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AIMING HIGHER

Principal's Points

STAFF

Professional Development

Last term, Jenny Williams, National Director of the "You Can Do It" Program, attended a P&C Meeting to explain what it was all about. The P&C endorsed the program and the next step is professional development for staff. This will occur next Tuesday evening when all staff will participate in a three hour workshop. The "You Can Do It" Education Program includes five foundations and habits of the mind and these are taught using a curriculum program. Habits of the mind are basically different types of thinking including: Social Responsibility; Playing By the Rules; Thinking First; Being Tolerant of Others; Planning My Time; Setting Goals; Working Tough; Giving Effort; I Can Do It; Being Independent; Taking Risks; Accepting Myself.

This type of thinking leads a child to become emotionally resilient resulting in children being able to:

1. Get along with others.
2. Become more organised
3. Display Persistence
4. Become more confident

I am sure that everyone can see the benefit of a program where the ultimate objective is to develop social-emotional behavioural well-being in children. It is testimony to the program and to the dedication

of staff that all teachers and teacher aides are keen to attend Tuesday night's workshop.

In the near future an information evening will be held to explain how you, as parents, can be involved in supporting the program. I urge you to attend.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Next Thursday, on the pupil free day, staff at Payne Road State School will be updating their CPR skills. Knowledge of First Aid and CPR is essential when working with children in a variety of situations, e.g. playground activities, school excursions, sport, camp, etc. Pupil Free Days give teachers an opportunity to increase their knowledge and develop skills in an essential numbers of areas.

REMOVAL OF TREES

In the near future, two gum trees will be removed from the PRSS grounds as recommended in a recent arborist report. These trees are drought stricken and could prove a safety hazard to the school community. We, at PRSS, value our trees and recently have been granted fifty trees from the BCC. Mr Johnstone began a planting program today, assisted by members of our school Environment Club. We look forward to seeing the development of the trees over the coming years.

RESOURCES

In our quest to improve facilities and resources, we sometimes take for granted the excellent position

we are placed. This came to mind last week when I attended a Principals' meeting. Did you realise that not all schools in our cluster have a computer lab? Not only do we have a lab which has operated for many years, very soon we will also have the min-lab operating in the newly re-furnished LRC. As well as this, we have several computers in each classroom. In the big scheme of things, thanks to a supportive school community and a dedicated staff, we are travelling very well.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

This week a random selection of parents will receive a School Opinion Survey. The selection process used is prescribed by Education Queensland and we ask that those parents involved please return the survey by the due date.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

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

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

DEPUTY'S POINTS

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following students for the great efforts they displayed last week. Both students were sent to the office for recognition of their work and attitude.

Yr 3B

Kathryn C - For very neat homework

Callan M - for being a supportive and encouraging class member in PE.

Mark Johnstone

DISTRICT SPORTS

On Thursday and Friday of last week we had quite a few students from the school participating in the District Athletics carnival. To make it to this level is quite an achievement when you consider that students need to meet a high standard of qualifying times and distances in particular events in order to attend the carnival.

There were over twenty schools in attendance at the district carnival. It was great to see our athletes perform so well over the two days, both on and off the field. If our school was to be branded by the behaviour displayed from our athletes at the carnival, then we would be maintaining a great image for Payne Road State School. In short our Athletes were great ambassadors for the school and deserve a great deal of praise and thanks for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship.

Some outstanding highlights from the two days include:

Charley M, Kristy A, and Austyn B making it into the finals of the 800m races.

Charley M making it into the 100m finals

Morgan F making 1st place in the High jump and an outstanding result in Long jump.

Morgan F and Kristy A have now made it into the district team which will compete in the regional carnival. We wish them the best of luck.

SOCCER JERSEYS

On behalf of the school I would like to sincerely thank the Johansson family for their kind donation of a soccer jersey set for the school. The Junior B team struggled to make a complete set of jerseys at the start of the season and now will put this contribution to good use.

