

# Payne Road State School

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## AIMING HIGHER

### Principal's Points

#### Leaders' Day

Last Thursday, I attended a Brisbane Central and West Leaders' Day at the ICT Learning Innovation, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs. It was an early start as we departed at 6:30am however it was well worth the effort. The Centre supports teachers and schools in creating learning environments where information and communication technologies (ICT) are incorporated as everyday tools for teachers. Some of the areas, we focussed on were: Learning application of new technologies, eLearning Environments and New ways of connecting communities. The message was that the tools of the teaching trade in this ICT rich world are vast and ever changing. The key is for when and how schools and teachers choose to use them to enhance learning.

#### National Testing for Years 3,5,7 and 9

On 13, 14 and 15 May more than 200,000 students across Queensland will take part in the first national literacy and numeracy tests.

The tests will see all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts, replacing the previous state-based tests.

It is also the first time Queensland Year 9 students are involved in the testing.

The test results will provide useful information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern.

Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview.

The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year.

While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed. Here are some general tips for beating test nerves:

- Get at least eight hours sleep (more for younger children)

- Take time out from test preparation to do something relaxing and enjoyable
- Exercise and eat healthy meals regularly
- Ensure that you arrive at school on time
- If feeling anxious, take a few moments to breathe deeply.

For more information on the national testing, visit [www.qsa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au)

#### Jump Rope for Heart

There is much excitement as we participate in the World Record this Friday. Children are encouraged to wear something red as it is a special occasion and we are raising money for the Heart Foundation. Should they decide to wear a red shirt, Children in Years 5 – 7 will need to ensure that they bring their school polo shirt to change into for Inter-School sport. Red socks, red ribbons or red shoes are other items children may wear. We look forward to this festive, challenging and fun filled day.

#### Instrumental Music

Term 2 is always an incredibly busy time on the school calendar. With Musical Mayhem and GRIPPS just around the corner, I would like to remind all of our instrumental music students of the importance of attending morning practices each Wednesday. This is the time when Mr. Hartog and

Mrs. Dinnis can work with their whole band or ensemble. Even with our busy timetables, every effort should be made to ensure that students will be able to attend the majority of these practice times. I look forward to the performances tomorrow night. Musical Mayhem is always a very entertaining evening and everyone is most welcome to attend.

### **Regional Soccer Carnival**

Congratulations to Becky McDonald and Callum Atterton who were selected to represent North West District in the respective Soccer teams. Becky and Callum will compete in Regional Carnivals this week and we wish them every success.

### **Mother's Day**

I would like to wish all our mums an enjoyable day with their families this coming Sunday. A reminder to the dads that the Mothers Day Stall will be operating on Thursday. All classes will have the opportunity to visit the stall some time during the day in order to choose a special gift for mum.

**Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)**

### **Deputy Principal's Points**

#### **Walk To School Day**

Congratulations to all the students, parents and teachers who participated in the walk to school day. We ended up with close to 150 Students walking to school which was a great overall result. Students who walked to school received a sticker and a 99% fruit juice ice block for their efforts.

#### **Staff**

This year with the implementation of the "Essential Learnings", there has been a lot of Professional Development that has been taking place for staff working in the school. Some of this time has been outside of

school hours where staff have participated in workshops and planning/moderation sessions that involved giving up their own time. With the current changes in education, there has been a need for teachers to adapt and modify their planning to meet the needs of students and the demands of the Department of Education Training and the Arts. It is fair to say that the teaching staff at Payne Road State School have adapted well to these tasks, participating in a variety of Professional Development opportunities whilst embracing the "Department of Education" curriculum changes.

There are also members of staff at the moment who have embarked on Professional Development courses that last as long as twelve months and require a great deal of personal time to be sacrificed. These courses include:

- Gifted and talented Education Mentoring program (Nicole Goodwin of 4G duration = 12 months)
- Functional Grammar (Sue Underhill of 3UB and Helen Gooley of 5G = 6 months)
- Information Communication Technology Pedagogical licence (Gerard Donovan of 6/7D = 9 months).

These staff members are being trained so that they can eventually facilitate the on site training of all staff members.

Ultimately I would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognise the professionalism of all staff members at Payne Road State School and congratulate them on their efforts so far this year. Through dedicated staff comes good teaching resulting in great outcomes for students.

**Mark Johnstone (Acting Deputy Principal)**

#### **TERM 2 DATES**

- 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

### **RAINBOW ROOM NEWS**

We have been absent from our column for the past month but are now continuing our series of articles on delayed or impaired Theory of Mind (TOM). We will look at an eleventh area of difficulty – speed and quality of social reasoning.

