

9 September 2008

AIMING HIGHER

Principal's Points

Payne Fully Arty

What a wonderful night, Friday proved to be. It could not have been such a huge success without the input of many people. A huge thank you to the organising committee, the parents who donated art pieces, the teachers and parents who worked with the students to produce wonderful works of art and of course the students themselves. Thanks also to those who donated prizes or came along to purchase the fantastic art on display. It was great to see so many groups in our community collaborating to make the night the success it was. As a result of the Art Show, enough funds were raised to purchase three interactive whiteboards. We look forward to the acquisition of these resources in the near future.

QCATS

This week, our Year 4 children are involved in the Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks trial. As with all schools in Greater Brisbane area, they will be doing a Science QCAT this year. QCATS are not examinations or tests. They are authentic, performance based assessments that:

- Solve meaningful problems
- Emphasise critical thinking and reasoning
- Provide evidence of what students know and can do in relation to a selection of Essential Learnings

Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks are designed to contribute to student learning. They support teachers' assessment practices, and

help schools work towards consistency of teacher judgements and comparability of reported results. Parents will receive information about student achievement as part of the reporting process in Term 4.

GRIPPS

A number of our instrumental students will be attending GRIPPS next week at The Gap High School. The highlight of the week will be the performance on Thursday night. It is always an outstanding concert and I am sure that this year will be no exception. I look forward to seeing our students perform.

Year 4 Underwater World Camp

There is much excitement with our Year 4 students this week. Next Wednesday and Thursday these students will be visiting Underwater World on the Sunshine Coast. The highlight of their trip is the opportunity to sleep in the tunnel with all of the marine life swimming overhead. Having done it on many occasions, I have no doubt that both students and staff will enjoy this wonderful experience.

Prep Information Night

Tonight, we will be holding an information evening for those parents who have a child starting Prep next year. This is a great opportunity to learn about our school and to meet the staff who will be involved with your child next year. Next term, we will have another evening for parents of children starting Year 1 in 2009. We hope that most parents are available to attend these very important sessions. Our friendly staff look forward to meeting you.

Uniform Shop survey

Last week, all families should have received a survey regarding the running of the Uniform Shop. Please take the time to complete the survey as it is important that the action taken reflects the wishes of the wider school community.

Volunteer Workers

A huge thank you to Ken Marshall, Peter Winn and Mark Johnstone who completed a variety of jobs last Saturday. Jobs included repairing the structure of the sandpit, laying a concrete slab under the water tank, cleaning the prep gutters and erecting the 2007 GOA billboard winning poster. We are most appreciative of the time and effort you put in.

Staffing News

This week we welcome Darlene Hinds to our staff. Darlene is familiar to many of you, having had a long association with Payne Road State School. She will commence work as a Crossing Lady today. We extend a big welcome and hope that she enjoys her new position.

Holidays

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our families a happy and safe holiday.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

Deputy Principal's Points

Student recognition

Congratulations to Liam B from 3UB for being sent to the office with some great Maths work last Friday. Each Friday we look forward to the students visiting the office to share their achievements with Administration staff.

Environment Club

Thankyou Mrs Conn for the donation of 200 plants (Bromeliads) that will be planted around the grounds by the Environment Club Students. Today, some of these plants were planted in the gardens next to the assembly area, outside the Chaplain/PE room and the walkway below the year 7 classrooms.

The students from the Environment Club were very happy this morning to be engaging in planting activities and look forward to continuing with this in the near future.

Mark Johnstone
Deputy Principal (Acting)

TERM 3 DATES

Week 9: 8 September – 12 September

- 8 September – Year 7 HRE Family Planning
- 9 September – Prep Open night –7.00pm
- 12 September – MEAL DEAL
- 12 September – Treat Time

Week 10:

- 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

Vacation : 19 September to 6 October

Term Four – 6 October to 14 December

- 6 October – Prep Excursion “Reef Experience
- 7 October – Tuckshop Opens
- 7 October - Yr 5 & 6 HRE Family Planning
- 8 – 20 October – Yr 5 Mapleton Camp
- 10 October – Summer Sport commences

Week 2: 13 October – 17 October

- 13 October – Early Years Information

- Night
- 14 October – Year 5 & 6 HRE Family Planning
- 16 October – P&C Meeting 7.30pm

OLYMPICS THINKER'S CHALLENGE

Week 4 The what if Key

Years 3-7

What if footballs, soccer balls and tennis balls did not exist? Write at least 10 unusual consequences.

Week 4 The Picture Key

Prep – Year 2

What could this be...?

Week 3 Thinker's Challenge winners:

P-2: Isaac 1M
3-7: Katherine 6/7 C/J

These students will have their trophies presented at this week's assembly.

Nicole Goodwin

CHESS LESSONS

At this stage we have not received enough responses to book Gardiner Chess to give lessons at school. If your child was interested, but you have not previously responded to the newsletter item, would you please let the office know as soon as possible.

Nicole Goodwin

RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

ASD- Friendship

Tony Attwood has identified five stages in the motivation to have friends, in the development of children and adults with AS.

