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Principal's Points

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Last Wednesday morning staff and students participated in our School Anzac Day Ceremony. I would like to pass on a thank you to our special guest, Mrs Christine Everett from the Gap RSL. Christine provided an interesting and informative address, explaining to the children many of the traditions associated with ANZAC Day. As in the past few years, our senior choir concluded our ceremony with a heart felt rendition of "The Last Anzac".

On Friday morning several of our Year 7 students and siblings participated in The Gap community ceremony at the Memorial in Walton Bridge Reserve. It was wonderful to see such a huge crowd in attendance. Mrs Connell accompanied me and many parents from our school community also attended. Thank you for representing our school at this special event.

Both of these ceremonies provided opportunities for our students to understand the significance of this important day.

Visit from the EDS

Last Thursday, Mr Pat Heenan, Executive Director of Schools

visited Payne Road State School. I spent some time with him discussing how we are addressing Education Queensland initiatives such as QCAR. I then showed him our upgraded facilities followed by visits to some of our classrooms. He was very impressed with our Learning Resource Centre and our newly painted buildings. He observed the ASFC trainees conducting sessions on the oval and thought it was great that the children had an opportunity to work with young adult role models. When visiting 3B, the children were happy to discuss their learning activities with Mr Heenan and explained to him why they thought it was important to know how to measure. They enjoyed having a special visitor to their classroom and Mr Heenan found it to be a very inviting environment.

Musical Mayhem

Next Wednesday night the 7 May is our Musical Mayhem Evening. This night is a chance to both showcase our

Musical Program at Payne Road State School and to provide information to parents on the options for your children within our Instrumental and Choral Programs. All families are most welcome to attend the evening. The performances begin at 7:00pm and students are asked to

be at the Ashgrove Baptist Church by 6:30pm. I look forward to the evening which always proves to be most entertaining.

ICT Contribution

Towards the end of last term, I advised of the introduction of an ICT Contribution. Many thanks to the families who have already complied with this request. We have been advised that the cabling process will commence next week hence we will have a huge financial outlay very soon. We would very much appreciate receiving contributions at your earliest convenience. Cheques should be made out to Payne Road State School. We thank you in anticipation of your support in helping us to improve and develop computer and technology access for all our students.

Mothers Day Stall

With Mothers day just around the corner, our students will be able to purchase presents at the Mothers Day Stall on Thursday 8 May. Further details on this event are included later in the newsletter. On behalf of the school community (especially all of our mums), I would like to pass on a huge thank you to Richenda Wagner and her team for providing this service.

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.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 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 3: 28 April – 2 May

- 29 April – Yrs 4G & 5G Sciencentre
- 29 & 30 April – Regional Rugby League
- 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
- 8 May – Mother's Day stall
- 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

Week 6: 19 May – 23 May

- 19 – 23 May – Outreach Week - GSHS
- May 19 - Parenting Workshop
- 20 May – Regional Cross Country
- 21 May – Bardon Young Writers – Parents info night
- 22 May – Raw Art
- 23 May – Raw Art
- 23 May - Treat Time – SHOCK Coffee Van

Week 7: 26 May – 30 May

- 26 – 30 May – State Education Week
- 26 May - Parenting Workshop
- 28 May & 31 May – GRIPPS Auditions
- 29 May – Science Competition Yrs 3 – 7

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.

Year 1M – Out of the Box - 12 June - \$27.00

Yrs 2D & 2Mc – CSIRO – Botanical Gardens – Thurs 15 May - \$20.00

Yrs 3B & 3UB – Out of the Box – Thurs 12 June - \$22.00

Yrs 456H & 6M – Commissariat Store - 27 May \$8.00

All Classes – Raw Art 22 & 23 May \$7.50.

If you have not already settled your Term 2 account, money must be received at least one week prior to the excursion date.

Debra Jackson

SHOW & TELL

Our Grades 3 – 7 students really enjoyed their session with Deborah Abela, author of the Max Remy series yesterday. Unfortunately some of the students have not paid their \$2.50 for this session. Could this amount be paid at the office as a matter of urgency. Thanks.

Wendy Merefield -Ward

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY

Children, who are being collected from school early, for any reason, **must be signed out in the office before collection.** This includes Prep and Year 1 students.