People with Asperger's syndrome take longer to cognitively process social cues and responses and require more encouragement and prompts than neurotypicals who use intuition and respond more spontaneously.

Because the individual with Asperger's relies on consciously mentally working out social cues, the processing of such social interactions requires time. Delayed reaction time can lead others to think that people with Asperger's are either unusually formal or even intellectually impaired. Other children may torment the child with Asperger's, calling them stupid.

In a social gathering the person with Asperger's will feel stressed, have difficulty processing and feel overwhelmed with social information. The time taken to process social information is

similar to the time it takes for someone learning a second language to process the speech of someone fluent in that language. If the native speaker of the language talks too quickly the other person can only understand a few fragments of what has been said.

It is important that when speaking with a person with Asperger's Syndrome the neurotypical person allow for processing time and adjust their interactions. (For further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood)

A big Thank You to the Hanna family for their generous donation of a computer for use by Rainbow Room staff in the Rainbow Room.

Autism Awareness Week is scheduled for the week of the 12-16 May but due to the National Testing that week we will hold Dress Differently Day on Wednesday 21 May 2008.

**Jill Darch**

#### **SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking has commenced. 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**

#### **MUSICAL MAYHEM**

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)**

#### **TO THE PAYNE ROAD COMMUNITY**

In March you supported me so generously in my shave for a cure and at that time, I assured you I'd let you know whether we got it right - pink or blue... we got it wrong! My daughter has

presented us with a grandson and although he was very early, at 28 weeks, he continues to grow stronger and do better each day. Thank you, once again, for your amazing support.

**Jan McCollow**

#### **JUNIOR SOCCER RESULT**

##### **The Gap SS A d. PRSS A (3-2)**

The boys played a close game against The Gap A at Wittonga Park on Friday. Goals were scored by Jack Suchting and James Ball. Tom Anderson and Michael Gibson defended and tackled very effectively. Despite the close loss, all boys put in a big effort for their first match of the draw. Next week Payne Rd A will play The Gap SS B at The Gap State High. This week, Team B had a bye. They will play The Gap SS A next week, also at the high school.

**Angus Milne**

#### **MARVELLOUS MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

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

**THIS** 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).

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

**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](mailto:payneroad@bigpond.com), or drop in and 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**

2008 Entertainment Guide Books are NOW AVAILABLE.

The 2008 Entertainment Books is now available for purchase at the same price as last year - \$60.00. An Order form has been included with this week's newsletter (this year, the books will only be distributed when ordered).

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.

Among the many vouchers are Baskin Robbins, BB's Café, Brumby's, The Cheesecake Shop, Cold Rock Ice Creamery,

Domino's Pizza, Red Rooster, Subway. There are also vouchers for Birch Carroll & Coyle, AMC, AMF Bowling, Skateaway, Australia Zoo, Alma Park Zoo, Sea World, Movie World, Wet'n'Wild etc.

There is also a special offer from Coles - \$5 (or more) off your grocery bill every time you shop at Coles by purchasing Coles Gift Cards. For example, if you bought a \$100 Gift Card for \$95.00 it could then be used to buy \$100 worth of groceries/goods.

The Guide Book costs \$60.00 and can be paid for by cash, cheque, or credit card – refer to the Order form for details. \$12.00 from each book sold is donated to the school.

If you have any queries or would like to preview the book before purchasing it, please email [payneroad@bigpond.com](mailto:payneroad@bigpond.com), or contact Angela Butler on XXXX XXXX.

### **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 have today been issued to all families.

Our Fees Policy clearly states:

*Fees will be paid, for all days booked/attended, on the last day of attendance each week to the Coordinator.*

*Remember that a discount may be applied when fees are paid in advance. Payment plans are welcome.*

*Payments are accepted by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. 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**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Our lost property table is already bursting. With the cooler weather in the mornings children are discarding jumpers often before they go to class. Unfortunately many of these are not named. Please take time to name your children's clothing and have a look to see if any of the items on our table belong to your child.

**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](http://www.tinysoccer.com.au).

[www.tinytennis.com.au](http://www.tinytennis.com.au). See our new video.

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

**John Berry (3300 2246)**

### **TUCKSHOP**

Any donations of instant coffee to keep our wonderful volunteers energized would be greatly appreciated.

### **ROSTER**

#### **Thursday Tuckshop 8 May**

Angela Butler, Jean Wight

#### **2 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### **Tuesday Tuckshop 13 May**

Michelle Beesley, Mari Boatwright, Jenny Tucker

**Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)**

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Don't miss the annual Ashgrove State School Mother's Day Fete which is on Saturday, 10 May 2008.

For any further information, please phone Ann Eldridge on 0407 590 575