First Stage- An interest in the physical world

Young children with AS at PREP or kindergarten may not be interested in making friends. They are often more interested in understanding the physical world rather than the social world. They may want to explore electric and drainage systems, search for insects and reptiles or gaze at the cloud formations.

Social activities do not hold interest for them as they involved unknown and undisclosed rules. Solitude is contentment. They may seek out quiet environments or places that will feed their interests. But the child may be motivated to engage with adults who can answer their questions about the physical world aspects that hold their interest e.g. “Where does this drain lead to?” or “Are they nimbus or cumulus clouds?” Programs for Stage One Adult acting as a friend.

The adult ‘plays the part’ of an age peer with the intention to encourage reciprocal play. It is important that the adult note games, equipment, rules and language of natural play of other children and reproduce these. Vocalizing thoughts during play gives the child a commentary on what another person is thinking in the play situation.

Taking turns and asking for help

The adult models and encourages turn taking whilst playing with the child. To encourage helping someone the adult deliberately makes a mistake and then asks the child for help commenting that it is a friendly and smart thing to do to ask for help.

A dress rehearsal with another child

After sufficient practice the child can progress to a ‘dress rehearsal’ with another child. This may be an older sibling or a more mature child in the class who can model appropriate behaviour.

Video recording

Children with AS often enjoy watching the same movie many times. They do this to learn about social aspects without the confusion and effort involved in

having to socialize. Video recordings can be made of the social experiences of the child with AS. The child can then replay, the social documentary to better understand social cues, responses, and actions for peers and the child's role.

(To be continued next week)
(for further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood)

Jill Darch

OSHC

VACATION CARE

Payne Road OSHC program will operate from Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October. The program includes some great activities. We welcome all school age students. Hours of operation are from 7.00am – 6.00pm.

Programs and enrolments are now available from OSHC

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL and need to be received by Friday 12 September.

For any further information please contact us on 3300 0077.

Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)

POEM

I can hear millions of people
yelling my name.

I run faster

I see the finish line

I nearly stop

and drop to my knees

but I keep

on going

I come first!

Tears run down my face.

I run to the award block.

By James Baker

From 4G

P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting for September will be held on WEDNESDAY 17 September from 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start in the Learning Resource Centre. The meeting has been brought forward a day to allow for the GRIPPS performance on Thursday. All are welcome to attend.

The major agenda items will be advised prior to the meeting.

After three years, the current executive has indicated that they will not be standing for re-election next year. If you are interested in the operation of the P&C, would like to take on an executive position or have any questions about the positions, please contact me on david-cx@bigpond.net.au or call me on 3300 4400.

David Cox
P&C Secretary

PAYNE- FULLY ARTY ALL WRAPPED UP!

To put it simply, the Inaugural Payne-Fully Arty Art Show was a HUGE success!! Everyone should be proud of the effort from our students, parents, staff & community combined that brought this fantastic event together. It was smiles all around on Friday afternoon as the students took delight in pointing out their artwork, (which, by the way looked fabulous) to their families & friends. Our evening function & auction for which we sold over 100 tickets for was also a hit & loads of fun. The auction bidding was 'frenzied, yet friendly' & resulted in a couple of pieces fetching over \$500 thanks to the generosity of our school community. Although the final figures are not in yet it's estimated we've raised in excess of \$10,000 which is a fantastic achievement & even more fantastic considering this was our Art Show's debut! Interactive White-Boards – here we come!

An event like this cannot happen without the support of many, where to begin thanking everyone is the hard part. Well here goes....we sincerely thank EVERYONE involved!!! Firstly our wonderful sponsors & parents who donated artwork, items for the silent auctions, lucky door prizes & raffle (check out the back page) the parents who made the yummy cakes & treats for our afternoon session & slaved over hot stoves to feed the masses in the evening and those parents who gave up countless hours to bring the show

to fruition & those who helped on the night. Special thanks needs to go to The Gap Sports Club & Glenys Wilkinson for providing us with the terrific venue. Also a HUGE THANKYOU to the band – Freud Squad – fronted by our own Payne Rd parent Wendy Hargreaves, absolutely terrific, they set the mood perfectly & were such a professional outfit we were privileged to have them perform. Last but not least we must thank our 'Auctioneer Extraordinaire' Peter D'Arcy – he was just marvellous & managed to entertain the crowd & achieve some very generous bids.

Art Show Organising Committee

Feedback on:

payneroad@bigpond.com

RAFFLE WINNERS

We thank all our raffle ticket sellers especially those that took time out to sell at the shopping centres, also to all the families who bought & sold tickets. Also a big thank you to our kind sponsors for the great prizes! Our lucky prize winners were:

1st Prize: 2 Nights at Noosa Northshore Twin Waters; & \$150 dinner for 2 at Lily's Restaurant (Sponsored by Kym Hopkins of Harcourts the Gap) – won by **Vicky**

2nd Prize: 2 Bikes – donated by Kate Jones, State Member for Ashgrove – won by **Kathryn Moynihan**.

