

# Payne Road State School

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## AIMING HIGHER

### Principal's Points

#### Welcome Disco

It was wonderful to see so many people at the Welcome Disco on Saturday Night. Thank you to the organizing committee and our Year 7 students who did various jobs on the night. A great community effort ensured an enjoyable evening for everyone.

#### NW District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who competed at the District Swimming Carnival on Friday. It was very pleasing to hear from our parents that the Payne Road State School children conducted themselves in such a positive way.

#### Playground Equipment

Due to the abundance of rain we have experienced since the beginning of January, the lower playground is a safety hazard at the present time. This is because all the soft fall surface has been washed away. I have no option but to close the playground until the problem is rectified. It will also be unavailable during OSHC time and I ask for your co-operation in keeping children off the equipment before and after school. At the P&C meeting this Thursday evening, we will be looking at various options, with the intention of reopening the playground as soon as possible.

#### Excellence in Visual Arts

Congratulations to Jessie Wynn, Caitlin Aittola and Taylah Swindell who were selected to participate in The Gap State High School Visual Arts Year 7 Integration Program. The

girls had their first lesson last week and thoroughly enjoyed it. This program offers a great opportunity for our students to further develop their artistic skills in a supportive high school setting.

#### QCAR

2008 will be a year of great significance in education as it is the year for the implementation of QCAR in all Education Queensland schools. The QCAR Framework defines the core curriculum to be implemented in schools and will ensure the alignment of curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting.

The QCAR elements are:

- Essential learnings
- Standards
- Assessment Bank
- State-wide Assessment
- Reporting Framework

Our teachers have attended a number of professional development sessions to become familiar with the QCAR Framework, and over the next few weeks I will discuss in more detail the Elements of QCAR.

#### School Captain Elections

An early Date Claimer for parents, next Wednesday (27/2) we will be holding a special parade to enable our Year 7 who have nominated for the positions of School Captain and Vice-Captain to present their leadership speeches. Further details will be included in next week's newsletter.

**Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)**

### Deputy Principal's Points

#### Treat Time

It is fantastic to see so many members of our school community turning up to the Friday treat times. This is a great way for everyone to have informal chats and catch up on more than just school issues. Thank you to the volunteers in the tuck shop and our year seven students who perform a great job with serving people on these special occasions. The Shock Coffee van seems to be getting a great deal of customers and it seems to be a very good way to attract the attendance of both staff and parents. It appears that word of the Treat time afternoons is spreading with more and more people in attendance each time. I hope to catch up with a few more people at the next one on 7 March.

#### Environment Club

The Environment Club will start next Tuesday the 26 of February at 7.45am and continue on every Tuesday after. We ask that Parents who have an interest in this area please help us to help the children. If you are available on a Tuesday morning it would be great to make use of an extra pair of hands. The staff involved are Mr Douglas Hemming and Mark Johnstone and the Environment club is open to students in years 5-7.

#### Cross Country Training

Training will be starting on Monday the 3rd of March at 7.45am and will continue every Monday and Wednesday there after. This training is open to students from yrs 5-7. The coach will be Mark Johnstone.

**Mark Johnstone  
(Acting Deputy Principal)**

## TERM 1 DATES

### Week 4

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

### Week 5

- 27 February – Election of Captains
- 27 February– Regional Swimming
- 29 February – MEAL DEAL

### Week 6

- 2 March - “Clean Up Australia” Day
- 3 March - 6M & 456H Excursion Art Gallery/ Sciencecentre
- 5 March – Leaders’ Induction Ceremony
- 7 March – Treat Time – SHOCK Coffee Van

### Week 7

- 13-15March – Worlds Greatest Shave
- 15 March – Brisbane City Council Elections

### Week 8:

- 19 March & 20 March – Life Education Van
- 20 March – Easter Bonnet Parade Prep – Yr 2
- 20 March – P&C AGM Meeting 7.30pm
- 21 March – Good Friday

### Week 9:

- 24 March – Easter Monday
- 25 March – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26 March – School Photos
- 27 March – Life Education Van finishes

## LOTE NEWS

**LOTE** means **L**anguages **O**ther **T**han **E**nglish.

LOTE is about communication and learning to negotiate meanings, we do this through listening, speaking, reading and writing.

LOTE develops flexibility in thinking as students consciously switch their usual thought processes to communicate in another language.

LOTE helps students to appreciate that different cultures have a different way of perceiving and expressing situations. For example, most

women in our society would consider it rather rude if someone asked their age when they were first introduced. In China, asking a woman’s age is part of normal conversation.

LOTE enhances student’s post-school options in our community. Australia’s trade, culture and tourist links with other countries provide many opportunities for people who are multi-lingual.

LOTE reinforces a student’s study of Literacy by encouraging them to think about the rules and structures of sentences in their own language while comparing them to a different set of rules and structures of another language. For example Chinese people use the same word for ‘he’ and ‘she’. They also don’t use ‘is’ when describing something.

