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Principal's Points

Leadership Assembly

This Wednesday morning we will be holding a special Leadership Parade. Those students who have been short listed for the positions of School Captain and School Vice-Captain will present their leadership speeches during this assembly. Following the speeches, our students will take part in a preferential election to fill these roles. This election will be run by the Australian Electoral Commission, modelling for our students the way that our Federal, State and Local elections are conducted. All of our parents are most welcome to join us on Wednesday and listen to our School Leaders.

Road Safety

A reminder to parents that the safe place to drop students off in the morning is the stop, drop, and go on Kernel Street. If you are walking your child/ren into school, parking is available on Payne Road. To ensure the safety of our students, the school driveway is for staff parking and deliveries. If you have special circumstances (ie. to collect sick or injured child, require use of disabled parking facilities, or similar) parking is available outside the office area. I thank you for your co-operation in ensuring a safe environment for our students.

Ecumenical Service

On Friday night, Chris Bullock and I attended an Ecumenical Commencement Service for the School Year at The Gap Uniting Church. All eight schools in the area attended and I thank Kristy Armitage, Luke Beesley and Sarah Wood for being such wonderful Payne Road representatives. The ceremony was a very positive way

to celebrate the commencement of the school year.

QCAR-Essential Learnings

As mentioned last week, the QCAR elements are:

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

This week, we focus on Essential Learnings. The Essential Learnings are clear statements of what all students should be taught and what is important for students to have opportunities to know and be able to do at the end of Years 3,5,7 and 9. They describe the ways of working, and knowledge and understanding that students need for ongoing learning, social and personal competence, and participation in a democratic society.

The Essential Learnings provide:

- Clarity for teachers about what to teach.
- Assurance for teachers that the essential elements of each key learning area (KLA) are being addressed.
- Assurance for parents/carers that a core curriculum will be offered in all Queensland schools.

The Essential Learnings inform curriculum planning. They are an agreed core of learnings that schools will use to generate school-based curriculum. Essential Learnings are the part of the curriculum that is to be common across all schools; however, schools will continue to have the flexibility to organise their curriculum to meet the needs of students according

to local texts. Over the last couple of weeks, our teachers have had some time to plan collaboratively, ensuring that they have incorporated the Essentials in their unit plans.

Staff Update

Welcome to Carolyn Whiley and David Warner who have joined our staff as Teacher-Aides. Welcome also to Juliet Adelt-Kelly who will be an additional part-time teacher in the Rainbow Room. We trust that you will enjoy working in our school community.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

TERM 1 DATES

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
- 6 March – Fundraising Meeting – 7.pm
- 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

What is ICIs?

The ICIs program is aimed at expanding the LOTE curriculum offerings to schools. The ICIs program is based on five important language learning concepts. The intent of the program is to have students gain a deeper understanding of these five concepts.

ICIs aims to develop intercultural understanding – every individual has a culture and views the world through that culture.

ICIs aims to develop student inquiry skills creating Life Long Learners by investigating how their culture is expressed and how they respond to other cultures.

ICIs aims to develop higher order thinking skills and encourages students to demonstrate these skills by examining ideas that culture is multifaceted, variable and dynamic.

ICIs aims to enhance Literacy skills by demonstrating the importance of language and culture working together to shape how we see and understand the physical and social world.

ICIs aims to combine culture and language aspects to create an embedded interest in learning about other languages and cultures.

Cara Dean (Lote Teacher)

THE GAP- CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

As part of a local area study this term, 4G are organising a display to help celebrate the 150 year anniversary of The Gap on Friday 28 March. We are seeking any memorabilia from The Gap area (photos, maps or any other "olden day" items) for our display. If you have any items you think may be suitable, please contact Nicole Goodwin (Year 4 Teacher).

Nicole Goodwin

THE GAP- CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

On Friday 28 March, 4G are celebrating the 150 anniversary of The Gap. A couple of weeks ago Mr Hilder came to visit 4G and told them about The Gap history. We are celebrating by doing a display in the hall. Please come. Remember 28 March 2008.

