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### **Week Ahead – March 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mon Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – Assembly

Active After School Program

Tues Mar 25<sup>th</sup> - Prep, 1,2,3 Swimming Program

Tuesdays – Music Tuition and DramaClass

**WED - March 26<sup>th</sup> – School Photo Day**

Wed Mar 26<sup>th</sup> - Extension PE Golf

National Ride to School Day

Wed Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Active After School Program

Wednesdays – Music Tuition

Fri Mar 28<sup>th</sup> - Prep,1,2,3 Swimming Program

### **COMING UP**

**UNSW exams coming up – entry form attached**

**Easter Raffle – flyer attached**

**PFA MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2:30pm**

**Monday  
Green Eagles**

**Tuesday  
Red Swans**

**Wednesday  
Gold Kookaburras**

**Thursday  
Blue Seagulls**

**Office Hours - 8:30am to 4:00pm - Monday to Friday**

**SCHOOL HATS ARE AVAILABLE – PRICE \$11.00**



**Dear Students, Parents,  
Caregivers and Friends of  
Paynesville Primary School,**

This week's news from our illustrious nude nut! (Thank you Kerry). It is true that last Saturday I joined Kelly Buchanan at the foreshore and had my hair shaved off in support of Leukemia Research. I had not realised how cold your head gets without any hair. I had also not realised the range of colourful descriptors used to describe a bloke with no hair – it has expanded my vocabulary considerably! I do feel proud to have joined the ranks of the bald, in support of cancer research. A big congratulations to Kelly – a positive event supporting children.

### **Hockey Clinic for Grade 3 and 4 students**

On Thursday Grades 3 and 4 students enjoyed a session with Hockey Victoria Coaches, Jed and Mitch. The children learnt how to hold the stick and “walk the dog”. They then played a number of very exciting games including ‘vulture attack’. The coaches were impressed with the way the children conducted themselves and had a go.

### **Bike Education Program**

Grades 3 and 4 students have also been very busy learning to ride their bikes safely. Students undertake a number of activities and challenges to improve their skills. Riding

in a group is different to riding on your own!! The students are also busy getting their bikes up to standard for the bike excursion to the Silt Jetties on the final Wednesday of term.

### **Grade 5W**

Mr Werrett's class have had their creative caps on this week, coming up with possible theories for the fate of the missing Malaysian Airlines Flight.

### **Golf Victoria**

Grades 4 and 5 were given a taste of golf this week. This was a great opportunity for those with or without golfing experience to play some accuracy games with practice balls, a pitching wedge and a 6 iron. Two of our students reported that it was '*really fun*'. (Perhaps a little different to what Dad or Mum might think about golf! )

### **Yachting Victoria**

We had a visit from Gavin this week with a presentation for Grades 4 to 6. Information regarding a sailing program for the Easter School Holiday Period is attached.

We are grateful to have various sporting organisations visit us in the regional areas. They give the students a taste of sports that they may not encounter otherwise. We hope to have a few more visits from other sporting organisations throughout the year.

### **Children's General Knowledge Quiz**

*Answers next week!*

- 1 What is the most common boy's name in children's nursery rhymes?
- 2 How many times can an A4 piece of paper be folded in half?
- 3 Which facial features remain the same size from birth to adulthood?
- 4 Which is the largest continent on Earth?
- 5 Who was the first American President?

### **Maths Problem of the Week**

You are on your way to visit your Grandma, who lives at the end of the valley. It's her birthday, and you want to give her the cakes you've made.

Between your house and her house, you have to cross 7 bridges, and as it goes in the land of make believe, there is a troll under every bridge! Each troll, quite rightly, insists that you pay a troll toll. Before you can cross their bridge, you have to give them half of the cakes you are carrying, but as they are kind trolls, they each give you back a single cake.

How many cakes do you have to leave home with to make sure that you arrive at Grandma's with exactly 2 cakes?  
*Answer Next Week!*

### **Fundraising BBQ this weekend.**

Paynesville Boat Show

Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd of March

Thanks to all those who have put their hands up to help out over the weekend.