**Cara Dean (Lote Teacher)**

## DISTRICT SWIMMING

Last Friday the following students represented our school at The District Swimming Trials at Samford pool.

Sheldon Alcock, Callum Atterton, Austyn Boardman, Dylan Browne, Claudia Cramond, Lucy Davidson, Jonty Doolan, Tallulah McVilly, Liam Noble, Jemma Smith, Sarah Wood.

Although no-one made it into the District Team, we did field a strong team who on every occasion, finished in the top half of their field. Well done.

## Interschool Softball

This Friday is the start of winter sport and training commences this week.

Junior Softball, Senior A and Senior B softball teams will train Fridays 7.50am sharp.

**Liz Clancy  
PE Specialist**

## WELCOME DISCO

Thanks to all of the volunteers that made the green welcome disco great. It was good to see parents, teachers, and children using the oval seeing as we now have good lighting. We look forward to more fun-raising events this year.

## Treat Time

The iceblock and real coffee treat times have been a hit with teachers, parents, and the kids. The year 7 helpers have been fantastic! We're looking for a couple of people to help supervise treat time once or twice a term to spread the load on the regular volunteers. If you can help out, please email [payneroad@bigpond.com](mailto:payneroad@bigpond.com) or phone Melinda on xxxx xxxx.

**P&C Committee**

## RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

Continuing our series of articles on delayed or impaired Theory of Mind we will examine a fifth effect of this impairment – a sense of paranoia.

A person with ASD often has difficulty in distinguishing between deliberate and accidental actions of other people. This problem can be exacerbated when the person who does something accidental on one occasion, may have on other occasions teased or tormented the individual with ASD. The person with ASD can find it difficult to distinguish between the two.

For a child with ASD once another child has been hostile or aggressive any further interaction with that child can be confusing. This adds to the social difficulties experienced by the child with ASD. They need a social detective to help them find the clues – did that person have a mean look on their face, did their voice sound angry or nasty. What was the

person doing when they hit your arm? Were they trying to walk past? These questions need to be explored to reach the right conclusions.

(for further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood).

**Jill Darch**

#### **NEWS FROM CHAPLAIN**

The churches of The Gap are very keen to support the schools in their community. As part of this, they are holding a special Commencement of School Year Service where they can pray for schools, teachers, students, staff, RE teachers and chaplains. All eight schools in our area will be represented. Everyone in the school community is invited to attend this special service, which will be followed by supper. It is going to be held at The Gap Uniting Church, 1050 Waterworks Road, The Gap on **Friday, 22 February** from **7 - 8pm**. The local councillor and MP will both be there.

It would be great if we could have a good turn up from Payne Road.

**Chris Bullock(Chaplain)**

#### **OSHC**

##### **Forms, Forms, Forms**

Just another reminder to all families that we require the updating of enrolment and regular attendance forms for each child. Also permission forms for both extra curricular activities and active after school if applicable.

##### **Bookings/Cancellations**

It is imperative for parents/carers to inform staff regarding changes to bookings. On several days we have reached our maximum numbers and will be relying on cancellations to accept extra bookings. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### **Staffing For 2008**

I would like to introduce our staff for this year. Emily Tomlinson is currently our assistant coordinator. Andrew Ferrari, Annika Sauvage, Andrew Parkinson, Michelle Ede, Simone Hare, Odete Martins, Matt Knight, Hayley Spark and Kim Miller are our senior staff members. Junior staff are Cheyene Smythe, Damian Grealy, Tom Wedemeyer and Adam Shann.

Please take time out to meet this dedicated group of people who all play an important role in the lives of the children attending our service.

#### **Accounts**

Statements are sent home via the classroom (youngest child) with the newsletter. All families attending our service receive a statement on the first week of each month with subsequent reminders sent home weekly to families with fees in arrears. Discount is offered to families with fees paid in advance.

**Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)**

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

If possible, could parents check all items of clothing returning from Year 6/7 Camp. A student has lost a grey jumper/windcheater with hood. If found, could it be returned to the school office.

**Debra Jackson**

#### **HIRING OF OUR FACILITIES**

Looking for space for a celebration, seminar, or function? How about hiring one of the schools facilities?

We have several different sized options. We have spacious facilities, play equipment, plenty of tables and chairs, a kitchen and lots more...

Great for functions for all ages. For kids, the adventure playground, sandpit and oval are great for them to run off some of their energy, with loads of space for games. For adults, it's ideal to accommodate any size party or function. People have hired out the school hall and multi-purpose building for seminars, workshops, club meetings, even Dance exams – the possibilities are endless. If you need to hire a space, why not enquire about our facilities?

