

# Payne Road State School

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## AIMING HIGHER

### Principal's Points

#### NAPLAN

This week is a very important week for our students as those children in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be sitting the first National Literacy and Numeracy Tests. 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. While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed. Please ensure that children arrive at school by 8.40 at the latest as the practice test is scheduled to start at 8.45am. It is also important that students, in order to stay focussed, should have something to eat prior to coming to school. In between tests, they will have fruit break as usual.

#### Musical Mayhem

Last Wednesday night our school hosted a very successful Musical Mayhem Evening. At the new venue of the Ashgrove Baptist Church, all of our students produced impressive performances on the night. Congratulations to all of our musical staff and the music supporters group for a great evening.

In other musical news, our junior choir performs at Aspley State School on Monday night (19 May) at the Queensland Youth Music Awards (Pine Rivers Eisteddfod). We wish Mrs Underhill, Mrs Watson and the children a successful and enjoyable evening.

#### Senior Playground

I am pleased to announce that the new equipment has been erected and the new softfall has been distributed. This week the old platforms will be replaced

with new wood and some pieces of equipment will be powder coated. If all goes to plan we hope to have the playground in use next week.

#### Jump Rope for Heart

Last Friday there was a sea of red as many students participated in the world record for Jump Rope for Heart. It was great to see such enthusiasm and determination from all the participants. Thank you to all those who have returned sponsorship money - we have had a great response.

#### Outreach Week – 19 to 23 May 2008

The Gap State High School will be holding Outreach Week, 19 to 23 May. All students in Years 5, 6 and 7 have the opportunity for a high school experience on Wednesday, 21 May 2008. Information about this day was distributed to students earlier this week. Year 6 and 7 students are also invited to a disco between 6.00 and 7.30pm on Wednesday, 21 May in the school's assembly hall. Tickets are available from our school office (Payne Road SS). Please note that unless the student has a ticket, they will not be allowed into the disco. The cost of the disco is \$2.00 and this is paid at the high school on the night of the disco. This week gives them a taste of what high school life is like by giving them the opportunity to have lessons in a variety of exciting high school subjects.

If you are considering sending your child to The Gap State High School I encourage you to take advantage of the open morning on Tuesday, 20 May. You will have the opportunity to meet the school's administration and tour the facilities of the school. We are fortunate to have such a well resourced high school in our local community.

#### State Education Week – 26 to 30 May 2008

State Education Week is an opportunity to showcase all the great things

happening in State Education. At Payne Road we will be having a special assembly where many of our music groups will perform for your enjoyment. After assembly you will have the opportunity to visit classes and then join us at 10.30am for morning tea in the staffroom. We hope that many of you can come along on this special occasion.

#### Raw Art

A reminder that Raw Art classes will be held on Thursday and Friday of next week. The cost of this is \$7.50. If you have not forwarded this amount, please do so by Friday, 16 May. Thank you.

#### North West District Basketball

Congratulations to Callum Atterton who was recently selected in the North West District Basketball Team. Callum will compete in the regional carnival later this month. We wish him every success.

#### School Organisation

Due to national testing, there will be no assembly this week.

#### Vicki Richards (Acting Principal) TERM 2 DATES

##### Week 5: 12 May – 16 May

- 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
- 19 May
  - Junior Choir at Eisteddfod
  - 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

#### **Week 8: 2 June – 6 June**

- 2-6 June – Bardon Young Writers Week
- 3 June – Regional Cross Country
- 6 June – P-3 Sports Day

#### **PATEN ROAD CROSSING**

Would you please note that the Paten Road Crossing will be unmanned this Thursday, 15 May in the afternoon. Students should use the school crossing in front of the school which will be manned by a crossing supervisor.

**Debra Jackson**

#### **PARENT MORNING TEA**

You're invited to a parent morning tea on Friday 23 May after you drop off the kids in the Activities Building (it's a chance to get together, and maybe meet some people you haven't met before).

Also I thought that we would have a brief discussion on ways that we can look after ourselves as parents. I hope to see lots of you there. Younger children are, of course, welcome. If you want to contact me on email, my address is [cbull56@eq.edu.au](mailto:cbull56@eq.edu.au), or call me at the school on Wednesdays or Friday.

**Chris Bullock (Chaplain)**

#### **RAINBOW ROOM NEWS**

Continuing our series of articles on delayed or impaired Theory of Mind (TOM), we will look at the final area of difficulty – exhaustion. People with Asperger's syndrome have to use a great deal of mental effort to process social information. Using cognitive abilities to process social information and work out how to respond may lead to mental exhaustion. This can lead to frequent meltdowns. Reduced social success, low self-esteem and exhaustion can contribute to the development of depression. (for further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood).