### **Assembly Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Val Quirk will be presenting a fundraising idea for orphanages in Myanmar.

### **Reminder:**

*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> is School Photo Day.*

Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in school uniform and not house colours.  
Thank-you.

### **Please note:**

"Orange Week" has been postponed for one week. **Don't Palm Us Off! – Orange Week at PPS 31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

### **Newsletter items:**

Please ensure all newsletter items are received by Thursday 4pm. Thanks

### Grade 1 Pets Afternoon

A big thank you to all the Grade 1 parents who brought their family pets along on Thursday afternoon. We had at least 10 pets come for a visit - from dogs and cats to bunnies, guinea pigs and even a stick insect! The grade 1 students had a wonderful time meeting each other's pet animals. Thank you also to the parents who helped their children take photos of their pets, and who just came along to be part of the afternoon.



**Come and read with Prep D**

Great to see lots of the Prep parents come and read @ 3:15 each day.

The children really enjoy this special time and it enhances their reading experiences and development.



Winners drawn  
at assembly  
Mon 31 March

## Easter Raffle

**Tickets only \$1 each**

All students will receive 1 FREE automatic entry into the raffle!

Donations of Easter items would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the office before Friday 28th March.

**Lots of prizes to be won!**



A fundraising event brought to you by the PFA

## 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 Friday March 28th.**

### *NSW University International Exams*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment attached : \_\_\_\_\_

Year level: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Select subjects with a tick please.</b>
Computer Skills	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$8.80	
Science	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$8.80	
Writing	June 16 - 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$18.70	
Spelling	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$12.10	
English	July 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$8.80	
Mathematics	August 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$8.80	

I give permission for my child to participate in the UNSW Testing for 2014. I acknowledge that payment is required with the form on registration.

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2014

Hey...Mums, Dads, Grandparents,  
Aunts, Uncles and **KIDS!**

# FREE Family Day at EGAG

Saturday 29 March 2014  
between 10am & 2pm

**All welcome!**

Bring the children along and join in the various activities.

Have a go at drawing, painting, cut and paste, create your own family tree  
or build a straw and pipe cleaner construction plus lots of other 'stuff'.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Register with EGAG on 5153 1988 or [admin@eastgippslandartgallery.org.au](mailto:admin@eastgippslandartgallery.org.au)  
or call in any time during the day.



ART GALLERY

2 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale  
[www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au](http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au)  
Hours: Tues - Friday 10am - 4pm  
Sat 10am - 2pm



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## Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Colin Robson, your local Saver Plus Worker:  
(03) 5152 8017 / 0408 132 044  
or [crobson@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:crobson@berrystreet.org.au)

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in East Gippsland by Berry Street. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.



# TACKERS

## Easter School Holiday Program

(7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April 9.00-1.00 daily)



The Boatshed Team would like to offer Paynesville Primary School a onetime deal on Tackers. The Boatshed has received funding to offer local Primary school children the opportunity to get into sailing for half the price.

### TACKERS

is the main accredited introductory kids sailing course recognised by Yachting Australia. Ages 7 years - 12 years. **Think Kids sail training think Tackers.** Tackers is a great way to increase children's life skills such as **communication, self-reliance, team work, problem solving** and **self-confidence** all while having fun in a kid centric environment.

This Easter why not introduce your children to the sport of Sailing at Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club. The Boatshed will be running a program on the first week on the school holidays (7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April) 9.00am-1.00pm daily. Pricing:

- Tackers 1 \$165 for the 20 hour program
- Tackers 2 and 3 \$245 for the 20 hour program.

For more information visit [www.theboatshed.net.au](http://www.theboatshed.net.au) and hit **Enrol Now**.

Contact Tom Cotter at [info@theboatshed.net.au](mailto:info@theboatshed.net.au) or call 9686 2571



## Sacramental Preparation



St. Mary's Parish Bairnsdale is soon to commence its Sacramental Program for 2014. If any parents wish their child/ren to be involved in the programs for Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation please contact Julie Matthews at the Parish Centre on 5152 2492 or

[stm.juliem@gmail.com](mailto:stm.juliem@gmail.com).