3rd Prize: 3 Month Membership at Healthy Inspirations Mitchelton + DVD Player (donated by Stocks Retravision, Ashgrove) – Won By: **Judith McGarry**.

Our **\$460 cash prize** on the night was won by Year 6/7 CJ teacher, **Mrs Connell** – congratulations!

ARTWORK SALES

All individual artwork that was purchased on Friday will be wrapped, named & delivered to your child's teacher this **Friday 12 Sept**. If you couldn't make the Art Show & would still like to

purchase your child's artwork then this can be done by filling in attached order form & dropping into the office with payment. Individual pieces are \$7.50 each. If you would like to purchase an A3 print of your child's class artwork then these can be ordered also. Prints are \$10 each & make a lovely memento or gift & include all the children's names at the bottom. To view prints, please see breezeway or Prep entrance for Prep L&M prints.

Art Show Organising Committee
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UNCLAIMED LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

There are a few lucky door prizes available for collection from the office: **Julie Brunckhorst, Alison Devine, Sandy Gabriele, Michelle Beesley, Wendy Hargreaves, Alex Wheeler, Keith Edgar.** We thank all our prize sponsors & congratulate all our lucky winners.

SLOW & RICE COOKERS

All cookers loaned for the Art Show are available for collection in the staff room. Please contact payneroad@bigpond.com if any problems or you are unable to pick up. We thank you for the loan.

Art Show Organising Committee

THE GREAT WESTERN SUPER CENTRE SCHOOL REWARDS

FINAL COLLECTION – FINAL WEEKS

CONGRATULATIONS -To all the classes that handed in docket 2 weeks ago! With those docket 2 we achieved **1st place during weeks 6 & 7.** Let's keep going and make sure we finish near the top of the ladder!!!

Our **final in school collection of docket 2 is this Friday September 12.** Remember all docket 2 must be from Term 3. More importantly remember we can earn **1,000s of points by attaching the vouchers sent home last week.** The list of extra point retailers include – Chop shop, Keperra Jewellers, Petworks,

K Nails & Beauty, Pool Werx, Chooks Fresh & Tasty, Coco's Fresh Food Market, Lasting Impressions flowers & Gifts, Retravisation, Millers, Shoe Inn and Donut King. Please if you need something from any of those retailers **grab it over the next 2 weeks** and attach **the voucher to your docket** before placing it in our box or this week handing it in at school. The competition runs up to and including **Sunday 21 September** so if you have extra docket 2 pop them in our box at the

front of Woolworths. Come on Payne Road we've come 1st once we can do it again!!!

Contact Karen Galligan at galligan1@bigpond.com if you have any questions about this promotion.

Karen Galligan

WORKING BEE

Hi everyone we have a working bee for term 3 this Saturday and would appreciate your help for a couple of hours.

The main jobs include replacing the seats in the courtyard of the resource centre, finishing some painting, a few other maintenance jobs and some gardening and tidying up of some new play areas. We will be without Ken Marshall this weekend but he was good enough to go down last Saturday after the art show with Mark Johnstone and Peter Winn.

The banner was hung, the concrete was done and the main sand pit outside Prep was fixed. Thanks guys for giving us a great start.

We are starting at 8.00am and intend to finish by 11.30am. The usual family fun afternoon will have to be postponed due to "secret men's" semi final commitments, plans for this will be finalised at the working bee.

If you can spare a couple of hours and can bring a few tools we would love to see you there. Please let Steve Smith or Rob Chandler know.

steven-smith@bigpond.com or rxchandler@parker.com.

GRADE 3 PARENTS CATCH-UP LUNCH - TUESDAY 16 SEPT 12:15PM.

The parents and carers of Grade 3 students are invited to a catch-up lunch at

CAFÉ TARA, The Gap (opposite The Coffee Club), on **Tuesday 16 September @ 12:15pm.**

Please RSVP by Monday September 15, so numbers can be confirmed for the booking. **If you would like to go, please advise either :-**

Angela Butler (3B - Kathryn Cox's mum) on ph XXXX XXXX, email - angela-c@bigpond.net.au

Fiona Davies (3UB - Hannah Davies' mum) on ph XXXX XXXX email - redraptor@optusnet.com.au

TREAT TIME

A Reminder that there will be treat time this Friday 12 September after school.

P&C

TUCKSHOP

Meal Deal this Friday.

ROSTER

Thursday Tuckshop 11 September

Melinda Chandler, Alex Cruickshank, Kerryn Suchting
2 volunteers urgently needed!

Friday Meal Deal 12 September
Dianna Giles, Jean Wight

Tuesday Tuckshop 16 September
Michelle Beesley, Mari Boatwright, Jenny Tucker

Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Volunteers sought for Child Language Development Study. The Division of Speech Pathology of Uni of Qld is seeking male & female children aged 5 to 16 year to participate in s research program. For further information see flyer on noticeboard, or ask at the office.

Flipside Circus – Latest show "Storm in a Teacup" during September School holidays. See flyer on noticeboard.

Australian Girls Choir Open day Nov 1
and holiday programme. See flyer on
noticeboard.

Soccer camps – School holiday

programmes. See flyer on noticeboard.