Autism Awareness Week is scheduled for the week of the 12-16

May but due to the National Testing and Education Week we will be holding Dress Differently Day later in the term on a day to be advised.

**Jill Darch**

#### **OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**

There are still some families who have not finalised their Term 1 Account. Your urgent attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Following is a breakdown of excursions for classes for Term 2.

#### **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**

#### **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**

#### **JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS**

The Junior Choir is taking part in the Qld Youth Awards Eisteddfod. After their success at our Mayhem, I am sure they will be a credit to our school.

Venue: Aspley State School  
Assembly Hall

Date: Monday, 19 May

Time: 6.30pm

There are only 4 schools in our heat, and we are No. 4. So fortunately it

should be finished by approx. 7.30pm or earlier.

**Sue Underhill (Music Teacher)**

#### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Last Friday Years 3 -7 displayed great determination in their attempt to skip for the 3 minute world record. Our school will have 151 students to contribute to the Australian tally. All sponsorship money should have been returned to school by now. A big thank you to Mrs Jackson who spent most of last Saturday counting money.

**Liz Clancy (PE Specialist)**

#### **GIRLS SOCCER**

Last Friday our senior girls played Mater Dei at The Gap Pastime Club. After the first half they were ahead of us 1 to nil. Our girls were quite deflated but rallied together to try and get ahead. With a positive attitude and plenty of energy we scored 2 goals in the second half and defeated the opposing team 2 to 1. Mr Rann and I were very proud of all the girls. All of them worked extremely hard. Congratulations.

**Sue Connell**

#### **YEAR 6 SOCCER**

Payne Road Intermediate boys played The Gap B on Friday for the first game of soccer for this season. A solid performance was capped off with a 1-0 win. Rhys M scored the goal after some good lead up work by Isaac M and Daniel P. Morgan F, Dave B and Tim H all played well.

**Gerard Donovan**

#### **JUNIOR SOCCER ROUND 2**

#### **PRSS A d. The Gap B (1-0)**

Payne Road A defeated The Gap B by one goal only, and it was a home goal. The boys played really well. The mid-fielders, Tom A, Michael G and Liam N, made several crucial tackles. Our goal keepers, Lachlan D and Reiner C, also did a great job.

#### **PRSS B drew with The Gap SS A (2-2)**

After trailing 2-0 at half-time, PRSS B clawed their way back to a 2-all draw at the full-time whistle. What a great effort! Defenders, Callum H,

Kurt T and Daniel J were excellent. Both our goals were scored by Adam B, from clever off-loads from Austyn B.

Next week Team A plays Mater Dei, and Team B plays The Gap SS B; both games to be held at Bowman Park.

### **Mark Johnstone and Angus Milne**

#### **YEAR 5 NETBALL**

Last Friday was the first game of the season for these young novices. As only one girl had played netball before, there was much to learn. The teams were very evenly matched and Payne Road were unlucky to be defeated by Oakleigh 3-2. A great start to the season, girls. Keep up the good work.

**Vicki Richards (Coach)**

#### **2008 CHOCOLATE DRIVE REMINDER**

Thank you to the many families who have already sent back the money collected from selling chocolates in this year's Chocolate Drive.

***WE STILL HAVE 16 PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING, TO A VALUE OF \$816.00. IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID, PLEASE SEND IN THE CORRECT MONEY AND/OR ANY UNSOLD CHOCOLATES, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.***

We also have some unsold boxes left – if anybody would like to purchase/sell some more chocolates, please contact me as below.

*Also, could the person who submitted their chocolate payment in a SPC Sliced Beetroot container, please contact me as below?*

**Contact Details:** If you have any questions about the chocolate drive please email [payneroad@bigpond.com](mailto:payneroad@bigpond.com), or call Angela Butler on XXXX XXXX.

**P&C Fundraising Team**

#### **2008 ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE BOOKS**

**2008 ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE BOOKS - NOW AVAILABLE.**

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 included 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 – save \$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. Similarly a \$200 voucher would cost \$190.00, allowing you to buy \$200 worth of groceries/goods.

**An Entertainment book has been placed in the School Admin. Office, if you would like to preview the book, prior to purchasing it.**

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, please email [payneroad@bigpond.com](mailto:payneroad@bigpond.com), or contact Angela Butler on XXXX XXXX.

