

# Payne Road State School

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## AIMING HIGHER

### Principal's Points

#### Year 7 Investiture Ceremony

Congratulations to our Year 7 students for making the whole school very proud during their Investiture Ceremony last Wednesday morning. It was great to receive all of the wonderful feedback from our special guests, our Year 7 families and from the students themselves. I would also like to congratulate the remainder of our student body, who displayed excellent behaviour throughout a lengthy ceremony. Our whole school community should be very proud of the students on this very special occasion.

#### Parent Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews have begun in some classes this week, others will take place before the end of term. These sessions provide an opportunity for our teaching staff to meet with parents and report on the progress of our students over the first term at school. Report Cards will go home at the completion of Term 2 to further inform families on your child's progress.

#### QCAR – Assessment

Assessment is the key driver in improving teaching and learning. Within the QCAR Framework, the purpose of assessment is to:

- Promote, assist and improve learning to inform teaching and learning programs
- Provide information to teachers, parents and students to assist them in the future planning of students' education
- Support consistency of teacher judgments

The Assessment Bank available to teachers will contain rich and varied assessment items that reflect the Essential Learnings and Standards and support everyday assessment. Annotated exemplars of student work will further promote moderation within schools and across the state. It is the focus of these tasks to assess concepts rather than just knowledge.

Next week we look at QCAT (Queensland Common Assessment Tasks).

#### Permanent Cleaner

There is a vacancy at the school for a permanent cleaner to work 13 hours a week. The successful applicant will need to work an 8 hour split shift on a Friday, with five remaining hours negotiable. Selection criteria will be available from the office on Thursday. Applications close on Friday, 28 March 2008 at 4.00pm.

#### Impact Student Leadership

Yesterday Mrs Cheryl Mortimer and I accompanied the House Captains and Music Captains to a Student Leadership Conference at University of Queensland. It was a well presented conference with activities most suitable for the age group. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and left motivated to further develop their leadership skills back in the school setting. Mrs Mortimer and I were impressed with the enthusiasm and interaction of the students and very much appreciated the opportunity to share the day with them.

Next week our School Captains and Vice Captains will have the opportunity to participate in a two

day leadership camp with other captains from the cluster schools. I am sure they will find the time most beneficial.

#### School Photos

Senior Choir, Band, Strings Ensemble and class photos will be taken on Wednesday, 2 April 2008. You should have received an envelope regarding payment of class and individual photos. If you wish to have a sibling photo, you will need to collect a special envelope from the office. Envelopes must be returned with payment on Monday, 17 March to the class teacher. Music photographs may be ordered at a later date. This year we are trialling a different provider. I would appreciate any feedback once the photos have been received. A letter will be going home closer to the date regarding uniform requirements and approximate times of photos.

#### School Staffing

Mrs Merefield-Ward commences a month's long service leave this Friday and we wish her an enjoyable break. In her absence Wendy Noble will fulfill the role of Teacher-Librarian.

#### Council Election

Payne Road State School will again be a venue for the election this Saturday. Please come along and support the various fundraising activities organised by our very dedicated P&C members. All funds raised ultimately benefits our children.

## School Organization

Due to the short weeks coming up, there will be no newsletter the week of 24 March.

## Parade This Week

There is a special item on parade this week. Mrs. McCollow (our Prep Teacher) will be participating in the Shave for a Cure (in aid of leukaemia).

If any parents/families wish to donate to support this cause, please put the money into an envelope with your name and the amount on the front (this way Jan can provide you with a receipt). **On this day, we will also have a Free Dress/ Crazy Hair Day in aid of this worthy cause.** Students are reminded to wear suitable clothing (no bare midriffs or bare shoulders) and appropriate footwear. Please send along a gold coin as a donation.

**Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)**

## Deputy Principal's Points

### Environment Club

We are in dire need of some parents to help with the Environment Club on Tuesday mornings. We currently have 22 students participating who are eager to learn a little more about the environment and gardening. The club is focusing on sustainability of our environment at school and in general. If you are a green thumb, have any interest in the environment or have any skills to offer, please contact Mark Johnstone or Douglas Hemming. We are looking at breaking into small groups and taking on different projects around the school as well as whole group discussions where applicable. Any kind of help would be much appreciated.

### Mobile Phone Recycling Campaign

Our school is currently participating in a mobile phone recycling campaign that will help our school raise much needed funds. For this campaign to be a success **we need your help!**

In Australia, over 3 million mobile phones are incinerated or dumped in our landfill sites each year.

For every mobile phone returned, not only will our school benefit by raising funds, the environment will also benefit.