#### **Tennis Court Hire**

Looking for ways to get more exercise? Do you need a fun activity for you and your kids? Want to flex your tennis muscles? If the answer is YES to any of the above we may have the solution for you. Our P and C hire out the tennis courts at bargain rates for casual and annual hire. Day hire \$10 per hour (families of our school \$8) Night hire \$12 per hour (families of our school \$10) We also have a casual card, valid for one year from date of membership: Terrific value because the school benefits too! Day card - \$50 per annum. Night card - \$75 per annum plus \$20 key bond

Bookings are recommended for court hire.

**Mandy Adams 3366 8598**

#### **GRADE 1 PARENTS AND CARERS MORNING TEA.**

A reminder for Grade 1 parents and carers that there will be a morning tea at The Gap Coffee Club this coming Thursday 21 February from 9.30 am.

Please give me a call or email so I can organise a table or two?

Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Karen Galligan xxxx xxxx**  
[galligan1@bigpond.com.au](mailto:galligan1@bigpond.com.au)

**GRADE 3 PARENTS AND  
CARERS MORNING  
TEA.**

Just a reminder... this Friday 22 February at 9am The Coffee Club is the place to be if you are a parent of a Grade 3 child! We are having an informal coffee, chat and catch up. No need to RSVP, just turn up if you can make it. Would love to see you there.

**Katrina Shore (xxxx xxxx)  
katrinashore@aapt.net.au**

**YEAR 7 SHIRTS &  
RAFFLE**

Reminder all orders and money must be returned by this Thursday to the office. No late orders can be accepted.

**Year 7 Raffle**

Thanks to all parents and friends who supported the Year 7 Raffle at the Welcome Disco. The winner was Annie who proudly received a basket of goodies at the disco.

Many thanks to all Year 7 students who help sell the tickets.

**Chris Shallish**

**P&C MEETING**

Thank you to all the new and returning P&C members for returning the application forms. I encourage you to join our P&C - please complete the application form and return it the office.

Our initial P&C meeting will be held in the Activities Building this

Thursday from 7:15PM for a 7:30PM start. The full agenda can be found on our web site - follow the links to "Our P&C - Meetings". The direct link is [http://paynroadss.eq.edu.au/wcms/images/stories/PandC/Secretary/2008/080221\\_PCA\\_Agenda\\_Feb.pdf](http://paynroadss.eq.edu.au/wcms/images/stories/PandC/Secretary/2008/080221_PCA_Agenda_Feb.pdf)

The main items of business are:  
- General reports  
- Infrastructure projects

- Strategic Planning process  
- Fundraising  
On behalf of the P&C Executive I look forward to seeing you all.  
Visitors welcome. P&C Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The AGM will be held on 20 March.

**David Cox (P&C Secretary)**

**ELECTION DAY  
RAFFLE**

We will be running a raffle of wine at Payne Rd on Election Day. Donations of wine would be appreciated and can be left at the office. If anyone can donate a wheelbarrow to put the wine in please contact Jenny Tucker on xxxx xxxx or xxxxxxxxxxxx.

Volunteers to sell raffle tickets on election day will be required. Please contact Jenny Tucker on the above number if you can help.

**Jen Tucker**

**TINY TENNIS & TINY  
SOCCER**

Start your child's friendship with sport! Learn Tiny Soccer and Tiny Tennis at this school. 6 per group. 5 to 8 year olds. Enrol Now. Phone John Berry 3300 2246.

[www.tinysports.com.au](http://www.tinysports.com.au) (Free advertising for parents)

**TUCKSHOP**

Meal Deal forms will be sent home this Thursday or Friday. Please ensure orders are returned by Tuesday 26

**TUCKSHOP IS STILL IN  
DESPERATE NEED OF  
MORE VOLUNTEERS  
TO FILL OUR THURSDAY  
& MEAL DEAL ROSTER.**

If you can help, even if only for 2 hours rather than the full day, please leave your name & number at the office.

Please remind your children that cups of noodles & milk need to be personally collected from tuckshop.

**ROSTER**

**Thursday 21 Feb - Tuckshop**  
Kerri Phillips, Anne Price, Jean Wight, 2 **MORE**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Tuesday 26 Feb - Tuckshop**  
Ieva Ozolins,  
Annett Kruse, Jean Wight

**Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Playcentre Autumn Garage  
Sale - Saturday 8 March 7-10am**  
Ashgrove Baptist Church, 7  
Firhill st. Ashgrove  
Seller - book early - only \$5 per  
table  
**CONTACT LIBBY ON 33122009  
OR LIBWARK@OPTUSNET.COM.  
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**Conversational English Classes**  
- RiverCity Centre Family  
Church, 59 Settlement Road, The  
Gap. Starting 4 March 2008, 10-  
12Noon, Weekly. 3366 7224, or  
just turn up!"

**Art & craft market**  
St Williams Parish Hall, 67  
Dawson Pde. Grovely) - Saturday  
March 8  
See flyer in breezeway.

**Kids Klub - 6-8pm The Gap  
Baptist Church. See flyer in  
breezeway.**

**Ring Lurelle 0403 901 702**