

March 19, 2020

...Mosquito...



Care - Respect - Commitment - Responsibility - Inclusiveness

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EDITION

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Dates to Remember

March	
Fri 27 th	JSC Healthy Roll Day
Fri 27 th	Last Day of Term 1, 2.30pm Finish, No PM Bus
April	
Tue 15 th	First Day of Term 2

Dear Families,

School Council 2020/2021

The AGM of the School Council has been postponed to Wednesday 25th March. At this meeting we will need to form a new school council as some parents are completing their time on council. The date for nominations has been extended until Monday 23rd March, as we do not yet have enough nominations to fill the vacant positions. You do not need a special skill to become a school councillor; it is wonderful to have a variety of people as this means we can gather a range of ideas from different people. There is a commitment to two meetings per term on a Wednesday evening for no longer than two hours and joining one sub-committee such as finance or buildings and grounds. If you have an interest, would like to nominate someone or would like more information please see Anna Duncan.

Kind regards,
Anna Duncan
Principal



JSC - Juice Boxes are available daily at lunchtime \$1.00



Icy Poles are available lunch time Thursdays .50c



Dear Parents,

What a start to the 2020 year! Every time I think we are moving forward another thing seems to pop up at the moment. For a region that has already faced so much over the past few years with drought, fire and flood to now be faced with the potential impact of the coronavirus, it can sometimes seem as though we cannot catch a break. In all of this I am so proud to see our families coming together to support each other through this trying time. I see parents chatting and checking in with each other, asking are they okay, if they need anything and what can they do to help. I have been asked this myself by numerous people and I have really appreciated your concern and care.

The school staff has had numerous conversations as to how we manage this latest challenge in the best way we can. Each day I receive an update via email from the Department of Education with the latest advice and instructions for schools. I forward this to all staff to ensure they are kept up to date as well.

If a family decides to keep students home and self-isolate due to the virus concerns please contact the office to inform us of your decision. Once we have been informed, the school enters the absence information as Parent Choice-School Approved with COVID-19 as the reason. You do not need to do anything further. Teachers have created packs of learning tasks for families who have made this decision and they have started to be delivered as of Wednesday 18th March.

In the classrooms, staff members have taken steps to increase student hygiene including ensuring that all students wash their hands with soap before eating, after play breaks and at other times as needed. During break times staff are wiping tables, backs of chairs and door handles with liquid detergent. If students become unwell during the school day and are exhibiting signs of a temperature or vomiting we are contacting parents as soon as possible to care for children at home.

In addition to these measures the Department of Education has advised all schools that for the time being any activities that are held off the school site are to be postponed until further advice is received. This includes GRIP Leadership conference, MAD leadership conference and other excursions. At this stage we have not made any decision on Grade 3/4 camp to Gelantipy and it is still booked for 27-29th May. Assemblies will be held on the basketball court but unfortunately we have decided to postpone the Family Night which was to be held on Thursday 26th March. We will reschedule this to a new date as soon as possible.

As with the bush fire emergency, children can become hyper-vigilant and frightened of overhearing conversations about topics they do not fully understand. A lot of gossip, jokes and untruth about the virus is floating about on social media and in adult conversations. Please consider what children may overhear and if possible limit their exposure to information about the panic elements of the virus. Most news stories on television and social media are sensationalising these elements which is contributing to the wide-spread panic buying and hoarding. Staff members are answering questions students may have in a matter-of-fact way that is appropriate to the age and maturity of the children. It is important we give students appropriate and accurate information and debunk the myths.

It is really important to keep routines as consistent as possible. This can be difficult at a time when so many daily routines are disrupted with the cancellation of normal activities. Time frames such as waking, eating, bed times, screen times should continue to provide children with some structure and contributing to feeling as though some things in their life are normal.

Another hugely beneficial activity is exercise. A 20 minute walk, fast enough to raise the heartbeat but still be able to hold a conversation, will stimulate the brain and release endorphins which feed our positive mindset. At a time when we are being asked to distance ourselves from others walking is an activity that does not require any special equipment or contact with anyone outside your family. It is also extremely important for children to have regular play breaks outdoors to move their bodies and get much needed vitamin D from the sun.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time please contact me at school 5156 6382 or 0492 892 471 outside of school hours.

Kind regards,

Anna Duncan

Science

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, students in Rooms 3,4,5,6 and 7 will be visiting the Eagle Point Flora and Fauna Reserve. All students will require suitable walking shoes, hat and drink bottle.