We need your child to bring in any unwanted mobile phones. As well as

bringing in your own unwanted mobile phones from home, you can involve friends and family by asking them to give you their unwanted mobile phones. **It's that easy.**

We look forward to your support

## TERM 1 DATES

### Week 7

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

### Week 8:

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- 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
- 27 March – Life Education Van finishes
- 28 March – Yr 4G – Memorabilia for 150 yr of The Gap
- 30 March – Working Bee P&C

### Week 10

- 31 March – 4 April – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 1 April – Midi Yr 4 String Camp
- 2 April – Midi Tr 4 String Camp
- 2 April - School Photos
- 4 April – Summer Sport concludes
- 4 April – Treat Time – SHOCK Coffee Van

**VACATION: 5 APRIL – 15 APRIL**

### CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Parents/Caregivers are reminded to contact the office with any changes in regard to student contact details (ie.) Home/work/mobile phone numbers, emergency contact details – both mailing and home addresses

**Debra Jackson**

### INTERNET AGREEMENT AND PHOTO PERMISSION

All Internet Agreement and photo permission forms should have been returned to class teachers by now. If the internet agreement has not been returned, there is every possibility that your child will not be able to use the internet. Any queries please contact the office.

**Debra Jackson**

### LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Our lovely new building has been open for the last few weeks and many people have visited. If you haven't been to see us yet, come along and see what all the fuss is

about. We are open before school, from 8.30am and after school, usually until 3.30pm. Of course we are open at lunchtimes as well for all those students who like to curl up and read or chat to a mate or play a game or draw a picture. Come and say hello.

**Wendy and Jan**

### EASTER BONNET PARADE

Preps, Years 1 and 2 are parading their Easter Hats on **Thursday 20 March** under "A" Block. The Parade will begin at 9.15am and the singing and dancing should finish by approximately 10am. Parents are then invited to join us for a BYO morning tea, with your children.

**Prep, Year 1 & 2 Teachers**

### 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**

### 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. If interested please contact the office

**Kari Lloyd**

### RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

Continuing our series of articles on delayed or impaired Theory of Mind (TOM) we will look at an eighth area of difficulty – introspection and self-consciousness.

It has been argued that due to the different ways of acquiring TOM abilities in the cognitive development of children with ASD, they may develop a different form of self-consciousness. The child with ASD is more likely to acquire TOM abilities using intelligence and experience rather than intuition and this can lead to the development of a different way of reflecting on their own thinking and the thinking of others. As children they may reflect upon their special interests in very different ways than what we neuro-typicals might. They might make connections that we might not necessarily make and this may seem a little odd.

For intellectual adults with ASD this different and highly reflective way of thinking has a quasi-philosophical quality.

When a different way of thinking and perceiving the world is combined with advanced intellectual abilities we achieve new advances in philosophy. It is interesting to note that the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein had many of the characteristics of an intellectually 'gifted' person with Asperger's Syndrome.

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

### RAINBOW ROOM THANKS

A big thank you to the Wood family for their techno box donations too. A big thank you also to the Erringtons for the donation of an Alphasmart.

**Jill Darch**

### OSHC

#### AGM

The Annual General meeting for the OSHC sub committee will be held this Wednesday 12 March 2008 at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome.

**OSHC Committee**

### JUNIOR 'A' SOFTBALL

On Friday, the girls had a great **13-9** win against Hilder Rd & showed a great improvement in their batting & base-running skills. Every girl got a safe hit & we got through the batting

line-up of 9 twice. Sam & Ariel were our 'super stealers' around the bases & Rachel L, Sam & Eliza all made it home 3 times (although the 3rd innings didn't count to the score). In the field, Emma & Rachel L did a great job their first time pitching & Rachel L also did some quick fielding to get 2 outs at 1st base. Well done girls - keep up the fantastic work!

**Lisa Boyd  
(Coach)**

### SENIOR 'A' SOFTBALL

The girls played their closet game yet. After the first innings, the score was locked at 1 run each. After the second innings we were leading just 3 runs to 1. St Williams were strong in the pitching area but we came home strongest in the third innings winning 10 to 4. Special mention to Laura and Zoe for their good pitching, great catching by Kristy and Becky. Tyalah took some pressure catches on third base to get 2 outs.

Great game girls!

**Liz Clancy**

### INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

Payne Road won the toss and elected to bowl against Ferny Hills SS. FHSS scored 95 from 22 overs. Isaac Manson bowled well, achieving figures of 1/10 runs from 3 overs. Isaac also threw a superb run out. Daniel Pullen bowled very well, scoring 1/10 from 4 overs. The other wicket taker was Dave Buttlig, 1/16 from 3 overs. The boys tried hard in the field and cut off many runs. Next week will be Payne Road's turn to bat.

**Angus Milne (coach)**

### SENIOR CRICKET

Senior boy's cricket played Ferny Hills SS. at the Payne Road oval. After a solid start, Payne Road managed to amass 143 runs off 24 overs. Luke B top scored with 47 runs, with Jack E hitting 6 fours in his 24 runs. There were some big sixes hit by Luke, Dylan B and Tyler B (who hit 2 sixes). Tight bowling will be needed next week in order to restrict Ferny Hills' run scoring capacity.

**Gerard Donovan**

### SENIOR B SOFTBALL

Last Friday our Senior B Softball team played against Bardon. We

defeated them 7 to 5. All the girls played very well. Meg McBlane had her first turn at pitching this year and she did very well. Keep up the hard work girls. Well done.

**Sue Connell**

### SHAVE FOR A CURE

Last week to support 'Shave for a cure' with Mrs McCollow! Shave happens on Parade tomorrow! And last day to donate is Friday 14. Thanks to all who have donated so far. Don't forget to nominate BLUE or PINK!

**Jan McCollow**

### 2008 CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thanks to those families who have already sent back the money collected from selling the chocolates. If you have receive a box and choose not to sell them, please return the box asap to the office or activities building so that we can give them to families who can sell more.

If you have any questions about the chocolate drive please email [payneroad@bigpond.com](mailto:payneroad@bigpond.com)

**P&C Fundraising Team**

### WORKING BEE – SUNDAY MORNING 30 MARCH

Thank you to Scott Boardman for his time and use of his equipment to make a big start on the cleaning of the surface and surrounds of the Tennis Courts. A big thanks also to Tod Doolan for his time and hard work.

Just a reminder the next working bee is on Sunday 30th March. Many hands make light work, every contribution makes a difference. If you are in a position to help please contact our coordinators:

Rob Chandler:  
[rxchandler@parker.com](mailto:rxchandler@parker.com), Steven Smith : [stevensmith@hsbc.com.au](mailto:stevensmith@hsbc.com.au)

### CAKES GALORE FOR ELECTION DAY STALL

Payne Road is holding another successful cake stall during the council election day this Saturday 15 March. We would love you to bake cakes, slices, biscuits, and more cakes for this very popular stall. There are slice/cake boxes at the office for your convenience to pre-package the baked goods. Please help yourself to what you will need. There are also pre-printed labels, as

all food will need to include full ingredient list and your name or class your child is in.

Please drop your cakes at the tuckshop from 2.30pm this Friday, or directly to the stall on Saturday morning (from 6.30am).

Anyone still interested in helping please contact Richenda via e-mail - [rwage2@eq.edu.au](mailto:rwage2@eq.edu.au).

You are all thanked with great anticipation.

**Richenda and Jodette**

#### 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 xxxxx xxxx.

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

**HELP!!!** Wine is needed for the election day wine raffle. Could anyone who is able to donate (one bottle per family would be wonderful) please leave the bottle at the office for me to collect.

I am also looking for helpers for selling raffle tickets on election day. Please ring me on xxxx xxxx or email me at [jblackford@bigpond.com.au](mailto:jblackford@bigpond.com.au)

**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)

#### BOOKCLUB

I will be processing the order on Thursday, 13 March. If you are paying by cheque, please make sure to make the cheque out to **Scholastic Australia** and if at all possible, please send in the correct money if paying by cash. There are a few extra copies of the brochures in the library if you need them. Any questions, please call  
Thank you.

**Petra xxxx xxxx.**

#### TUCKSHOP

Thankyou & welcome (or welcome back) to Tanya Alcock, Dianna Giles, Kerryn Suchting & Jenny Tucker who have joined our roster for 2008. WE STILL NEED MANY MORE VOLUNTEERS TO FEED YOUR CHILDREN!!

Please leave your name & number at the office or send me an email at [tlmc@exemail.com.au](mailto:tlmc@exemail.com.au) & I will get back to you.

Many orders are being received with prices from last years menu quoted. If you don't have our 2008 term 1 menu, spare copies are available at the office, OSHC or tuckshop.

#### ROSTER

##### Thursday 13 March Tuckshop

Angela Butler, Alex Cruickshank, Mary-Rose Saunders, Jean Wight **2-3 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

##### Tuesday 18 March Tuckshop

Faye Holmes, Carol Watson  
**1 MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)**

#### 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.**

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Lancini family (Solomon, 1M) is seeking local short term self-sufficient accommodation for visiting interstate grandparents to stay (retreat to!) while helping out with the imminent arrival of Solomon's new baby brother or sister. From Easter to end of April **or any part thereof.** Granny flat or house-sitting ideal. Please phone Lynette or Ben on xxxx xxxx or email [lynette@uq.edu.au](mailto:lynette@uq.edu.au)

**Reverse Garbage** at West End is running low-cost school holiday workshops in April for children aged 6 - 12 years. See flyer on noticeboard in breezeway

#### The Gap Netball Club is Looking for Players-2008

We are currently looking 11 year olds Cadets (14-15 year olds) Training is held at Hilder Rd State School and games are played on Saturdays at Downey Park, Windsor. Please contact Mikarla on 3300 6580 or mob 0408 787 178.

#### Free program supports families following divorce

The University of Queensland is offering a free 12-week parenting program designed to improve outcomes for children following divorce. For more information contact Family Transitions Triple P Parenting (07 3365 7303, [k.nicholls@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:k.nicholls@psy.uq.edu.au)).

#### ASD/Asperger Carer Support Group

March Meeting, Friday 14 March  
From 9.00am St Mark's Anglican Church. For more information Desley Green 3300 3407

**Cartooning camps** – Please see flyer on noticeboard in breezeway or pick up flyer from office.

**Drum Lessons** – See flyer on noticeboard in breezeway for more information.