VACANCY – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

2 casual positions exist for School Crossing Supervisors at Payne Road State School.

Remuneration \$21.33 per hour 1.5 hours per day on a roster system. 5 days a fortnight

Application packs available from the school.

REMINDER TO ALL PREP PARENTS

Come along to hear out guest speakers, Dr Mary Crombie and Kari Lloyd talk about “Helping Your Child’s Literacy and Language Development”. Tonight, Tuesday, 5 August in the Prep Room – 7.00 to 8.00pm.

Prep Teachers

TERM 3 DATES

Term Three 15 July to 19 September

Week 4: 4 August – 8 August

- 5 August 7 – 8pm Prep Room – “Helping your Child’s Literacy & Language Development”
- 5 & 6 August – Intermediate Band Camp
 - 8 August – Olympic Games begin
 - 8 August - Prep Excursion GOMA

Week 5: 11 August - 15 August

- 12 August – English Competition Yrs 3 - 7
- 13 August – Exhibition Holiday
- 14 August – Pupil Free Day
- 15 August – Winter Sport Concludes
- 15 August – Treat Time

Week 6: 18 August – 22 August

- 15 – 22 August – Book Week
- 21 August – P&C Meeting -7.30pm

Week 7: 25 August-29 August

- 29 August – Under 8’s Fun Day

Week 8: 1 September – 5 September

- 1 September – Year 7 HRE Family Planning
- 5 September – Art & Music Soiree
- 5 September – Teacher Aide Day
- 6 September (Saturday) Art Show

Week 9: 8 September - 12 September

- 8 September - Year 7 HRE Family Planning
- 9 & 10 September – Yr 3 Strings Extravaganza
- 12 September – MEAL DEAL

Week 10: 15 September - 19 September

- 14 to 18 September - GRIPPS
- 15 September – Year 7 HRE Family Planning
- 16 – 18 September – Brisbane Writers Festival
- 17 & 18 September – Yr 4 Underwater World Sleep Over
- 18 September – GRIPPS Concert
- 18 September – P&C Meeting 7.30pm

UNDER EIGHT’S FUN DAY

When: Friday, 29 August (9.15 to 10.30am)

Where: Main Oval

Who: Preps to Yr 3 and any parents, siblings.

What: This is a fun morning, when a variety of activities will be set up on the main oval for the children to participate in. We finish with a picnic morning tea on the oval. We need to be all packed away and back to class areas by 11.00am so the oval can be used for morning tea play.

Bring: Hat, picnic morning tea and blanket.

Diane Laing

TERM 3 ACCOUNTS

Term 3 accounts went home at the end of last term. Already we have had some performances at the school and which all students present on the day have attended. Parents, could you please send in money which is owing to the school as a matter of urgency. Included in the account was the Family Contribution. If you are unable to participate in this voluntary contribution, please contact the office.

Debra Jackson

OLYMPICS THINKER’S CHALLENGE

At this week’s assembly, our first school Thinker’s Challenge will be announced. This will have an Olympics theme and is based on Tony Ryan’s Thinker’s Keys.

Tony Ryan’s Thinkers Keys mostly place emphasis on the development of innovative and creative thinking for a number of reasons:

1. Creative thinking can be exciting and enjoyable.
2. The stimulation of creativity in learning heightens the emotional link with that learning. This emotional involvement boosts the effectiveness of our memory systems.
3. Developing our creative potential will strengthen our ability to cope with change.

The Challenge will go over a 4 week period, with each new challenge being announced on parade, on the noticeboard outside the office (in breezeway) and a note in the newsletter. A winner will be chosen

each week from Prep – year 2, and one from year 3-7. Response sheets may be collected from class teachers or the office. These response sheets should be placed in the correct box in the Office.

Winners from each weekly challenge will be announced on parade and receive a certificate and a trophy that the student may keep until the following week.

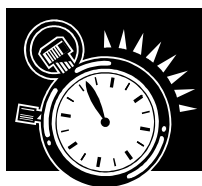
Good luck!

