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<b><u>WEEKLY ACTIVITIES</u></b> Breakfast Club every morning in the kitchen @ 8:30. Mon – Active After School Program Tues – Music Tuition – Kay Moore Wed – Active After School Program Wed – Music Tuition – Gerry Ciavarella Thur – Music Tuition – Gerry Ciavarella Fri – Prep Transition Program <b>Reminder – School Banking every Monday -</b> Save for camps, excursions, school fees or holidays!		<b><u>COMING UP...</u></b> Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> – Scientists in School Program Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> – Bairnsdale Secondary School Transition visit. Leaving at 8:30 am November 29 <sup>th</sup> - State Election Polling here at school. Fundraising stalls through PFA Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> – Grade 5 Camp Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> – last day for pre-prep transition program Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Carols at PPS <b>After school care available until 4:30pm - \$10</b>	
<b>Monday</b> Green Eagles	<b>Tuesday</b> Red Swans	<b>Wednesday</b> Gold Kookaburras	<b>Thursday</b> Blue Seagulls
<b>Office Hours - 8:30am to 4:00pm - Monday to Friday</b> <b>We are now accepting enrolments for 2015</b>			

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

### Pre – Prep Program

This week we have our speech pathologist, Helen Alleaume, screening our 2015 prep students for language development. Helen identifies any students who may have difficulties with speech, language and literacy and creates a specialised program to assist them through their early learning years.



### ELECTION DAY SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Paynesville P.S has been chosen to hold the polling for the State Elections.

We will be having a BBQ throughout the day and some stalls including a cake stall and 2nd hand book stall. We would like your help on this day to assist with the stalls and would love it if you could spare a couple of hours. Please contact the office if you able to lend a hand.

“Knowing is not enough; we must apply.

Willing is not enough; we must do.” *Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe*

# Bridge Club



Over the last two terms we have been fortunate to have some local Bridge coaches volunteer their time to teach us the Bridge strategies. This program enhances our maths curriculum and encourages quick thinking and mental maths. We were invited to meet with 6 other schools in a round robin competition which was won by Bairnsdale West. The inaugural Primary Schools Bridge Trophy has been named after the late Frank Power who coached and encouraged bridge players from a number of schools across the region. Paynesville was proudly represented by Ben Bockmann, Zac Robertson, Min Min Bao and Jaz Sharp.



## Senior School Market Day

As a part of our finance inquiry unit, the Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will be running a Market Day at 1:00 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The student's brief is to create a market day stall for the school. The students have needed to consider what products or services they will provide, calculate their expenses, set prices and estimate their potential income. It has been wonderful to see the focus of the students as they plan their stalls. If stall holders make any profit, this profit will be 'banked' and teachers and their students will discuss what will be done with this profit. Some students have considered charities or purchasing gear for the school.

On the day we request that students who are able, bring money to spend at the stalls. If the spending money could please be in coins and limited to \$10 that would be wonderful. Families of the students are most welcome to come and join us for the market day.

We are looking forward to this exciting event and thanks very much for your continued support.

Kind regards

Ebony Mooney, Laura Suckling, Jack Werrett,  
Tony Roberts and Carol Roberts.

## Market Day

Over the past few weeks the grade 6's have been preparing and planning for the market day that's on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014. It is a big step because you have to budget, pay for electricity and the hardest one of all is to actually make a profit. Most of the grade 6's have really been trying to get every detail perfect and making sure that it's all planned out.

Most of the students chose a lot of different things so that no one ends up selling the same stuff and a lot of the stalls have really great ideas and they are very creative such as fairy floss and milkshakes and heaps of other ideas. Nearly every person has knuckled down and really focused on every little detail.

By Emily 6S

## Ritchies walk

On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November, the grades 5s and 6s went for a walk to Ritchie's supermarket. It helps us with finance which is what we are working on in maths.