Easter Raffle

Easter raffle tickets have been sent out to families. If families can, could you please donate something towards the raffle.

Breakfast Club – Helpers Required

Breakfast Club is looking for some new volunteers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Breakfast Club provides toast and cereal to students from 8.30-8.55 three days a week.

Family Night

Due to recent advice from Department of Education we have made the decision to postpone the Family Night until next term.

Uniform

Would all families please check the name label on your child's uniform. There are a number of hoodies missing; these are easily picked up by mistake and this may not be noticed immediately. If you find you have the wrong uniform please return it to the office or the lost property basket. Please ensure all uniform is labelled with a laundry marker.



Bairnsdale Scout Group

Joey Scouts are amazing!



Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-7.

They enjoy adventure, imagination, and being outdoors during their weekly one-hour meeting, and occasional sleepovers and camps.

Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills!

bairnsdalescoutgroup@gmail.com

"Kaa" Mat Stephenson 0401 293 820

Enquiries:



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www.facebook.com/shahnazvocalschool

Music Therapy 4-5 yrs

. Music therapy assists with social and community participation and has many other advantages such as, it helps reduce anxiety and physical effects of stress, it helps ignite creativity and it promotes healing. As a vocal coach, I am able to help with speech intelligibility and focus on the fundamentals of active therapy through singing, exploring various instruments and learning an instrument.

*Shahnaz Vocal School is also now taking NDIS
clients!*

If you know anyone who would benefit from music therapy please feel free to contact me

Wooden Dog and Coaster Set School Holiday Activity Session



Image courtesy of materials provider Cleverpatch.com.au

Assemble and decorate your very own Wooden Dog and Coaster Set

Here's another of the library's popular school holiday activity sessions for you to enjoy.

Listen to stories, play games, win prizes and assemble and decorate your very own Wooden Dog and Coaster Set which you can keep and use at home!

Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this free event.

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Libraries
Change Lives

Omeo Service Centre

Wednesday 1 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Bairnsdale Library

Friday 3 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Monday 6 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Orbost Service Centre

Wednesday 8 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Mallacoota Service Centre

Wednesday 8 April 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Cann River Community Centre

Thursday 9 April 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm

Paynesville Service Centre

Thursday 9 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

School Holiday LEGO Club



Junior LEGO enthusiasts are invited to attend our school holiday LEGO Club sessions

This is not a supervised event. Parents may consider staying with their younger children.

Donations welcome

The library will gladly accept donations of old or new LEGO brand pieces for our LEGO Club collection.



For more information, phone 5152 4225 or ask staff at the library about these FREE sessions.

Orbost Service Centre

Monday 30 March 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Omeo Service Centre

Wednesday 1 April 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Paynesville Service Centre

Wednesday 1 April 3.40 pm – 4.40 pm

Orbost Service Centre

Monday 6 April 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Paynesville Service Centre

Wednesday 8 April 3.40 pm – 4.40 pm

Bairnsdale Library

Wednesday 8 April 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Outdoor Family Movie Screening

PG

Parental
guidance
recommended

Mild fantasy themes and violence,
some scenes may scare young children

Maleficent: Mistress of Evil



Join us for the screening of the fantasy/action movie ***Maleficent: Mistress of Evil***

Maleficent travels to a grand old castle to celebrate young Aurora's upcoming wedding to Prince Phillip. While there, she meets Aurora's future mother-in-law – a conniving queen who hatches a devious plot to destroy the land's fairies.

Hoping to stop her, Maleficent joins forces with a seasoned warrior and a group of outcasts to battle the queen and her powerful army.

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Bairnsdale Library

Friday 3 April

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

RSVP

by 2 April



Bring a blanket in case it gets cold. If the weather is poor, the movie will still be screened inside the library.

School Holiday Movie Screening

Frozen 2

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Parental
guidance
recommended

Some scenes may scare
very young children



Join us for the screening of *Frozen 2*

Elsa the Snow Queen has an extraordinary gift – the power to create ice and snow.

After hearing a mysterious voice call out to her, Elsa travels to the enchanted forests and dark seas beyond her kingdom.