Debora Kammann & Gemma Hargreaves

SUPPORT-A-READER PROGRAM

We are offering an evening program of Support-A-Reader. This program will help you to help your child learn to read. Are you interested in picking up some extra skills to support your child as they

enter the world of written word? Yes! Then come along to **The Gap SS** -
When: **Monday, 17 March, 2008**
At: **6.30pm to 8.30pm**
Where: **The Resource Centre/Library, The Gap SS**

The evening's activities will be led by Mary Crombie, our Guidance Officer, and Kari Lloyd, our Support Teacher. We will share with you strategies that all parents can use to support their child in developing effective reading skills. Please complete and return the slip at the end of the newsletter if you would like to attend this informative session.

Kari Lloyd

YEAR 5 SAUSAGE SIZZLE

There will be a Sausage Sizzle on **Wednesday 5 March** at lunchtime. This is a fundraiser for an Excursion to St Helena Island. Orders need to be placed by this Friday. A sausage in bread with sauce will be \$2.00. See order form on separate note.

Please support us by ordering promptly.

Helen Gooley (Teacher)

RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

Continuing our series of articles on delayed or impaired Theory of Mind we will examine a sixth area of difficulty – problem solving.

At a very young age typical children will realise that there are others in their lives who can help them sort out problems. They are able to identify that people are interested in helping. This insight that typical children have, is not automatic for children with ASD. These children may be standing, sitting, or playing beside someone who can help them but appear to be 'blinkered' and determined to solve the problem by themselves. Unfortunately their problem solving skills are not well developed or effective. (for further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood)

Jill Darch

OSHC

ACCOUNTS

Prompt payment for accounts in arrears would be greatly appreciated. Also a reminder that discounts may be available to families who fees are paid in advance.

Please remember when paying over the internet to put your surname to assist us with tracking payments.

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.

CANCELLATIONS OF BOOKINGS

Regular bookings that are cancelled before 9.00am on the day of attendance

are void of charges. The same rule applies for children who are sick. **Both** school and after school care need to be contacted regarding any absences. Charges will be applied if cancellations are made after 9.00am.

ATTENDANCES

We request all families notify us regarding extra bookings for **both** before and after school care sessions. This will assist in ensuring correct ratios are adhered to.

Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)

NAB AFL AUSKICK

NAB AFL Auskick is an introduction to AFL for primary school boys and girls between the ages of 5 to 12 (Parents are also encouraged to participate). It incorporates fun and safety in a friendly learning environment.

Our fully accredited coaches provide participants with a coaching program over an eight week period, starting on **Saturday 1 March**, from **8.30am-10.00am**, held at the **Ferny Grove Junior Football Club, Keperra Picnic Grounds, Tramway Street, Ferny Grove 4055**.

The program costs \$50 and includes a benefits pack: Junior Sherrin Football, 2008 AFL Auskick Cap, AFL Auskick Drink Bottle, AFL Auskick Backpack (New style for 2008) **Plus more**. Any queries please call **Scott Wilson on 0411 116 605**.

JUNIOR 'A' SOFTBALL

A great first game on Friday from the Junior 'A' Softball Team who played The Gap. We ran out of time and didn't quite finish the game but Payne Rd finished 1 run ahead and we still had more batters to come - good work girls! **Sam, Ainsley, Jess, Emma, Ariel, Eliza, Rachel P & Jamie** all had safe hits to get on base. In the field, nothing got past **Romie** & our pitchers; **Chloe & Ariel** did a great job with no walks given away and quite a few strike outs. The girls even got 2 double-plays, thanks to **Rachael L's** great catch and then her quick throw to **Eliza. Jess & Eliza** got the other double play at 1st & 2nd. Great Teamwork girls!! See you all at training this **Friday 7.50am**.

Lisa Boyd (Coach)

SENIOR 'A' SOFTBALL

The girls enjoyed their first win of the season against Hilder Road SS. 15 to 10. The heat made it hard to stay focussed right throughout the game; however, the versatility of many of our players in the fielding will be something to look forward to in future games. Training continues to be held on Friday mornings at 7.50am sharp.

Liz Clancy

INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

Payne Rd SS v. Hilder Rd SS, played at Payne Road. Payne Rd won the toss and elected to bat. We scored 5/92 after the required 22 overs. Rhys Minhinnick was our second top scorer with 12. He was well supported by Tim Watson. In the latter part of the innings Daniel Pullen and Ben Slater came together and pulled some very elegant shots. Ben was our top scorer with 27 (not out). Daniel was also not out at the end, scoring 9 excellent runs. Next week Hilder Rd will bat. For the first game of the season, the boys batted very well.