The reason we went is because we are going to be cooking things that Kate Churches didn't choose for us. We have had **3** weeks so far, we planned, worked out ingredients then we walked to Richie's supermarket to get the ingredients, next week we get to cook. We have a budget of **\$3** per person. In my group I have **4** people so we had a budget of **\$12**, in my group we are making brownies with chocolate icing with ice-cream on the side. We are having a surprise judge come in and try our food.

By Tyanne 6S

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SAILING CARNIVAL

On Monday the 17th November, Charlie, Taj & Ella went to Albert Park Lake in Melbourne to compete in the Junior School Sailing Carnival. We competed in 10 races including the mega race around Gunn Island in the middle of the Albert Park Lake. The wind was changing direction all the time so it was hard to sail in the one direction for us. In session two the Paynesville team had a very good

round with moving through the fleet of 20 sailors. In the end we came 5th. Thank you to Sharna, Russell, Annette, Tony & Deb for their support and taking us to Melbourne. Also, thank-you very much to the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club and Paynesville Primary School. It was an awesome and fun experience for us all. The above report was from Taj, Charlie and Ella.





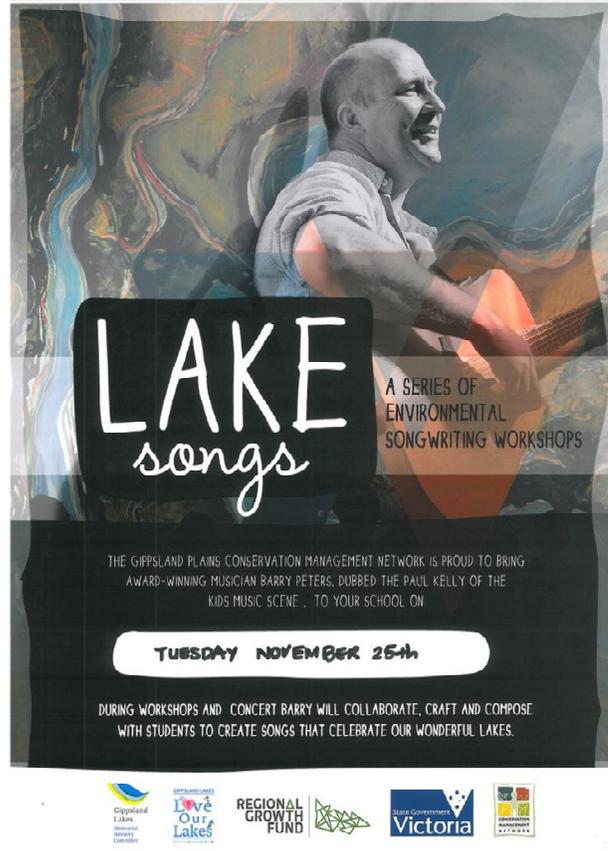
**Science in Schools**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November a group of students are going to Bairnsdale Secondary School to participate in ..... These students have been participating in the Science Awards Program with Carol Roberts throughout the year.

**Lake Songs**

Barry Peters will be facilitating a songwriting session with the Grade 3 students on Tuesday

in conjunction with the Gippsland Plains Conservation Management Network. Barry has been dubbed the “Paul Kelly” of the kids music scene. Cant wait to hear the track! You never know it might go viral on YouTube!



**Secondary School Transition.**

On Tuesday we are taking students to Bairnsdale Secondary College for a transition visit. We will be the first group to use the brand new facilities. I look forward to hearing from the graduating students.

**Lost Property.**

If any students have lost things, we remind you to check in at lost property to recover them.

**Cessation of EMA**

The Education Maintenance Allowance program has axed by the government. The Victorian Principals Association are lobbying the government to have it re-instated. At Paynesville Primary School we review the booklists every year in order to keep the costs down. Should the EMA not be reinstated I have listed government financial support material and organisations following.

## **Commonwealth Government financial support for low income families**

The Commonwealth Government provides a range of payments and services to help families look after their children's education, health care and other family issues.

