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Principal's Points

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all members of our school community after the short break. I trust that all of our families had an enjoyable holiday period. Over the past week, much has been happening at our school. In the Prep 1 Unit, the kitchen and the leaking hot water system have been replaced, giving the area a fresh new look. Painting has commenced, with The Learning Resource Centre looking fantastic now that the exterior job has been completed. The painters have now commenced painting B Block and will also be painting D Block. On the D Block exterior wall, two of our past pupils, Hannah and Emily Winn, both talented artists, are in the process of painting a mural. The mural has an "Under the Sea" theme and will greatly enhance the area where our younger children play. How wonderful to see our young people giving up their time for voluntary community service. Thank you, girls, we look forward to seeing the finished product.

Anzac Day Ceremony

Next Wednesday morning staff and students will be participating in our School Anzac Day Ceremony. All parents are welcome to attend this event. It is important for our students to continue to be aware of the significance of this important day. A representative from The Gap RSL will be joining us as a special guest for this occasion. The Gap Sub-Branch in conjunction with The Gap community will be commemorating ANZAC Day at the Memorial in Walton Bridge Reserve, Glen Affric Street, The Gap with a Service of Commemoration commencing at 9:30am. All Year 7 students particularly school captains, house captains and music captains are encouraged to participate in the parade. Those participating are requested to assemble in the area of the bottom gate to The Gap State High School by 8:55am. Mrs. Richards will be in attendance with the students. Those not participating in, or viewing, the Parade are requested to assemble at the Memorial by 9:15am.

Happenings at Payne Road SS

The next few weeks are very busy at Payne Road State School. Here are some of the activities to look out for:

- **Tuesday 22 April** – Get Active Program
- **Wednesday 23 April** – Anzac Day Ceremony
- **Monday 28 April** – Visit from author, Deborah Abela (Year 3-7)
- **Friday 2 May** – Winter sport commences
- **Monday 5 May** – Labour Day Holiday
- **Thursday 8 May** – Mothers Day Stall

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy)

The NAPLAN tests will replace the Queensland Years 3, 5 and 7 Literacy and Numeracy Tests and, for the first time, will include Queensland Year 9 students. The tests will be conducted on **13-15 May 2008** for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia. Results of these tests will be forwarded to the school later in the year. The school will then forward results to parents.

Mobile Phones

With the number of students with mobile phones increasing, the following procedures have been established to ensure the safe storage of the phones during the school day. Upon arrival at school, students need to drop their phones off at the school office where they will be kept for the day. Phones can then be collected from this location after school. This will ensure that the phones are safe during the day while still enabling students to contact parents to advise that they have safely arrived home in the afternoons. I thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

School Staffing

Mrs Merefield-Ward will return from leave on Monday and we thank Wendy Noble for her efforts over the past five weeks. From today, I will be taking five days leave in order to attend a family wedding. In my absence, Mark Johnstone will be Acting Principal and Jill Darch will be Acting Deputy Principal. I look forward to working with you all when I return next week. It promises to be a busy and productive Term 2.

School Organization

Due to the short weeks coming up, there will be no newsletter next week.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

Deputy Principal's Points

Bike Week

Thank you to all the families and students who participated in bike week at the end of last term. The week was a huge success with the school averaging over 40 students riding to school each day. The week culminated in a "Big Breakfast" for all participants on the Last Friday of term 1.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank Mr Tim Mortimer for organising the Friday breakfast and Mrs Cheryl Mortimer, Mrs Alex Cruickshank, Mrs Lisa Boyd, Laura Cruickshank, Zoe Boyd, and Julia Mortimer for their help in making the morning a success. It was great to hear such positive feedback from families about how they would like to continue riding with their children and keep their bikes dust free in the future.

Get Active

On Tuesday the 22 April we will be having a visit from the "Get Active Queensland Schools Program". The program is a fun, healthy and challenging physical activity program designed especially for schools to encourage positive attitudes towards daily physical activity as a part of an active, healthy lifestyle. The benefits of physical activity for people of all ages is well documented, and there is increasing evidence that many benefits occur relatively soon after the adoption of an active lifestyle. As a part of the program, some renowned athletes may be attending on the day.

National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday the 2 May is a National initiative called "Walk Safely To School Day" (WSTSD). WSTSD should not be seen as an isolated event, but rather a part of a broader package of measures being implemented by governments and the community to raise awareness about the importance of physical activity and health. It is an event which acts as a catalyst to get children and their parents/carers to use more "active transport", by promoting community awareness of the need to walk more for better health. The days and weeks leading up to the event provide a perfect opportunity to get children talking about physical activity and nutrition issues.

WSTSD is organised by the Pedestrian Council of Australia with the support of the Australian Council of State Schools Organisations, The Australian Primary Principals Association and all levels of government. It is sponsored by the Australian Government. Please help support this worthy cause through your participation

Mark Johnstone (Acting Deputy)

TERM 2 DATES

Week 1: 14 April-18 April

- 15 April – Tuckshop open
- 16 & 17 April – Regional AFL
- 17 April – P&C Meeting
- 17 April - Prep Extreme Science Van

Week 2: 21 April-25 April

- 21 April – Regional Hockey
- 21 April - Premiers' Reading Challenge Launch
- 23 April – ANZAC DAY – Ceremony
- 25 April - ANZAC DAY – Holiday

Week 3: 28 April – 2 May

- 29 April – Yrs 4G & 5G - Sciencentre
- 29 & 30 April – Regional Rugby League
- Yrs 5G & 4G – Excursion Sciencentre
- 2 May – MEAL DEAL
- 2 May – Winter Sport commences
- 2 May - Treat Time – SHOCK Coffee Van

Week 4: 5 May – 9 May

- 5 May – Labor Day Holiday
- 6 May – Regional Netball
- 7 May - Musical Mayhem
- 7 & 8 May – Regional Soccer
- 9 May – Jump Off Day – JRFH Yr 3-7

Week 5: 12 May – 16 May

- 12 May – Parenting Workshop
- 13 – 15 May – Yr 3,5,7 Tests
- 15 May – P&C Meeting 7.30pm

LOST

Lost sometime today, in or around the office area, a black pearl drop which fell from a chain. If found please contact Debra in the office 3511 3111.