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Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Thursday 2 April
2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

Cann River Community Centre

Thursday 2 April
1.00 pm – 2.45 pm

Paynesville Service Centre

Friday 3 April
2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

Orbost Service Centre

Tuesday 7 April
2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

Bairnsdale Library

Wednesday 8 April
2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

Omeo Service Centre

Wednesday 8 April
2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

School Holiday Games Session

Xbox & Board Games



Enjoy some school holiday time playing Xbox games and board games at your library

This is not a supervised event. Parents may consider staying with their younger children.

The Xbox games provided are suitable for the 5 to 12 age group for which this event is being held.



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Bairnsdale Library

Mon. 30 March
9.30 am – 6.00 pm

Orbost Service Centre

Fri. 3 April
8.30 am – 5.00 pm

Omeo Service Centre

Wed. 8 April
9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Paynesville Service Centre

Wed. 8 April
8.30 am – 5.00 pm

For further information, phone 5152 4225 or enquire in person at the library about this FREE event.

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES

FREE

AGES 5 -12

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Wildlife Show

Black Snake Productions



Black Snake Productions is conducting school holiday wildlife shows

This presentation looks at the diversity of wildlife found in the Australian bush, including a range of reptiles, frogs, invertebrates, birds, mammals and marsupials.

Their goal is to bring these amazing animals to you and share their passion for Australasian wildlife and to raise awareness to the plight of so many of them.

Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.

Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Monday 30 March
10.30 am – 11.30 am

Orbost Service Centre

Monday 30 March
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Omeo Service Centre

Tuesday 31 March
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Paynesville Service Centre

Wednesday 1 April
11.00 am – 12.00 pm

Bairnsdale Library

Wednesday 1 April
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Bairnsdale Library

Wednesday 1 April
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm









BLACK SNAKE
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Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  laptops & tablets |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes |  books & supplies |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions |


To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

BERRY STREET
We're for Childhood
SINCE 1877

Contact
your local Saver Plus
Coordinator

Phone
1300 610 355

Email
EastGippslandSP@
berrystreet.org.au

Online
saverplus.org.au
Find us on Facebook 


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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



PlayConnect Playgroup

Is a weekly facilitated playgroup for children aged 0-6 with Autism Spectrum disorder characteristics or a Developmental Delay.

This group is available to support families, their child and siblings. Your child does not need a diagnosis to attend

Wednesdays, 10.30am - 12.30pm Uniting Church Bairnsdale 710 Lanes Road Lucknow

Enquiries to Rose: 0409 096 587

Come along to connect with other families for information on services whilst participating with your child/children in activities specifically suited to children with additional needs

PlayConnect Playgroups are a component of the Australian Government's *Helping Children with Autism* package



PAYNESVILLE CHILD CARE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At Paynesville Child Care our educators understand the importance of nurturing a respectful, secure and trusting relationship with both the child and their family; working together to explore the child's learning potential to become active participants in their own education. All programs are planned using our knowledge of child development, along with the input of children and their families. We understand that children's capabilities, interests and strengths are varied, so we ensure that all children engage with activities across the program, optimising their expanding awareness of their own learning at an individual pace. Whether you are looking full day, half day, or hourly sessions, including such instances where you need child care due to occasional appointments, we have many options available to you:

- Affordable, longer sessions, 4 days a week,
- Casual or Permanent bookings available,
- Quality care for children from 3 months to school age,
- Qualified and experienced educators,
- Fun and friendly learning environment,
- Programmed activities based on children's interests,
- Child Care Subsidy available,
- Servicing our community for over 25 years,
- Now open during school holidays – closed for 4 weeks during Christmas/New Year holiday period.



Session Times for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday include:		Full Fees	Fees with Full Child Care Subsidy
Full Day Session	8.30am – 4.30pm	\$90.00	\$17.35 with 85% Subsidy
Morning Session	8.30am – 12.00pm	\$45.00	\$11.75 with 85% Subsidy
Afternoon Session	1.00pm – 4.30pm	\$45.00	\$11.75 with 85% Subsidy
Casual Booking	Per Hour: *Bookings Essential	\$20.00	\$10.50 with 85% Subsidy



Casual hourly rates are available and half-day sessions can be extended to suit individual needs.

Bookings are essential to ensure the educator-to-child ratio is observed at all times.

For more information about Child Care at the Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre, or for an estimation of your families child care costs, please contact Kathy, Child Care Coordinator, during session times on 5156 0487 or email pvillecc@bigpond.com.

You can also contact the Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre (PNC) at 55 The Esplanade, Paynesville on 5156 0214.