



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2 Term 1 Week 4 - 22nd Feb 2024

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm & Friday 8:30am to 3:45pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Assembly - Fridays 3:00pm

Active After School Care - Monday and Thursdays
3:30-4:30pm

Lunch Orders - Fridays

Week 4

Thursday 22nd February

- Taekwondo Clinic

Week 5

Thursday 29th February

- Taekwondo Clinic

Friday 1st March

- Student Leaders presented with certificates at assembly by Darren Chester, 3:00pm

Week 6

Thursday 7th March

- Taekwondo Clinic

Week 7

Monday 11th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th March

- NAPLAN commences

Thursday 14th March

- Last Taekwondo Clinic

GRIP Student Leadership Conference

On the 14th of February our Grade 6 student leaders attended the GRIP student leadership conference in Sale alongside Mr Floyd and Jaime. The conference used informative, relevant leadership strategies and fun activities to improve their leadership, cooperation and public speaking skills. The students were able to meet school leaders from other primary schools in the area.



Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Members of our Community,

Hi everyone,

It sure has been a busy couple of weeks as the school year has commenced. Whilst we are only week 4 the weeks come and gone quickly. Students have been involved in many classroom and whole school learning experiences during this time to set them up for success in their learning wellbeing for 2024. It has been great to see our student leaders organising activities and events across the school and with students from all levels. They enjoyed their time at the GRIP Student Leadership conference last week and have many positive plans for our school community.

Specialist subjects have been enjoyed by students and Wez has joined the specialist team delivering Performing Arts which has also been a hit with the students. Maria is working with the grade 6 team and students on Mondays to enhance their I.T. skills and introduced them to the Google platform and educational programs to support their learning.

Swimming trials were undertaken and 4 students will be going to represent themselves and us as a school next Thursday in Bairnsdale at the Central District Swimming Sports. We wish them luck. Students also enjoyed being part of the Hockey Clinic last Friday and will start TaeKwonDo sessions on Thursdays starting this week.

NAPLAN for our grade 3 and 5 students will be in term 1 again this year. The tests will commence on Wednesday March 13th and are to be completed by Friday 22nd March. More information will have come home to parents this week, however if you have any questions related to these tests and your child/ren please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or come and see me.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Support Group meetings were held last week and enabled the staff and families that attended to engage together in supporting the best for students' learning and outcomes.

The 2024 Parents and Friends Association met for the first time last week and it was nice to see some new parents join. There are many great ideas for events and activities for the students, families and community that came from the meeting. If you were unable to make it to that meeting you are more than welcome to join at any time. Come in and see me or give me a call at school.

On the weekend we had our working bee and I would like to thank those of you that attended and helped out. We got lots done and were able to remove many overgrown trees, rubbish and weeds and do a general clean up. The gutters also got a good clean out.

Our Meet and Greet BBQ went well with many new families and old coming along and enjoying something to eat, some music and a chat. Thanks to those who organised and cooked, served and cleaned up.

Kind regards, Deb Mathers – Principal

Around the School

House Colours on Fridays

On Friday afternoons, students will be participating in fun activities in their house groups. On Fridays students can wear a house colour shirt, hat, or small accessory in their house colour if they would like to.

Weekly School Value Award Winners



Week 2 Value of the Week Award Winners - Respect

Week 3 Value of the Week Award Winners - Safety

Performing Arts

Students started their performing arts specialist in Week 2 with Mr Vague. In performing arts students build their drama, music and movement skills to express themselves through fun and active activities.



Sports Equipment Box

The sports equipment box has been organised by our Sports Captain Charlotte D'Amore. At recess and lunch students will be able to access sports equipment from the equipment box in front of the hall to use around the school.



Meet and Greet BBQ

On Monday the 19th of February, we held our start of year Meet and Greet BBQ. It was great to see and have a chat with the students, staff, families, friends and community members that attended.



Zooper Doopers

Zooper Doopers will be available at lunchtime at the canteen on Fridays for 50c each. There is a limit of two per student.

Book Club

The first PPS book club meeting was held at lunchtime in the library on Thursday the 15th. It was great to see so many students from all year levels attending. The group spoke about what they wanted to do in book club, the rules for book club, and helped to design review templates. Book club meetings will continue on Thursdays during the second half of lunch. All students are welcome to attend.



Taekwondo

Students of all year levels began their Taekwondo clinics on Thursday this week through a School Sports Victoria Initiative. Taekwondo will continue for the next three Thursdays.



Grade Prep

In the Prep class we are always making, doing, creating, designing and having lots of fun!



Grade 1/2/3 Classroom Report

The Grade 1/2/3s have continued to settle into the classroom and build their learning routines. Students have learned to use their writers notebooks and their maths journals. It's been great to see a class community build and grow in this class.



Grade 3/4 Classroom Report

Students from 3/4 were thrilled with the addition of DRAMA! to their weekly schedule, the class decided to call Mr. Vagues lessons DRAMA due to different roles they get to perform, it was then decided it needed an exclamation mark as it was loud and fun.



In addition to DRAMA!

Class 3/4 also enjoyed a hockey clinic with Dave. All took part and demonstrated the school values of Respect, Positivity, Learning and Safety.



Within the classroom, students have begun different types of group work and have enjoyed sharing their thinking with each other. Furthermore, we kicked off science with an interesting experiment of static electricity with balloons and tin cans. Over the term students will investigate different forces of motion and record their results in their books.



Learning Focuses

Week 2-3 - Writing: Creating SEED ideas. Reading: Making a prediction Numeracy :Multiplication and Division

Week 4-5 - Writing: Writing process (plan, draft, revise, edit, publish). Reading: Making connections Numeracy:Addition and subtraction strategies (compensation, split, written).