This is important for legal reasons, so when collecting them call at the office first and sign them out, and we will arrange for them to be sent to the office, or for Prep and Year 1, we will notify the class and you can collect them from the class.

Debra Jackson

MUSICAL MAYHEM

Next Wednesday 7 May is our Musical Mayhem. This is an evening when all our music groups perform, and parents of students new to the music programme can see what is involved in being part of the music programme at Payne Rd. We hope to see the families of all of our music students there to support and encourage them.

VENUE; Ashgrove Baptist Church, Firhill St Ashgrove. TIME; 7.00PM -- PERFORMERS TO BE THERE AT 6.30PM

DRESS; All groups to wear Performance uniform, except JJ Choir. JJ Choir --- Dark jeans, or long pants, Bright T-shirt of any plain colour, Joggers.

The evening should last for approx one hour. Admission is \$5 per family, which includes a free raffle ticket.

Sue Underhill (Music Teacher)

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On Friday May 9 our Year 3 – 7 children will participate in two skipping activities.

The first, the fundraising part of the morning, where children will circulate from one skipping activity to another demonstrating their skills in short, medium and long rope skipping. This is the skipping that children are seeking sponsorship for. This is not a skip-a-thon so straight donations of money please. Ten percent of monies raised returns to our school and the remainder to the Heart Foundation.

The second at exactly 11.30am, the children will return to attempt to skip

for 3 minutes, without any one break of longer than 10 seconds. Their numbers will contribute towards the Australian attempt at the Guinness Book of records for the most number of children skipping for 3 minutes at one time.

It is very important that all money is collected and brought to the school on the morning of 9 May with sponsorship form.

Consent forms for the 3 minute skip must be returned this week.

Liz Clancy (PE Specialist)

CHILDREN RIDING OR WALKING TO SCHOOL

Please notify the office, in writing, if your children ride or walk to school, and what days they may do so.

A copy of these names will be kept in the office, and the classrooms.

It is important to notify us **early** if your child is not attending school on any day if they are sick or not attending.

Debra Jackson

GOLD STAR READING CLUB

The Gold Star Reading Club is here again and commences on Thursday 1 May at Brisbane City Council libraries.

This Club can help your child to have fun while developing their reading skills and membership is **free!**

For your child to be a part of this exciting reading program, visit your local Council library with registration form, for Gold Star Membership. Get your form, from the school library.

When joining, children collect the new Bumper Book which contains lots of fun quizzes, puzzles and reading ideas.

After that it's easy for them to collect gold stars and other incentives each month by:

Reading two books per month from either the school library or local Council library. (Independently or with assistance)

Writing the titles of the books on the Gold Star Reading Club Progress Chart in the Bumper Book

Visiting your local Council library each month to earn specials stickers and enter competitions to win great prizes.

In August, all club members and their families will also receive an invitation to a special Awards Ceremony. Children attending will receive a Gold Star Certificate of Participation and a cool 2008 Gold Star Reading Club medallion.

The Gold Star Reading club is a great way to encourage your children to read regularly and to enjoy some of the fantasy, humour and adventure stories available at both your school and the local Council Library.

Don't let your child miss out on being a Gold Star Reader.

Wendy and Jan (Library)

ED ALIVE! COMMUNITY SOFTWARE PLAN

Just a reminder, that non-cash Ed Alive! Software orders are due this Friday 2 May. The catalogues were distributed Monday of last week. This is a great opportunity to purchase excellent educational software at very low prices. The Community Software Plan (CSP) means our school benefits from orders placed by members of our community.

Angus Milne

MARVELLOUS MOTHER'S DAY STALL IS HERE!

Are you still struggling to find the perfect gift for Mum this Mother's Day? Well worry no more!

Thursday 8 May we are holding our Marvellously Magnificent Payne Road SS Mothers Day Stall. Students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts ranging from \$1- right up to \$15, so make our stall your main shopping venue - we provide excellent value!

Children may purchase gifts for Mums, Grandmothers, Dad, Carers or any important person they choose. Some of the fabulous items include home made goodies, novelties, Pamper Packs, jewellery, and many other decorative and useful items. Remember to bring your library bag, pillow case, or any other suitable bag to "hide" your gift in! Once again we will be offering a "lay-by" system just in case you forget, or run out of money on the day.