Nicole Goodwin

Year 4 Teacher & Gifted Education Mentor

Week 1 thinker's Challenge

The Reverse Key Name 10 things that cannot be timed with a stop watch.



DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Kristy Armitage and Morgan Francis who will be competing in the North West team at Met North Athletics in 800m and High Jump respectively. Thank you to all students who represented our school last Thursday and Friday.

Liz Clancy

RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

Compensatory and adjustment strategies.

A final observed compensatory strategy developed by children diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome is imitation. Some children with ASD observe and absorb the persona of others who are socially successful. Initially they will remain as the outsider watching social play and noting what to do. At home they may then re enact these observed interactions in their own solitary play, using figurines, dolls or imaginary friends.

When they do this they are rehearsing, practising the role and script. This helps them build some confidence to enter social interactions with others. Some children with ASD are so observant and accurate in their imitation that they copy gestures, tone of voice and mannerisms. They may watch television or movies and take on a T.V. or movie persona. This is why many of these children sound like they are speaking with an accent or seem to be quoting lines from T.V. shows and movies.

Becoming an expert mimic of well-known people can be an asset as an adolescent in drama classes or just to entertain fellow classmates. But unfortunately this mimicry can backfire when the student with ASD is set up by others to mimic the class teacher or others in authority.

Another problem with this type of mimicry is the superficial nature of these social interactions. The need to be socially acceptable is genuine, but when closely examined the apparent social competence is just a veneer of success, as it is contrived and not original.

However if we reflect on our own social interactions we can recall that at times we are capable of contriving certain personas for particular audiences. It could be said that we are all actors on a stage, performing roles and uttering rehearsed scripts.

(for further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood)

Jill Darch

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to the Senior Concert Band, Senior String and Chamber Ensembles for their entertaining performances on Assembly last Wednesday. There will be Junior String Ensemble rehearsal on Wednesday at 8.30am, please arrive by 8.25 am. We will be performing on Assembly in a few weeks.

Mr Hartog will be away this week at the Intermediate Band amp so no rehearsal or lessons on Wednesday.

Beginner Strings will also be performing on Assembly this term. There will be a rehearsal in the Music Room on Wednesday in preparation for this performance. All beginner strings are to attend this rehearsal after they eat their lunch.

All students have received a homework/practice sheet. This sheet is to be placed in a display folder and bought each week to the lesson. Parents are to sign at the bottom of the practice column weekly. The practice sheet operates as a bar-graph. Each practice session is coloured in a different colour and added to the previous practice session. Beginner students should be practicing at least 10 – 15 minutes a day, minimum 4 times a week and the intermediate and advanced students should be practicing 20 – 30 minutes a day, minimum 4 times a week. Parents, please remind your students to be careful when storing their instruments at home or at school. It is always upsetting when an instrument becomes damaged whether it privately owned or school owned.

Practice tips – Help your child set up a special place at home to play the instrument. Establish a time each day to play. Some children are at their best in the morning, before school. Some parents set a time after the evening when the child is relaxed, but not tired. Consider using the phrase “*playing time*” rather “*practice time*”.

Music Dates:

**Tuesday, 2 & Wednesday, 3
September**

String Extravaganza (Year 3 String Camp)

**Sunday 14 to Thursday 18
September**
GRIPPS

Wednesday, 17 September
No lessons or ensembles

Mr Hartog and Mrs Dinnis

PARENTS PLATES FROM LRC OPENING

We have one very nice plate in the shape of a waiter which had cheese on it on the night of the opening which

has not been collected. If any one knows who owns this plate, would they please let the office know. Thank you.

Debra Jackson

GRIPPS SPONSORSHIP

Advertise your business. Sponsorship for the forthcoming GRIPPS Music camp and concert is available for \$100. See brochure in breezeway or collect one from the office.