Angus Milne (coach)

SENIOR CRICKET

For the first game of this year, Senior Boys played Hilder Road. Payne Road bowled in the oppressive heat and managed to restrict Hilder Road to 9 for 51. Some tight bowling by Sam T and Broden S (2 wickets each) was backed up by some great fielding and catching. Oliver S took 2 catches. The team is looking forward to the run chase this Friday.

Gerard Donovan

SENIOR B SOFTBALL

Last Friday our Senior B Softball team played against Ashgrove. The girls played very well for their first game and defeated Ashgrove 5 to 2. Emily Lane batted well and got home successfully. Caitlyn Aittola, while playing in the pitcher's position, caught a hard and fast ball on the full which resulted in the batsman being out. Chonelle Bird-Daley played well as our catcher by fielding the ball quickly to first base and succeeding in getting the batter out. Well done, girls. See you at practice on Friday morning at 7:45am.

Sue Connell

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Many of you will know that I have been involved in the 'Shave for a Cure' effort for several years now, ever since one of my (then) Year one students succumbed to leukaemia just after her birthday (and a bone marrow transplant that year.) I am planning to shave again this year, but with a bit of a twist, my oldest child has told me that I am to be a grandma some time around July (which is a huge shock to a woman who celebrated a 21st birthday last year, I can tell you!) She and her partner have decided not to know the gender of the baby til birth, so I am going to suggest that all donations be accompanied by a guess as to what it will be – pink or blue. When I get my shave, I will let you know, in due course, if the majority got it right or wrong. I am hoping, once again, to get my shave on Parade, so that you can all share my fleecing. If you wish to donate I ask that you put your donation into an envelope, with name, child's class (eg. 2Mc, 5G) and vote (pink or blue) on the outside. I can then return your receipt to you in the

same envelope. The shave will be conducted some time around mid – March (officially it all happens 13-15 March). Thanks.

Jan McCollow

MORE ON SHAVE FOR A CURE

Jacqui a parent at Payne Road and her daughter Michaela are shaving their heads in memory of Dominic who passed away in 2003. There will be a cocktail night at The Gap Tavern on Friday 14 March. Please come and sponsor either one of them to raise much needed money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Jacqui Power & Jenny Woodrow

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

String lessons will start from Wednesday 27 February. Students are reminded to bring their tutor books and display folder to their lesson. All teachers will have received a copy of the timetable by Wednesday.

Senior String Ensemble (years 5 – 7) will start rehearsing on Wednesday 5 March at 7.45 am (please arrive by 7.30am). Junior String Ensemble (years 4 & 5) will start rehearsing on Wednesday 12 March from 8.30 – 9.00 am. Junior String Members are to arrive at 8.20 am in front of the music room and wait patiently. Both rehearsals are in the Music Room. Beginner String Ensemble (for beginner string students) will start later in the year.

A reminder for beginner string students to ensure they have their tutor books organised for their first lesson – Essential Elements 2000 Book1 and Music Maestros Book 1. (Please check to see that you have the correct instrumentation.) Other items you will require are: rosin; display folder; soft/cleaning cloth; music stand (for home practice); and library bag or equivalent to carry books.

Second year string students are reminded that you now require Music Maestros Book 2. It is very important that you have this book for your first lesson because, at the end of term, you will be invited to attend the Midi String Camp where Maestros Book 2 is used.

All string students are reminded to place 4 clothes pegs, spare strings and rosin in their instrument cases. **It will be appreciated if instruments, books, shoulder rest (violin and viola players) and dough nuts/rock stop (cellos players only) are clearly marked with student's names.** Please do not use permanent markers on school or privately owned instruments. It is very important for instrument cases to be labelled (e.g. with luggage tags). This helps students identify their instrument and helps to stop mistaken collection of the wrong instrument. Parents, please remind your students to leave their instruments in the

classroom, not in the port racks. Instruments can be damaged by exposure to heat in the port racks (sometimes irreparably). Happy practicing.

Mrs Dinnis

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The schools commencement service on Friday was a great night. Payne Road was well represented with a number of parents and students present, as well as the principal and chaplain. Special thanks to Kristy, Sarah and Luke who represented us in the procession of school banners into the church. It was a moving sight to see the banners of the eight schools coming in after the Australian flag. It is great to see the church community supporting the vital work that the schools do, and acknowledging the dedication of the teachers, administration, support staff, RE teachers and chaplains.