Thanks once again to the generous families who have dropped in items and/or offered their help with the stall - your support is greatly appreciated.

The stall will be set up in the Hall (beside the driveway). We would like to have everything ready to go on Wednesday so if you are able to help set up the night before (Wednesday 7 May from 7:30 pm) please send an email to rwage2@eq.edu.au ASAP

Most importantly we still need more parents to help serve on Thursday!

The children just love participating in these stalls so it is set to be a great day! Don't miss out!

This year our stall will be held on Thursday May 8 in the hall. We are seeking a band of merry helpers to assist in the setting up and selling of items. If you are available at ANY TIME on this day please send an email to rwage2@eq.edu.au ASAP so I can formulate a roster. Remember, the more volunteers we have the faster and easier it will be to assist the children with their purchases.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Richenda Wagener

PARENTING WORKSHOP

A number of places are still left for the parenting workshop which starts on Monday May 12 at 6pm. Please call the office on 3511 3111, email payneroad@bigpond.com, or drop in a put your name on the register if you're interested in attending. Remember that there's free child supervision if required.

Also - if you're interested in the workshop but this is not good timing for you, please register your interest and preferred dates and times at the office. We're planning on scheduling further workshops in the future.

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

BOOKINGS/CANCELLATIONS

Our enrolments for this year continue to be very high. It is therefore **crucial** to call prior to 9.00am to cancel a regular booking to avoid disappointment for families that may require casual/emergency care. Our program aims to be flexible but without knowledge of changes both (in or out) it becomes difficult for staffing.

Therefore if you require an extra casual session or emergency care remember to **contact us** to avoid any confusion. For any further information please see your family information package or speak to one of our helpful staff. We thank you and appreciate your support in this matter.

REQUEST TO ALL FAMILIES

Could all parents/carers please make sure ALL children have a hat as we have a 'NO HAT, NO OUTSIDE PLAY' policy. Children have been borrowing spare hats from us (which have now diminished) and have been seen taking other children's hats from their bags or from the lost property table. Each child has a responsibility to bring a hat if they wish to partake in outdoor play both during school and after school.

AASC

Today begins our Active After School program for this term. The program will offer fun, safe and inclusive structured physical activities providing children with the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and an enthusiasm for being active.

During this term we are offering Get Fit Training program (Tuesday), 'Cool Sports' - basic rules for games including hockey, aussie rules, tennis & basketball (Wednesday) and Multi skill games (Thursday). If your child is attending on these days please fill in the required permission forms (if you haven't done so last term) to take part in these activities.

ACCOUNTS

Please remember that our fees can only be kept to a minimum if fees are paid on a regular basis. We request all accounts with amounts in arrears be paid by the end of this week (unless payment plans are in place).

MANAGEMENT MEETING

Please do not wait to offer feedback to our service. We aim to continually improve our service but without feedback this is an onerous task. We are a community-based organization and have monthly meetings where all families and community members are welcome to offer input.

Our meeting for this month will be held on Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 7.30pm. Please contact either the secretary Julie Marshall or myself for venue. Your contribution is valued.

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

Meal Deal this Friday. Late orders will be accepted if sent to the office by 9.00am tomorrow.

ROSTER

Thursday Tuckshop - 1 May

Emma Clarkson, Alex Cruickshank, Mary-Rose Saunders, Kerryn Suchting, Bev Willoby

1 MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Friday Meal Deal - 2 May

Diana Giles, Jean Wight

Tuesday Tuckshop - 6 May

Tanya Alcock, Faye Holmes, Deanne Limpus.

Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Certificate 111 in Education Support Teacher Aide. Career Keys will be delivering this Certificate commencing July 2008. See flyer in breezeway for more information.

Net-Set-Go! As it is the year of Physical Activity for primary schools across Queensland, Net-Set-Go! is a great way for students to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle. Downey Park Netball Association is holding their Net-et-Go program from May 10 – June 21, on Saturdays 8.30am – 9.30am. See Flyer in breezeway.

Confirmation & First Communion – The Catholic Parish of St John's Wood –The Gap is offering a preparation program for Catholic children in Grade 3 or older who wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. Enrolment forms are available at www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/thegap and should be submitted as soon as possible. Please contact the Parish Office on 3300 6099 for further details, or email Lisa at lforbes@bigpond.net.au.