Debra Jackson

TENNIS OLYMPICS

We need 6 players from Amaroo, 6 players from Moongara and 6 players from Nooroo. Please give your names into the office, or give your names to Rebecca tennis coach or telephone John Berry on 3300 2246 or email john@tinysports.com.au. This competition will be run this term so don't delay. Trials will be run first, before the main competition. It's going to be fun.

The player of the week is Lucas Craske, well done, keep up the good work and proper practice makes perfect.

John Berry (3300 2246)
Mobile: 0421 502022
www.tinysports.com.au

STUDENT BANKING

Don't forget student banking tomorrow, Wednesday, 6 August. All money to the Staff Room as soon as possible after parade. Thank you

Alison Devine

OSHC

Pupil Free Day

Bookings are essential by Monday, 11 August if care is required for the Pupil Free Day on Thursday, 14 August 2008. Enrolment forms are at the sign in desk in the Activity Building.

Hours of operation: 7.00am – 6.00pm.

For any further information please contact us on 3300 0077.

Please note Wednesday 13 August is a Public Holiday and OSHC will not be operating.

Statements

All families will receive their monthly statement today. Please check CCB percentages are correct and please note your new fees. Payments in advance are welcome

and this may qualify you for discount on your fees.

Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)

YEAR 7 PARENTS

A reminder that the photos for the CD are due now. If you haven't already sent in your child's photos to be included in the CD, please arrange it asap. If you have any questions or queries, please email Chris Shallish on theendofwoodside@optusnet.com.au

Chris Shallish

SECRET DAD'S BUSINESS ART SHOW PAINTING CONTRIBUTION

The Payne Fully Arty show is coming up on Friday, 5 September and as such some of we Dads are trying to organise a secret men's business painting that will wow some poor fool into forking out lots and lots of money for it. As such we are finally going to meet on Monday, 11 August around 7pm to begin the project. Any Dad who wants to join in and help create this masterpiece can email me at thegowf@bigpond.net.au to confirm their attendance which will be held at my place. The usual men's business discussions systems and tools will be available to help raise the mindset and free it from the more mundane matters that generally arise but you are more than welcome to bring your own specialised equipment on the night which you may feel will also help contribute to the occasion. Hope to hear from some of you soon.

Mike Price

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UPDATE # 3 - Issue 3 of the "Payne Fully Arty" art show update came out this week. You will note our requests for volunteers continues and anyone who can help is asked to please email their details to payneroad@bigpond.com. We particularly need raffle ticket sellers and borrowed usage of rice and slow cookers.

TICKET ORDERS – Today you should receive your art show ticket order forms. These need to be pre-purchased for catering purposes. Completed forms with payment can be returned to the school office by **Friday, 22 August.**

PRSS Fundraising Committee

FATHERS' DAY STALL

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This year's Fathers' Day stall will be held on **Wednesday, 3 September.** If you are available to help on the stall please contact Louise Dowie-Bridges on XXXX XXXX or via email to payneroad@bigpond.com with "Fathers' Day Volunteer" in the subject line. Donations of boxed chocolates and/or non-perishable home made goodies would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the office for collection.

Louise
PRSS Fundraising Committee

TUCKSHOP

Chicken & Corn soup is no longer available.

A special SUSHI day will be held next week on Friday, 15 August. Order forms coming home this week.

NO TUCKSHOP THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST - PUPIL FREE DAY

ROSTER

Thursday, 7 August - Tuckshop
Melinda Chandler, Jean Wight, Bev Willowby
2 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Tuesday, 12 August - Tuckshop
Mari Boatwright, Michelle Beesley, Jenny Tucker

Tuesday, 19 August - Tuckshop
Faye Holmes, Jan Richardson, Carol Watson

Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)
Principal's Points

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LADIES - Want to get fit, tone up and lose some weight before Spring? **Healthy Inspirations**, women's weight loss and exercise centre, Mitchelton, is offering all mums at Payne Road School a **FREE 7 DAY TRIAL EXERCISE MEMBERSHIP**, which includes free attendance to all our new classes including boxing, Latin dancing and Tummies Butts and Thighs! Call now to get started - 33551149.