CONTACT DETAILS etc.

Recently we have had returned to us several postage items with incorrect addresses. We would appreciate Parents updated addresses etc. as soon as possible.

INVOICES

Term 2 invoices were sent out in the last week of term. This is to advise you that costs for "Raw Art" were not included in this account. Invoices for

this will be forwarded in the next week, the cost of this event is \$7.50.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Statements for outstanding accounts for Term 1 went home in the last week of term. We would appreciate payment of these accounts as a matter of urgency.

Debra Jackson

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will resume again Tuesday 22 April.

Money will be collected every Tuesday morning at 9.00am.

There are forms available at the office for anybody who would like to join.

Alison Devine

ED ALIVE! COMMUNITY SOFTWARE PLAN

Leaflets for this year's Ed Alive! Community Software Plan (CSP) will be **distributed on Monday 21 April**. This is an opportunity to purchase excellent educational software at very low prices. Also, the school uses the same maths and literacy programs made available to the community. As part of the CSP, our school earns Ed Alive! Vouchers for the acquisition of more software. Payne Road SS has participated in the Ed Alive! CSP over the last few years. We have found it to be an excellent plan. Ed Alive has informed us that this will be the last opportunity to purchase programs for \$10. **Orders will be due on Friday 2 May. Non-cash payments (cheque or credit card) will be only accepted.**

Angus Milne

PARENTING WORKSHOP

The Term 2 Parenting Workshop will commence on 12 May. Further requests from parents have prompted the scheduling of another parenting workshop facilitated by Mary Crombie. Mary's depth of knowledge will help parents to find positive ways to deal with everyday issues faced by all families. The cost of the workshop is \$30.00 (to cover the cost of the workbook) and is being held on Monday nights over 4 weeks starting 12 May.

Free child supervision is being offered to make it easier for all primary care-givers to attend. Places are limited to 10 families so **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**. Please register your interest on the register at the office, or by emailing payneroad@bigpond.com, or call 3511 3111.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

REMINDER

Thank you to those families that have returned the money or unsold chocolates for the 2008 chocolate drive. We still have **65** payments outstanding. Please send in money or unsold chocolates as soon as possible. We will be sending out individual reminder notices next week.

P&C Fundraising Team

THANK YOU

The Mortimer family would like to pass on their gratitude to the staff and families of Payne Road State School for the love and support at the

recent passing of their father and grandfather, Rob. You made a sad time a little easier. Thank You.

Cheryl Mortimer

**2008 ENTERTAINMENT
GUIDE BOOKS**

The 2008 Entertainment Books have been released. The Entertainment Book is your guide to the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, sports and leisure activities... all with 25% to 50% off or 2-for-1 offers. Plus, My Bookings. Compare rates, check availability and book your accommodation online.

The Guide is a popular item and has been repurchased year after year by some families and their friends. An Order form will be distributed to families next week - this year, the books will ONLY be distributed when ordered.

The Guide Book costs \$60.00 and can be paid for by cash, cheque, or credit card. \$12.00 from each book sold is donated to the school. If you want to get in early, please email payneroad@bigpond.com with your details and we'll make sure you get one as soon as they arrive - they should be available from Wednesday 23 April 2008.

**P&C Fundraising
Committee**

OSHC

**URGENT REMINDER –
FEES**

To all families attending our service - Could you please attend to prompt payment of outstanding fees. Statements were issued at the end of last term. Our Fees Policy clearly states "Fees will be paid, for

all days booked/attended, on the last day of attendance each week to the Co-ordinator".

Remember that discount may be applied when fees are paid in advance. Payments are accepted by cash and cheque (during the week up until 9am on Fridays) or by EFTPOS at any time. Credit card payments are also available over the phone. Payments can also be made by internet transfer as noted on statements. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

OSHC Committee

**BOOKINGS &
CANCELLATIONS**

Due to the high demand for our service it has become necessary to only accept changes to bookings from adults (PARENTS/CARERS). Fees will be charged if notice for cancellations is not received by 9am on the day of usage and places cannot be guaranteed if children just turn up unannounced.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES**

Our staff will again this term escort children to and from activities (eg dance, keyboard, tennis, soccer) within the school grounds whilst attending our service. Please advise of any changes to these activities.

Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)

**TINY TENNIS & TINY
SOCCER**

Enrolments are still open for tiny soccer and tiny tennis. (5 to 8 yr)

www.tinysoccer.com.au.

www.tinytennis.com.au. See our new video.

Telephone John 3300 2246 or 0421 502022 to chat about enrolling.

John Berry (3300 2246)

TUCKSHOP

New menu for terms 2 & 3 was sent home with the youngest child at the end of last term. Please throw away the old (blue) term 1 menu & put the new (gold) menu on your fridge. If you didn't receive it, spare copies are available from the office, OSHC or tuckshop.

ROSTER

Thursday Tuckshop 17 April

Angela Butler, Alex Cruickshank, Mary-Rose Saunders, Jean Wight

**1 MORE VOLUNTEER
NEEDED**

Tuesday Tuckshop 22 April

Faye Holmes, Carol Watson

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Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

IMA is a specialist music education retailer staffed by professional music educators. For all your Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and String needs, from purchases to repairs. Open Monday - Friday and Saturday mornings. Phone orders & enquiries welcome.

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