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Principal's Points

Welcome

It was wonderful to see both new and returning students arriving at school on Tuesday morning for the first day of the 2008 School Year. Our new Year One and Prep students spent the day learning about life in the big school, as well as undertaking a whole range of fun and challenging activities. All of our other classes quickly settled back into the swing of things and are looking forward to a great 2008. Not only do we extend a special welcome to our new Year One and Prep students, we also welcome several other new students and families to Payne Road State School. We hope that you have a long and happy association with our wonderful school.

For those families who are joining us for the first time, each Tuesday afternoon your child will be given a newsletter that has all of the happenings and upcoming events that are occurring at our school.

On the staffing front, I am pleased to announce that Patty Murphy and Gerard Donovan were given permanent status over the holidays. As announced last year, Mark Johnstone joins us as Deputy Principal. Mark comes to us from Fortitude Valley School where he was Acting Principal. I welcome Mark to the Admin Team and look forward to working with him.

In other staffing news:

Mr. Hemming is now teaching full time on Year 4/5/6

Norelle Barclay and Sue Underhill will be share teaching with one of our Year 3 classes.

Cara Dean will be here three days a week as we have extended our LOTE Program

David Warner is the new Teacher Aide in the Rainbow Room.

Sun Smart

Although we have been fortunate that the weather has not been unpleasantly hot, we are still in the summer months and need to ensure sun safety procedures. Please ensure that your child has a wide brimmed hat at school every day as he/she must wear it for all outside activities. Also, the Premier has released a media statement stating that swim shirts must be worn by all students during all water-based activities including swimming lessons. If your child does not have a swim shirt, a t-shirt will suffice. These measures are in place to protect your child. We would appreciate your co-operation with this matter as the future health of our children is important to us all.

Road Safety

The start of a new school year is always a busy time on the roads around our school both before and after school. I would like to remind parents that the school driveway is not to be used for dropping off or picking up students. Parking is available on Payne Road or the Stop/Drop/and Go zone can be used in Kernel Street. It is important that we all take extra care and follow all of the road rules when using Kernel Street. Remember that the Kernel Street Stop/Drop/and Go is not school property, it is an extension of Kernel Street therefore all normal

road rules and regulations apply. Your co-operation in this matter will ensure a safe environment for all of our students.

Morning Tea

I would like to pass on a big thank you to Melinda Chandler and Louise Winn who organised our Welcome Morning Tea on Tuesday Morning. It was great to see so many parents popping in to meet and greet other families at the beginning of our school year.

Treat Time

This Friday afternoon, 2:50 – 3:30pm will be our first treat time for 2008. Ice blocks will be on sale for the children and parents can purchase coffee from the "Shock Coffee Van". Please make time to come along to the tuckshop area and meet other families in our school. I look forward to seeing you there.

Year 6/7 Camp

Next week, our Year 6 and 7 children are off to camp at Tallebudgera Outdoor Education Centre. I am sure that the students and the accompanying staff will have a wonderful time and I look forward to hearing the many related tales on their return.

Special Year

2008 is both "The Year of Physical Activity" and "The United Nations Year of Languages". Many exciting initiatives will be happening this year and we look forward to sharing them with you in future newsletters.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

TERM 1 DATES

Week 2

- 4 – 8 February – Year 6 & 7 Camp – Tallebudgera
- 5 February– Tuckshop opens
- 5 February – Swimming lessons commence
- 8 February – Beginners Band Camp – Gap SHS hall
- 8 February - Welcome Disco

Week 3

- 11 February – Beginners Band Camp – Gap SHS Hall
- 15 February– District Swimming Carnival

Week 4

- 21 February - Prep Excursion Botanical Gardens
- 22 February – Summer Sport commences

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Payne Road OSHC is sponsored by Payne Road State School P & C Association. The program is located in the Activities Building near the Kernel St car park. Our service is both licensed and accredited.

The service is available to all school aged children (prep to year 7).