**P&C Fundraising Committee**

#### **OSHC**

#### **URGENT REMINDER**

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 or to cancel a booking remember to contact us. 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.

#### **MANAGEMENT MEETING**

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.

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)**

#### **SECRET PAYNE ROAD DAD'S BUSINESS**

Due to a continuous and ongoing campaign of harassment from she who must be obeyed, we have decided to hold a dad's only seminar/workshop next Wednesday, 21 May at Ashgrove Golf club, commencing 7:30pm finishing approx 10:00pm during which various aspects of your children's education will be discussed both in detail and informally. **All Dads** are commanded to attend this very important workshop.

Subjects for discussion will concentrate this time on; **Contact sport**; is it good for your child or not? How early in life should it start? Live crosses to a professional contact sport will be made for comparisons only! **Red food days**; What is a red food type? Samples will be provided for tasting and discussion.

Following a brief (very) opening address, we will split into various informal groups to discuss these and other important aspects of your children schooling.

**A minimal fee of \$10** will be charged for the night to cover the purchase of the red food types. Refreshments will also be available throughout the night. All proceeds after expenses will be donated to the important work of the P&C.

Please advise me of your enrolment **NO later than Friday, 16 May** either by email or by leaving your fee and contact details in an envelope at the school reception office **IN ORDER to confirm**

**numbers with the caterers.** If sufficient numbers attend we may decide to do up to another two seminars this year which have been provisionally booked for June and July to keep involvement fresh in your mind. Male friends and Family members can also be invited to attend if you think this will benefit them.

**Mike Price**

[thegowf@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thegowf@bigpond.net.au)

**PREP CARER'S MORNING  
TEA FOR PL**

All PL carers are invited to meet at The Gap Coffee Club on Friday, 16 May after school drop off.

**Mary-Rose Saunders**

**TINY TENNIS & TINY  
SOCCER**

Tennis Enrolments are still open at Payne Road State School for tiny tennis and big tennis. You can enrol online for big tennis at [www.wimblegap.com.au](http://www.wimblegap.com.au) and tiny tennis at [www.tinytennis.com.au](http://www.tinytennis.com.au) or telephone John Berry 3300 2246 or 0421 502022. Have a good one.

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

**John Berry (3300 2246)**

**TUCKSHOP**

Thank you to the wonderful families who donated some coffee in response to our plea.

**ROSTER**

**Thursday, 15 May - Tuckshop**

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

**1 MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**FOR 2½ - 3 HOURS ONLY**

**(FROM 11.00AM)**

**Tuesday, 20 May - Tuckshop**

Faye Holmes, Carol Watson,

**1 MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)**

**ARE YOU A PARENT OF A  
2-10 YEAR OLD CHILD?**

Researchers from the University of Queensland are seeking parent volunteers for a study assessing the acceptability and usefulness of Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. Triple P is a unique system of parenting and family support which

has been developed through over 25 years of research.

Participation would involve attending a session at the UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre at St Lucia at a time convenient for you. In the session you will watch a video and complete a questionnaire which will take less than an hour. You will also be asked to take part in a short follow-up phone survey.

As thanks for your involvement we offer a free Positive Parenting Booklet, more information on Triple P and the opportunity to be informed of future Triple P programs in your area. Results of the study will be available to participants.

Sharing your parenting experience and views of Triple P (confidentially) is valuable in helping to develop strategies to engage parents in Triple P and helping prevent emotional and behavioural problems in children.

If you are a parent of a child aged 2-10 years we would love to hear from you! If you are interested in taking part in the project or would like more information please contact Sally Burrows ([s4100855@student.uq.edu.au](mailto:s4100855@student.uq.edu.au)) or Alina Morawska (Ph: 3365 7304).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Alina Morawska and Sally Burrows  
Parenting and Family Support Centre  
School of Psychology  
University of Queensland  
St Lucia QLD 4072

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Mitchelton State High School – Open Day – Thursday, 5 June 2008 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. For further information phone 3550 1111.

**Student Exchange Australia** – if you are interested in being a host family, please see flyer in breezeway or phone 1300 135 331.

**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. The program targets separated and divorced parents who have children aged 2-14

years, who have separated or divorced within the past 24 months, and who are having difficulty managing conflict with their ex-partner, coping with feelings, or managing child behaviour problems. For details, contact Family Transitions Triple P (07 3365 7303, [k.nicholls@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:k.nicholls@psy.uq.edu.au)).