

# Payne Road State School

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## AIMING HIGHER

### Principal's Points

#### NAPLAN

Last week was a very important week for our students as those children in Years 3,5 and 7 sat 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. We expect to receive the results of the tests at the end of August and these results will help us with our future planning at a school level and also for individual students.

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

This week is Outreach Week at The Gap State High School. 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 early last 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.

#### Education Week

Next week our school will be celebrating Education Week. This is always a great opportunity for our students and families to participate in a range of exciting activities. We start the celebrations this week, with all our classes participating in "Raw Art" activities on Thursday and Friday. Next Wednesday, we will be having a special assembly where many of our music groups will perform for your enjoyment. A special attraction will be our Year 1 Class who will be performing "The Water Cycle Rap". After assembly, you will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms. In the library, Mrs Merefield-Ward (9.30am) and Mrs Goodwin (10.00am) will be demonstrating some of the ways that the interactive white board can be used in the classroom. At

10.30am, please join us for morning tea in the staffroom. We hope that many of you can join us on this special occasion. Thursday of next week is the NSW Science Competition which will be held in the middle session.

### Senior Playground

As I mentioned last week, the new equipment has been erected and the new softfall has been distributed. Last Friday, Ken Marshall and Derek Rann replaced the old platforms with new wood and the playground is now open. We thank Ken and Derek for their great effort. As the playground is in high demand, we have timetabled the use of it this week. From all accounts, the equipment is a big hit with all the children.

### Pine Rivers Eisteddfod

Last night, the Junior Choir competed in the Pine Rivers Eisteddfod which was held at the Aspley State High School hall. Although the children were not awarded a place, they sang beautifully and were a credit to Payne Road State School. Well done children and a big thank you to Mrs Underhill and Mrs Watson for preparing the children for this event.

### Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to all those people who have returned sponsorship money. We have had a fantastic response with \$4900 returned to date. This is a very worthy cause and we thank you for your support. Whilst the bulk of the money goes to the Heart Foundation, the school receives ten percent of all money raised. Thank you to Mrs Clancy for her organization of this worthwhile event. I hope you all

saw Payne Road SS featured in the local paper last week. If you missed the article, check the notice board outside the office.

### Cross Country

Fifteen of our students are competing at the District Cross Country today. We wish them every success. Thank you to Mrs Clancy and Mr Johnstone for preparing the children for this event.

### School Organization

Due to Outreach Week, there will be no assembly this week. Next week, we will hold our special assembly. There will be no newsletter, the week of 2 June due to the MOE rollout.

### Australian Representative

Congratulations to Maddie Edmunds on being selected in the Australian Rowing Team. Maddie will be heading off to Austria in July to compete in the Junior World Championships. As a pupil at Payne Road SS, Maddie was always a great sportswoman, both on and off the field. She is now a Year 11 student at St Margaret's College. It is wonderful to hear of a former student being selected in an Australian team and we wish Maddie all the best. The whole school community is very proud of you, Maddie and we look forward to hearing of your future achievements.

**Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)**

### TERM 2 DATES

#### Week 6: 19 May – 23 May

- 19 – 23 May – Outreach Week - GSHS
- 21 May – Bardon Young Writers – Parents info night
- 22 May – Raw Art
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- 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

#### Week 9: 9 June – 13 June

- 9 June – Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 12 June – Yrs 3B, 3UB and 1M – Out-of-the-Box Excursion
- 13 June – Treat Time – SHOCK Coffee Van
- 15 June – Working Bee – 8.00am to Noon

### OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Thank you to those families who have finalised their Terms 1 and 2 accounts. Unfortunately there are still a number of accounts outstanding. If you have not paid for excursions, etc., would you please finalise these as a matter of urgency.

**Raw Art** for all classes will be held this week on Thursday and Friday. The cost is \$7.50 per child and this should have been paid.

**Years 456H and 6M** - excursion to the Commissariat Store on 27 May, the cost being \$8.00. Again payment for this excursion should have been finalised by now.

**Out-of-the-Box Excursion for Years 3B and 3UB** (\$22.00) and **Year 1M** (\$27.00) is booked for 12 June. As we have had to prepay for these tickets, we ask that payment be sent as a matter of urgency.

Overdue accounts for monies owing for Terms 1 and 2 will be going home within the next week or two.

Accounts for Term 3 excursions, etc., will be sent home towards the end of this term. If you have any queries regarding payment please contact the office.

**Debra Jackson**

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all Groups - Beginner, Junior and Senior Strings, and Junior and Senior Bands for their fabulously entertaining performances at the Music Mayhem Concert!!!

Many thanks to all parents who helped to make this a wonderful and very successful night!!

The next performance for Junior Strings, Senior Strings and Senior and Junior Bands will be on Wednesday, 28 May on Assembly. Students are to wear music uniform. Please arrive by 8.15am for a short rehearsal prior to the performance. This performance is to celebrate Education Week.

With GRIPPS only a few weeks away, students should be madly practicing for the audition. Please remember that to be invited to attend GRIPPS, you must do well at the audition. You should be practicing your program repetitively (i.e. 5 – 10 times not once or twice per day). Concentrate and evaluate your playing, looking for ways to improve.