The program operates from Monday to Friday:

Before School Care:
7.00am – 9.00am

After School Care: 2.30pm – 6.00pm

Vacation Care/Pupil Free Days: 7.00am – 6.00pm

Prep children, enrolled at Payne Road State School are escorted to and collected from Prep each day by OSHC staff.

During the first few weeks of each school year, Year One students are also escorted to and collected from their classrooms.

Enrolments/Bookings 2007

Families wishing to access our service for this year need to fill in a 2008 enrolment form (green paper).

Bookings are essential to ensure correct staff : child ratios. If your child/ren are enrolled in our program and you require a **regular booking** for this year, please fill in our 'update attendance record' form (**green** form on sign-in desk).

We are also available for casual and emergency bookings by phoning (leaving message) or by making a note in the diary situated on the front desk. The diary on the sign in desk can also be used to cancel a regular booking in advance. A reminder: Fees will not be

charged if notice is given by 9am same day for afternoon care.

Extra Curricular Activities

Families need to familiarise themselves with the new policy and procedures regarding children being escorted to and from extra curricular activities whilst attending our service. This is available on a **blue** permission form on the sign-in desk. Forms must be completed and returned before the activities begin for 2008.

Children's Property

Could all parents/carers please check **all** children's property is clearly labelled. This assists us in returning property to its rightful owner and ensures we do not end up with an abundance of **lost** property.

OSHC Committee

Parent participation is encouraged throughout all aspects of the service; a parent sub committee supports the staff and sponsor/licensee with the day to day running of the service. Members of the sub committee must be members of the P & C Association. The election of sub committee executive is held at the AGM in March. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Active After School

I am please to announce our program has been successful in being able to participate in the Active After-School Communities program. Activities for this term are Monday: Hip Hop workshop; Tuesday: Soccer clinic; Thursday: Playing for Life program. Forms for children to participate in these **FREE** workshops are available from the Activity Building.

For any further inquiries regarding any aspect of our service please phone 3300 0077 or come in and see us.

Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)

UNIFORM SHOP

Would you please note that the Uniform Shop will be open for business tomorrow (Thursday) from 8.15 to 9.00am.

Debra Jackson

TINY TENNIS

There is no Tiny Tennis this week, this will commence next week. Look on John Berry's website for further information.

John Berry

P& C MEMBERSHIP

With the new year commencing, the P&C Association welcomes new and returning parents to our school. One of the ways you can help to contribute to

the direction of the school is to join the P&C Association. An application form has been included with this newsletter. Please complete the form and return to the P&C Secretary via the tray in the school office.

We have nearly completed the implementation of the previous strategic plan developed in conjunction with the school. That plan concentrated on the infrastructure - Junior School Precinct (playground and toilet), Resource Centre extension and the Activities Building grandstand. We are developing a new plan with a focus on learning support and expect to have this agreed by the middle of the year.

We also have a number of subcommittees that need participants. These include the Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, Music Supporters Group, Events Group (both **FUND** and **FUN** raising). With an increase in our membership we can strengthen the roles of our subcommittees. So please come along and get involved.

Meetings of the P&C are held on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 7:30pm. The next general meeting will be on 21 February. The AGM will be held on 20 March. All are welcome to attend.

David Cox (P&C Secretary)

TUCKSHOP

THIS WEEK TUCKSHOP WILL ONLY OPEN FOR "TREAT TIME" AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY.

Normal trading will commence next week on **TUESDAY 5/2**.

Copies of the new (blue) menu are being sent home this week. Please watch out for it & keep it safe.

ROSTER

Tuesday, 5 February - Tuckshop
Deanne Limpus, Faye Holmes

Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)

KIDZ-N-CO TALENT

Parents, please note the times for Kidz-N-Co Talent – Speech and Drama classes for 2008:

Thursdays from 3.00pm to 3.45pm – location to be advised (will be at Payne Road SS). Please note that the first lesson will be Thursday, 14 February

Application forms to enrol in these speech and drama classes are available at the office.

Debra Jackson