Chris Bullock

CAKES GALORE FOR ELECTION DAY STALL

Payne Road will be holding another successful cake stall during the council election day, on Saturday 15th March. We would love you to bake cakes, slices, biscuits, and more cakes for this very popular stall. There will again be slice/cake boxes at the office for your convenience to pre-package the baked goods. Please help yourself to what you will need. There will also be pre-printed labels, as all food will need to include full ingredient list and your name or class your child is in.

Those of you that do not bake, if you would be interested in dropping off to the office - small packets of flour, caster sugar, cocoa, or even a packet cake mix, and those with pet chickens who have extra egg supplies - that would be highly appreciated too. And anyone baking can check for those items at the office and take them to use.

We will need helpers on the day to sell, and some helpers on Friday afternoon to price goods and make sure they are all packaged. Please e-mail Richenda on rwage2@eq.edu.au with the subject Cake Stall if you are able to help. Next newsletter will confirm where to drop off your yummy cakes.

You are all thanked in great anticipation.

Richenda and Jodette

FUNDRAISING MEETING

Thursday, 6 March at 7pm.

Do you want to help make our school an even greater place for our kids to learn?

The PRSS fundraising committee endeavours to take charge of all the fundraising activities for the year ahead and by putting together a plan of action

to have all future activities coordinated. The aim is to maximise benefit for our children in a fun, imaginative and inclusive manner.

Next **Thursday, 6 March at 7pm** a meeting will be held in the activities building and we really **NEED** as many people as possible to bring their ideas, skills and most importantly time, to help build upon the great work that has been done so far.

Funds raised to date have contributed to the new resource centre, the junior playground, supporting school staff with the purchase of consumable resources, to name just a few. What's next to be achieved will depend on our efforts. Do you want to help make this a great place for your kids to learn? Now is the time to act! See you at the activities centre next Thursday and feel free to bring along some refreshments to help induce a flood of new ideas and initiatives to achieve our school motto: *"Aim ever higher!"*

Richenda

2008 CHOCOLATE DRIVE

The chocolate drive is an annual major fundraiser for us. A box of oversized caramello koalas and freddo frogs will be sent home with the children next Wednesday, 5 March. The chocolates sell for \$1 each. Please email payneroad@bigpond.com or drop a note into the office if you would like us to order more than one box for your family.

P&C Fundraising Group

YEAR 7 PARENTS COFFEE & CHAT

Inviting all Year 7 parents/carers to coffee & chat at The Coffee Club on Wednesday after the Year 7 election speeches. Hope to see you there.

Marianne & Chris

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 0xxxxxxx.

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
(Free advertising for parents)

NEW ARRIVAL

The Barratt family, Father Glen, Mother Justine, Tanika, Liam and Hamish, have just celebrated the arrival yesterday, 25 Feb of a little boy 5lb 15 oz. at 11.34 am. Baby yet to be named.

Congratulations from the Payne Road Community.

TUCKSHOP TALK

Ladies we need some more volunteers **URGENTLY**, to put their hand up to help out in the Tuckshop. Our resources are stretching a bit precariously on some days trying to feed and water our lovely little blighters quickly enough so they can get back to doing what they like doing best during their lunch breaks, which is of course playing. Can you help? Even if it is for only 1 or 2 hrs every month. Many hands make light work, but light on hands mean the kids have to wait for their ice blocks and in weather like this, those ice blocks are in hot demand. Please, Please, Please, add your name to our small but brilliant band of helpers by calling into Lois at the Tuckshop or leaving your name at the admin office. Your kids need your help now so please if you have or can find the time available on each Tuesday, Thursday or Friday please help us to help our kids. Thanking you in advance.

The P&C

TUCKSHOP

I want to look after your children but I need your help! **TUCKSHOP IS STILL IN DESPERATE NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS TO FILL OUR THURSDAY ROSTER.**

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

ROSTER

Thursday, 28 February - Tuckshop

Angela Butler, Emma Clarkson, Alex Cruickshank, **2 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Friday, 29 February- Meal Deal

Dianna Giles, Jean Wight

Tuesday, 4 March - Tuckshop

Tanya Alcock, Deanne Limpus, Faye Holmes

Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)



SUPPORT-A-READER

I would like to attend the Support-a-Reader program which will be held on **Monday, 17 March 2008** - 6.30pm to 8.30pm to be held at The Gap State School.

Name:

Date:

No. attending

Contact Phone No: