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AIMING HIGHER

Principal's Points

Election Day

What a wonderful school community, we have here at Payne Road State School. Over the past weeks, we have had numerous bottles of wines donated for the raffle and on Friday and Saturday, we were inundated by cakes. On Election Day, there were dads cooking sausages, mums working on the cake stall, students selling raffle tickets and others simply spending! Another great community effort which raised over \$3000 for our school. A huge thank you to you all, your continued support is much appreciated.

Easter Hat Parade

This week a definite highlight for our Junior School Parents (Prep, Yr 1 & 2) will be the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday morning with activities beginning at 9:15. Mr. Johnstone and I have been busy working on our hats and look forward to joining in the fun on Thursday. Activities will begin at 9:15 and will conclude by 10:30 a.m. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us on this occasion.

Life Education

A reminder that the Life Education Program commences tomorrow. Classes have been timetabled to attend a session over the next five days. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. It is not only a session in the van, there are many follow up activities which will be undertaken by the class teacher so it is essential that all children participate. Please send outstanding payment to the office by tomorrow.

On Wednesday afternoon, commencing at 2.00pm, a parent information session will be held in the

van. Should you wish to learn more about Life Education, please come along.

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 hours 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.

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.

Special Mention

Congratulations to Laura Cruickshank who, as a member of the Australian Youth Choir, has been chosen to participate in the forthcoming International Concert Tour of Europe and the United Kingdom. What a fantastic opportunity for Laura! We wish you an enjoyable and successful tour and look forward to hearing about your experiences on your return to school.

A Message from the Director-General's Office

Turn off your lights and help save the planet.

Parents across Queensland are being asked to join their children in supporting this year's World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Earth Hour on Saturday 29 March 2008.

People across the globe will be united in turning off their lights and any non-essential electrical appliances in their homes and offices between 8pm and 9pm.

The hour-long campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions shows how each one of us, by making small changes, can create big changes for our planet.

Schools across Queensland are already celebrating Earth Hour on the Friday 28 March.

Students and staff will be switching off lights, fans and air-conditioners during breaks and at the end of the day, as well as turning off equipment such as computers, printers, scanners and hot water urns when not in use.

On Saturday 29 March, it's the turn of Queensland parents to do the same at home and help combat the alarming problem of global warming.

If all Australian households turned off unused lights and appliances on standby at the power point, Australia's emissions would be reduced by at least 5 million tonnes per annum. That's the equivalent of taking 1.5 million cars off the road for a year.

Remember – be involved but do not turn off lights that affect safety or essential electrical appliances such as refrigerators.

The Minister for Education, Training and the Arts, Rod Welford, recently announced a statement on sustainability for all Queensland schools which will serve as a guide for schools to meet their environmental obligations. For more information see flyer in breezeway.

Staffing Update

We welcome two new staff members to our school, Juliet Adelt-Kelly and Tarryn Berning. Both ladies will be working in the Rainbow Room, Juliet as a teacher and Tarryn as a teacher-aid. We hope that their time here will be both enjoyable and rewarding.

School Organization

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

There will also be no assembly on Wednesday, 2 April due to school photographs being taken that day.

In conclusion, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, 25 March. The last day of Term 1 is Friday, 4 April.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

Deputy Principal's Points

Vandalism around the school

Recently there have been a few cases over consecutive weekends where we have had cases of vandalism resulting in materials being burnt. The vandals in question have been combining sparklers with other materials to cause considerable damage to school property. If anyone does see suspicious activity in the grounds in times outside of school hours, please call the local police. The bikeway next to the school is used by a lot of people over the weekends and it would be very beneficial to the school if people could keep an eye out whilst passing through.

Leadership Camp

Over the past two days our school Captains and Vice Captains have been involved in a leadership camp that has been run by the Mt Coot-tha Alliance of Deputy Principals. Congratulations to Caitlin, Luke, Laura and Cameron for their enthusiastic approach and

involvement with this initiative. Fifteen schools were involved in this leadership program with a total of 60 students attending. Throughout the two days the students have been working towards building on their existing leadership skills and networking with students from other schools.

Environment Club

Once again I would like to ask for community support with our school environment club. We have around 25 students in regular attendance on Tuesday mornings who are very eager to learn. There is an urgent need for community help in overseeing and guiding small groups of students with gardening activities. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Mark Johnstone (Acting Deputy)

TERM 1 DATES

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
- 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

CROSSING SUPERVISOR

Please be advised that there will not be a crossing supervisor at Paten Road in the morning tomorrow, and possibly tomorrow afternoon as well. Please ensure your children are made aware of this change.

Debra Jackson

THE GAP- CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

4G has been studying our local area this term. To conclude this unit of work, on Friday the 28 March, we are celebrating with an "Olden Days" day where students will dress in "olden days" clothes and play "olden days" games. Mr Jeff Hilder is kindly giving up much of his time to assist us on the day.

To conclude the day, our whole school community is invited to attend a display

in our classroom. Please come along between 3 and 4pm and have a look at the students' work and the many items from Mr Hilder's collection. We would love your support!

Nicole Goodwin

RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

Continuing our series of articles on delayed or impaired Theory of Mind (TOM) we will look at a ninth area of difficulty – understanding embarrassment.

Children with ASD tend to rate some situations as embarrassing whereas typical children do not and they also have difficulty justifying why someone would be embarrassed. They have an intellectual understanding of the concept of embarrassment but are less able to use it in new and different situations. Children with ASD tend to make fewer gestures (body language) that show embarrassment than their peers. Children with ASD are also less likely to detect faux pas and are more likely to commit faux pas in their everyday behaviour (a faux pas being defined as 'an indiscreet remark or action').

Typical children around eight years can keep their critical comments to themselves, when they think of the emotional reaction of the other person. But the child with ASD will not only be quite good at identifying other's mistakes, they will also be keen to point out those mistakes to encourage perfection and enlighten the other person. They themselves would not want to keep making mistakes so they believe other people need to know when they have made a mistake to help them improve. This can present as a condition called 'OTM, OTM' – on the mind and out of the mouth.

We need to teach children with ASD to think about how the other person will feel and to decide whether they should keep these thoughts to themselves. However the motivation to seek perfection may override the motivation to avoid an unpleasant reaction. (For further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood)

Jill Darch

SAUSAGE SIZZLE SUCCESS

Thank you to all who supported the 5G Sausage sizzle. It was a huge success. We raised \$348.75. We are all now looking forward to going on an excursion to St Helena Island tomorrow. We especially thank all the mothers who helped, particularly Mrs Winn.

Helen Gooley

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Rehearsal for the Concert Band is as usual this week but will be NO Senior or Junior String Ensemble. All lessons will be as normal. Congratulations to all members of the Junior String Ensemble (years 4 & 5) who attended their first rehearsal last Wednesday. Just a reminder: Junior String Members are to arrive by 8.20am and wait patiently in front of the music room. Students in Senior String Ensembles are reminded that they should bring a pencil and eraser to rehearsals.

Parents of Beginner String students please note we are focusing on plucking and developing the correct posture. It will therefore be a couple of weeks before the bow will be used so please keep it in the instrument case.

The Wind, Brass and Percussion Beginners are working on their breathing, maintaining a consistent air speed and pitching the notes accurately.

All beginners should be using the CDs in their tutor books as practice aides.

Information regarding the Midi String Camp has been given out to all eligible students. This camp is designed for second year string students. Please return the permission form and money to the office by Tuesday 25 March in a clearly marked envelope.

GRIPPS information will be given out to all eligible students next week. Students are selected for this camp by auditioning later in the year.

All students have received a homework/practice sheet. This sheet is to be placed in a display folder and brought to the lesson each week. Parents are to sign at the bottom of the practice column weekly. The practice sheet operates as a bar-graph. Each practice session is coloured-in a different colour and added to the previous practice session. Beginner students should be practicing at least 10 – 15 minutes a day, minimum 4 times a week and the intermediate and advanced students should be practicing 20 – 30 minutes a day, minimum 4 times a week.

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

Mr Hartog and Mrs Dinnis

JUNIOR 'A' SOFTBALL

The Junior A girls enjoyed a great 10-7 win against Ashgrove on Friday. In the field, Romie & the birthday girl, Sam, pitched an innings each & Rachael P were the catchers, & they all did a terrific job for their first time in these positions. Eliza did a great job on 1st & Chloe on 3rd, both getting runners out. With the batting, in the first innings Ariel & Ainsley both scored runs. In the 2nd innings at bat the girls really shone & scored 8 runs with Ainsley getting the hit of the game that brought 2 runners home. Sam, Eliza, Chloe, Ariel, Jamie, Ainsley, Rachel L & Jess all made it home. What a team!!!

Lisa Boyd (Coach)

INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

FHSS (4/95) d. PRSS (5/43)

The boys had their turn to bat against Ferny Hills SS last Friday. We scored 5/43. Daniel Pullen top scored with 7, which included an excellent pull shot to the on-side boundary. Daniel received a lot of support from Dave Buttling, Morgan Francis and Michael Carroll partnered well in the middle of the batting order. Both boys hit the ball well, but it was difficult to penetrate the field. Callum Atterton and Tim Holmes were the not out batsmen at the end. It was difficult to score quickly because of the long boundaries. Both teams exhibited pleasing behaviour and sportsmanship, and valuable playing experience was acquired. The round after Good Friday we play St William's at PRSS.

Angus Milne (coach)

SENIOR CRICKET

Payne Road played Ferny Hills in the second week of the match. After a solid bowling and fielding performance Payne Road managed to bowl out Ferny Hills for 190 runs, surpassing Payne Roads 143 runs. Sam T took 4 wickets, with Jack E, Riki S and Oliver S, Dylan B and Luke B all taking wickets for the team. James M was the stand out fielder taking 2 catches in the outfield.

Gerard Donovan

SENIOR B SOFTBALL

Last Friday our team played St Williams. Unfortunately we were defeated 11 to 8. All the girls played very well. Katherine Pullos played a very active and energetic game. Every ball that came near her she

dived at. While playing catcher Sheldon Alcock caught a batter out on strike three. Chonelle Bird-Daley caught another batter out on the full and so did Caitlyn Aittola. Tallulah McVilly caught someone out on first base. Emily Conn played well on second base and fielded very well as Left Outfield backing up Short Stop. As you can see, our fielding was 'spot on'. Congratulations, girls.

Sue Connell

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program turns 25 in 2008. Our school will be participating in the fundraiser where money is raised for Heart research and 10% of money raised goes towards Payne Road SS equipment. Our Jump Off Day is 9 May and so too is our involvement in an attempt to break the current Guinness World record for the most number of students skipping at one time for 3 minutes duration. Students will bring home sponsorship forms after the holidays. I trust you will support this cause as incentive prizes are also available.

Liz Clancy (PE Teacher)

OSHC

Vacation Care

Bookings are essential for Autumn Vacation Care, which will operate from Monday 7 April to Friday 11 April and also on Monday 14 April for the Pupil Free Day. Programs and enrolment forms are now available from the Activity Building. The program welcomes all school age students.

Hours of operation: 7.00am – 6.00pm. For any further information please contact us on 3300 0077 or email prsspc@optusnet.com.au

Lost Property - Again our table is filled with an assortment of clothing, hats and various other things. If not collected by the end of term any unnamed items will be donated to charity.

Accounts - We request that any outstanding accounts be settled before the end of term unless payment plans are in place.

OSHC Management Committee - I wish to thank this year's continuing OSHC committee - Louise Winn (President), Julie Marshall (Secretary) & Tanya Alcock (Treasurer) - for their dedication, support and focus on the objectives of the our service during the past 12 months.

Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)

P&C NEWS

The P&C Association AGM was brought forward to the 13 March because of Easter. There were 15 members and visitors. The major items of business were:

- The adoption of the audited accounts;
- Subcommittee reports;
- Registration of members; and
- Election of officers.

The P&C has 70 members from 45 families. There were few changes to last year and all positions were elected or appointed unopposed.

Executive

President - Tim Mortimer
Vice President - Mike Price
Secretary - David Cox
Treasurer - Melinda Chandler

Sub-committees

Out of School Hours Care

President - Louise Winn
Secretary - Julie Marshall
Treasurer - Tanya Alcock

Bookshop - Suzie Berkhut

Facilities Hire - Mandy Adams

Facilities Project Management - Ken Marshall

Fundraising Group Liaison - Richenda Wagener

Grants Oversight - Stephen Buttling

QCPCA liaison - Ivy Hanley

Tuckshop Convener - Lois Aittola

Uniform Shop - Sue Dyne

Working Bee Coordinators - Steve Smith and Rob Chandler.

Congratulations and thank you to all those who have volunteered. The minutes of the AGM and subsequent general meeting will be on the school website in due course.

The next P&C General Meeting will be held on Thursday 17 April at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start in the Activities Building.

David Cox

PARENTING WORKSHOP TERM 2 DATES

The next parenting workshop will commence on the 12 May. It is a Monday night this time and will be held each Monday for 4 weeks.

More information will be sent home after Easter, however register your interest at the office this week (ph 35113111) or email payneroad@bigpond.com. Remember - places are limited to 10 families, cost is \$30, and free child supervision is provided. Get in quick to avoid disappointment.

P&C Committee

2008 CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thanks to those families who have already sent back the money collected from selling the chocolates. If you haven't returned your money and/or unsold chocolates, it would be great if we

could receive it this week. If you have any questions about the chocolate drive please email payneroad@bigpond.com

P&C Fundraising Team

ELECTION DAY RAFFLE

Council Election - \$3600 profit!

Another successful election day fundraising effort. Thank you to everyone who donated wine, baked, organised, and sold raffle tickets, sausages, and cakes. We did a great job with little stress!

We sold 1550 raffle tickets, 450 sausages, 100 drinks, and 340 items at the cake stall. The money raised will be put towards the \$12000 needed to buy the 12 laptops and cabinet for the learning resource centre.

The winner of the wheelbarrow full of wine raffle was the Harley-Davis family with Jayden in 1M. Congratulations - we're pleased to see a Payne Road family win! Looks like you won't be doing too much driving over Easter.

P&C Fundraising Team

CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be handed out this week to families who returned their permission forms. Any errors or changes needed or families wanting to be on the lists - please let me know. There will be an updated list next term.

There are some classes still requiring class parents, again I look forward to hearing from you!

Class Parents:

Prep M Vicki Shoebridge
Prep L Sonja McDowell & Julie Brelford
Year 1M Lindsay Andrews & Katrina Spark
Year 2MC Natasha Nobay & Mayumi Kameda
Year 2D Tammy Oram & Valda (McVilly)
Year 3B Katrina Shore & Chris Shallish
Year 3BU VOLUNTEER needed
Year 4G Jenny Woodrow
Year 456H VOLUNTEER needed
Year 5G Chris Taukuro
Year 6M VOLUNTEER needed
Year 67D Marianne Garden & Michelle Beesley
Year 67CJ VOLUNTEER needed

Valda email: valdad@bigpond.com

SHAVE FOR A CURE

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who watched Jenny Woodrow, Jacqui and Kaela Power, Destiny G. and Dakota as we lost our locks at the Gap Tavern on Friday and raised \$1000 with our sponsorships giving us a total close to \$5000 and counting!! Dom would be proud!!

Thanks also to Caroline Cochrane who wielded the clippers and Annie Grealy who took some fantastic photos.

Jacqui, Jenny

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TUCKSHOP

Thank you & welcome to Nicole Macnaughtan who has joined our roster.

WE STILL NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO FEED YOUR CHILDREN!!

Please leave your name & number at the office or send me an email at

tlmc@exemail.com.au

& I will get back to you.

ROSTER

Thursday 20 March Tuckshop

Kerri Phillips, Anne Price, Kerryn Suchting, Jean Wight **2 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Tuesday 25 March Tuckshop

Ieva Ozolins, Annett Kruse, Nicole Macnaughtan

NEXT WEEK

Thursday 27 March Tuckshop

Angela Butler, Emma Clarkson, Alex Cruickshank, Jean Wight

2 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday 1 April Tuckshop

Tanya Alcock, Deanne Limpus, Faye Holmes

Happy Easter!

Lois (Tuckshop Convener)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Host Families needed

Short-term Japanese students will be attending The Gap State High School from 31 July- 11 August 08, (11 nights, 1 student per family). Host families are paid \$32 per student per night. For more details please contact Donna @ Eastlock International on 07 3510 3204, or enquire by email to homestay_qld@eastlock.com. See flyer on noticeboard in breezeway.

The Mater Children's Hospital together with the University of Qld is conducting "The KOALA child obesity management, education and research program." It has been designed to help overweight children between the ages of 6-10 and their families make positive changes for a healthier and happier life. If you require further information please contact the

Project Coordinator Regina Dowdle on
3840 2757 or
email regina.dowdle@mater.org.au

Smoke Alarms

Only working smoke alarms save lives.
Don't be a fool, change your smoke alarm
battery this April Fools' Day.
For further information visit
www.changeyourbattery.com.au or
contact Ashgrove Fire and Rescue on
(07) 3366 0258.
See flyer on noticeboard in breezeway

Triple P Course

The next Triple P parenting course at the
Lady Cilento Parenting Centre has
limited vacancies. The course is 8 weeks
starting 6th May and costs \$180
including workbook and individual
consultations. Phone Jo at LCPC on
33681578.

Lost - one pair of silver/white speedo
goggles at year 6/7 swimming. Could
everyone please take the time to check
there swim bags or school bags to see if
you have them in error. If found please
return to the office.