Grade 4&5 Classroom Report

We have had a great couple of weeks in the 4/5 classroom!



Writing: In writing we have been continuing work to set up our Writer's Notebooks - filling them with amazing 'seed' ideas that they can then plant in their writing books and write about. The students enjoyed writing stories with a partner based off of 3 random words and also using photos to write about using their senses. We are currently refreshing our process of writing a piece - from drafting to publishing, so hopefully we will have amazing work to display in our classroom soon!

Reading: In reading we have been making sure that we are using the 5

finger check to make sure that students are choosing the correct book for their reading time. Regular visits to the library are giving the students time to choose new books each week too. We are continuing

to use our 'CAFE' reading strategies to help decode tricky words and make sense of what is being read.



STEM: Students have been learning about vessel water displacement and how this leads to boats floating. They have designed boats that they think will float. We will be floating these boats this week and testing to see 1. If they float and 2. How many paper clips they can carry. Those that displace a lot of water, creating more stability - should hold more paperclips and float more efficiently. They will be writing their predictions and conclusions.

Maths: In maths we are currently working on Graphs and data collection. The students have looked at different types of graphs and are now collecting their own data to create all sorts of different graphs.

Spelling: Students are really enjoying the new Soundwaves program - where we work through activities together and then they complete the relevant section of their worksheet. We have looked at lots of different phonemes - along with prefixes/suffixes, tense, breaking up words into individual sounds and much more. It has become a much loved part of our daily routine.

Message from Miss S: I just wanted to thank all parents and caregivers once again for continually supporting the amazing kids in my class. I absolutely love seeing their smiling faces each day and nothing makes me more happy than seeing them thrive. Please encourage your little ones to read each day because any reading is good reading - whether it be recipes, instructions, captions on the tv, directions or even menus. Thank you so much! Miss Sargent



Grade 6 Classroom Report

It continues to be a busy time for our Grade 6 students. On Wednesday 14th of February, our student leaders went to the GRIP leadership conference in Sale. The conference gave them many skills they can use and improve to help the school. We are very excited to see the ideas from this conference. Thanks to Robert and Jaime for coming along!



The Grade 6 students enjoyed the hockey clinic last Friday. They played plenty of games and learnt new skills.

In the classroom, students have shown terrific improvement in their place value knowledge. We are all proud of the progress they have shown and all of their hard work.

Students have created their own book clubs and are now starting to have meetings. The books the students have chosen for these meetings are *I Survived: The American Revolution* and *Once*. In spelling, we are working on different sounds and segmenting our spelling words. We are also working on different prefixes and suffixes. In writing, students have been using their notebooks to create a piece of writing. It is fantastic to see students so engaged with using their notebooks.

Kitchen with Mrs Clack



Staff Member of the Week

As staff we are living our school values everyday and acknowledging the work each of us as staff does to promote and show values.

Deb Mathers - Term 1 Week 3



Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read the department's collection notice if you require extra information. [Schools' privacy collection notice | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#)

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

Values Award Winners for Week 3

Paynesville P.S. Values Awards

Value of the Week: SAFETY

Students identified by staff this week to be demonstrating our School Values

Spencer O'Riley - for picking up a road sign that had fallen on the road as he walked to school

Rosie Pertzell - for reminding students how to use scissors safely

Kyran Howard-McKay - for always walking safely in the classroom

Japleen Kaur - cleaning up a mess that wasn't hers

Kenzie Cartwright - cleaning up a mess that wasn't hers

Olivia Gordon - cleaning up a mess that wasn't hers

Mayhem Ngawhika - making sure upset friends are feeling safe and calm

Nathan McGrath - supporting his classmates to make safe choices

Ally Wood-Laird - safely supporting her friend at lunchtime

Hannah Elford - for demonstrating safety in the classroom

Paige Lewis - for keeping the sandpit area safe by finding broken glass

Jaylen Howard-McKay - for being safe in the kitchen

Chase Martin - picking up a book from the floor so no one would slip on it

**Well done to all these students as well as so many others
across the school that have worked to display actions
showing our value of SAFETY this week.**

Values Award Winners for Week 4

Paynesville P.S. Values Awards

Value of the Week: POSITIVITY

Students identified by staff this week to be demonstrating our School Values

Deakin Davis - being eager to complete all learning tasks

Eliza Holland - always happy to give things a try

Eliza Holland - for always being so bright and positive in Breakfast Club

Bella White - always making positive choices and trying her best

Liam Wood-Laird - for cheering up a friend who was feeling sad

Carl Quigg - smiling and having a positive outlook

George Wood-Laird - safely handling kitchen equipment

Ashley Lewendon - always having a positive energy in class

Gabriel Mitchell - for making positive choices in his learning

Frankie Molinaro - for coming to school with a positive attitude

Charlotte Brocchi - having a positive attitude to all learning tasks

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across the school that have worked to display actions
showing our value of POSITIVITY this week.**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
MUMS GROUP**



We are currently seeking expression of interest for a new Mums Group!

The group will meet on the **second Thursday of each month beginning with a one-off meet and greet on March 21st at 10am**. This will be a great opportunity to connect with local mums, hear from guest speakers, and more! Each session will be a gold coin donation, with tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

If this is of interest to you, please get in contact on 5156 0214 or email info@pnc.vic.edu.au

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Supported Playgroup

Come and join us for:

- Songs and rhymes.
- Art & craft.
- Messy Play.
- Fun & Friendship.
- Information about your child's development.
- receive support around parenting and play.
- Discuss topics from the small talk program.

Session times:

Tuesdays- 9:15 - 11

Paynesville Primary School
in collaboration with Uniting.



Our playgroups are facilitated by a child development specialist & trained smalltalk facilitator.
Please contact prior to attending a session.

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