### **Family Tax Benefits A and B**

This is a two-part payment to help with the cost of raising children. To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A, the parent must care for a dependent child who is:

- aged 0-15 years, or
- aged 16–19 years, paid until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19, and:
  - o undertaking full-time education or training in an approved course leading towards a Year 12 or equivalent qualification
  - o with an acceptable study load, or
  - o has been granted an exemption from education or training requirements

Parents also need to satisfy an income test, meet residence requirements and be caring for the child at least 35 per cent of the time. The amount paid for Family Tax Benefit Part A depends on family income, the number of children in the family, and how old they are. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 0-12 years is \$176.82 or \$4,597.32 per year. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 13-19 years is \$230.00 or \$5,980.00 per year.

Family Tax Benefit Part B gives extra help to single parents and families with one main income. An example of this may be where one parent stays at home to care for a child full-time or balances some paid work with caring for a child. To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B, the parent must have care of a child for at least 35 per cent of the time who is:

- a dependent child under 16 years of age or
- a dependent full-time secondary student up until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18.

The rate of Family Tax Benefit Part B is based on an income test and the meeting of residence requirements. The amount paid for Family Tax Benefit Part B usually depends on

the age of the youngest child in the family. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 5-18 years is \$105.00 or \$2,730.00 per year.

If a parent/family qualifies for Family Tax Benefit Part A or Part B, they may be entitled to other payments and services such as the SchoolKids Bonus (see below), Parenting Payment, Child Dental Benefits and many others.

### **Health Care Card**

The Health Care Card provides help with the cost of prescription medicine under Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Australian government funded medical services, and access to state, territory and local government concessions. Families may be eligible for a Health Care Card if they get specific Commonwealth payments or supplements or the maximum rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A.

### **SchoolKids Bonus**

The Schoolkids Bonus is a Commonwealth Government payment to assist eligible families with education costs. The Bonus is automatically paid by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services in two instalments each year. Parents do not need to make a claim for this payment.

To be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus, the parent/carer must:

- receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child in primary or secondary education
- have a primary or secondary student turning 19 years or younger in the calendar year, who receives certain government payments
- satisfy an income test (applicable from 1 January 2015)

From 1 January 2015, eligible families will receive the Schoolkids Bonus in:

- 2 instalments of \$211 for each child in primary school - a total of \$422 each year
- 2 instalments of \$421 for each child in secondary school - a total of \$842 each year.

### **Child Care Benefit**

The Child Care Benefit helps eligible families with the cost of outside school hours care,

vacation care and registered care.

### **Centrepay**

Centrepay is a free, voluntary service for Centrelink customers to pay expenses as regular deductions from their Centrelink payments.

Deductions can be started, changed or cancelled at any time to suit the family's circumstances.

The types of expenses that can be paid using Centrepay include education fees and expenses, child care, private rent including community housing, telecommunications, electricity, gas and water, ambulance costs, home care services, rental of household goods, and medical services and equipment.

### **Information for parents – Victorian Government**

#### **Changes to the EMA**

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/ema.aspx>

#### **Costs and Financial Assistance**

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **Education Maintenance Allowance (FAQs)**

[http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/departments/vlc\\_emaufact.pdf](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/departments/vlc_emaufact.pdf)

#### **Financial Assistance for Families**

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/families.aspx>

#### **Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools (FAQs)**

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/parentpayments.aspx>

#### **School Charges and Costs**

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/costs.aspx>

### **Information for parents – Commonwealth Government**

#### **Centrepay**

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/centrepay>

#### **Child Care Benefit**

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/child-care-benefit>

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#### **Family Tax Benefit**

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/family-tax-benefit-part-a-part-b>

#### **Health Care Card**

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/health-care-card>

#### **SchoolKids Bonus**

<http://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/schoolkids-bonus>

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29<sup>th</sup> Nov- B'dale Rotunda  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec- B'dale Makers Market  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec- P'ville Market

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