The Maestro String Camp (year 5 strings) information will be given out shortly.

With the changing weather it is very important for students to have spare strings. Please consider the quality and not just the price of the strings you are purchasing. There is a noticeable difference in sound when cheaper strings are used. It is also recommended that you replace your strings every six to twelve months. Strings lose their brilliance and edge over time and become dull and unresponsive. Most musicians don't realize how the sound of their strings changes because the change is so gradual. If you are hiring a school instrument and a string breaks you are responsible for replacing the string. Most music shops will put the string on for you but if not, please bring it to your lesson.

#### Music Dates

##### **Wednesday, 28 May**

Assembly – all Juniors and Seniors Band/Strings

##### **Saturday, 31 May**

GRIPPS Audition

##### **Monday, 2 June**

Fanfare – Senior Strings & Senior Concert Band

##### **Wednesday, 4 June**

QYMA – Senior Strings

**Tuesday, 24 & Wed, 25 June**  
Maestro String Camp

**Wednesday, 25 June**  
No String lessons or Ensembles

Happy practicing

**Mr Hartog and Mrs Dinnis**

### **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club brochures for Term 2 are in and should be handed out to students this week. I will be taking the orders as of Wednesday, 28 May; Thursday, 29 May and Friday, 30 May. Again, please ensure that if you are paying by cash, that you have enclosed the correct money and if you are paying by cheque, please make the cheque out to Scholastic Australia. Please place your orders in a sealed envelope and hand them in to the office next week on the above mentioned days. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Happy Reading!

**Petra (xxxx xxxx)**

### **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**

After the diagnosis has been made – compensatory and adjustment strategies.

Tony Attwood has identified four adjustment strategies developed by young children with Asperger's syndrome as a response to the

realisation that they are different from their peers. The strategies used will depend on the child's personality, experiences and circumstances.

Those children who tend to internalise thoughts and feelings may develop self-blame and depression signs or use imagination to create another world in which they are more successful. Children who externalise thoughts and feelings can become arrogant and blame others or view others as the solution to their problems and then develop an ability to imitate other children or characters.

Stay tuned for more on this topic next week (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 that week and Outreach day the following week, we will hold Dress Differently Day on Wednesday 4 June. So start organising how you will dress differently for that day.

**Jill Darch**

### **GIRLS SOCCER**

Senior Girls Soccer  
Once again, our girls showed skill and great teamwork to defeat St Joseph's B team. We defeated them 3 goals to nil. All of the team played extremely well despite a couple of injuries. Kristy Armitage scored two goals and Angela Van Cooten scored the other. These goals were scored because all the girls supported one another. Congratulations, girls.

**Sue Connell**

### **YEAR 6 SOCCER**

The Year 6 soccer boys played Rainworth last Friday afternoon. After a tight first half, Rainworth managed a 3-1 lead, with Callm A scoring for Payne Road. The second half was a very close affair

with Ben S scoring for Payne Road. The match ended with the final score being 4-2 in Rainworth's favour. Morgan F saved many goals for the Payne Road team in the second half. Sandy L, Dave B, Callum A and Trey M all played well on the day.

**Gerard Donovan**

### **JUNIOR SOCCER**

#### **JUNIOR SOCCER RESULTS**

**PRSS A drew with Mater Dei 1-1**  
Payne Road A played Mater Dei at Bowman Park on Friday. The first goal was scored by Mater Dei, ten minutes from full time. Minutes from the full time whistle, James B scored a brilliant goal, levelling the game one point each. Lachlan D and Reiner C were both great in goals. The whole team played well. Special mention should go to Mark D and Michael W for their enthusiasm.

#### **PRSS B drew with The Gap SS B 3-3**

Payne Road B played a close match against TGSS B, also at Bowman Park. The boys played as a cohesive team, and are gaining in confidence. Excellent goals were scored by Austyn B (2) and Adam Ball. Rylan B played notably well this week. Next Friday, 23 May, Team A play Bardon and Team B play Mater Dei, both at Hilder Road SS.

**Mark Johnstone  
and Angus Milne**

### **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.

**THERE ARE STILL 11  
PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING,  
TO A VALUE OF \$568.00.**

**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**

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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**

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**

Many of children attending ASC are thoroughly enjoying the activities this term. Bootcamp on Tuesdays has certainly got the blood pumping and it has been great to learn the rules of sports with Coolsports on Wednesdays. This week for sport we have our second week of Aussie rules. These activities will run until the end of term.

**BUSY DAYS**

Please remember to keep us informed of any changes to bookings especially when children are taken home sick through the day. It will save us valuable time looking for children in the afternoon.

**Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)**

**TINY TENNIS & TINY SOCCER**

Tennis Enrolments are still open at Payne Road State School for tiny tennis and big tennis. You can enroll 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**

***Has anyone got just 3 hours free to help out in the tuckshop just once a month? Your school needs you!***

**ROSTER**

**Thursday, 22 May - Tuckshop**

Angela Butler, Kerri Phillips, Anne Price, Jean Wight

**1 MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR 3 HOURS ONLY (FROM 11.00AM)**

**Tuesday, 27 May - Tuckshop**

Ieva Ozolins, Annett Kruse,

**1 MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)**