for Grade 5 and 6 students – but families decide on whether their child(ren) are ready for the adventure.

We travel in the September school holidays. The cost of flights will be **approximately** \$1200 return and the cost of in country accommodation, meals, travel (coach and train) and sight seeing is **approximately** \$1000.

If you would like to hear more we are holding an information evening on **Wednesday March 6th at 6:00pm** in the Library.



EASTER RAFFLE 2019



Families are asked to donate an Easter item via the school office to support our Easter raffle. We will try to have many prizes so that we can have lots of winners. We will spend the next few weeks collecting donations – and then send tickets out to families for the last two weeks of term. Raffle will be drawn on Monday April 1st, 2019 at Assembly.

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>		5/6 Lawn Bowls China Information evening 6:00pm		District Lawn Bowls	
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
	<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			
<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u>					
<u>31</u>	<u>APRIL 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>ASSEMBLY 9:00am</u> Easter Raffle Drawn				Term 1 ends Easter Hat parade	



Paynesville Junior Football 2019

The season is ready to begin! All boys and girls are invited to come along and play football this season with training to commence next week as per the dates below. Any enquiries can be directed to either Chris or Karen

President: Chris Cook 0409 356 777

chris.cook@kalbarresources.com.au

Communications: Karen Tough 0488 788 344

Important Dates

Training for U10, 12 & 14	Starts Wed 27 th Feb from 5pm NO FRIDAY TRAINING FOR U10 AS PREVIOUSLY STATED
First Game	Sunday March 31 st (home)

For all of our junior news we now have a junior specific facebook page Search "Paynesville Junior Football Club" and request to join

Registration day will be held soon with details to follow on the Paynesville Junior Football Club and Paynesville Primary School Facebook pages.

Auskick & NetSetGo starts date TBA:

To Register go to:

www.aflauskick.com.au

www.netsetgo.com.au

and type in PAYNESVILLE