

Tuesday 28th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Grade 3 and 5 students who have completed the NAPLAN assessments over the past 2 weeks. Over a 2 week period, students in these classes have completed 4 assessments in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation). The students met the challenge with a positive attitude and determination. The assessments are largely completed using iPads and laptops with the exception of Grade 3 writing which is paper-based. This mirrors the PAT reading and maths assessments we have been using for the last 12 months so students were confident in the platform. Well done to all of these children, we are very proud of your attitude and efforts in completing these. Results will be available to the school and families later in term 2.

Over the past few weeks we have noticed chocolates, lollies and sugar drinks coming to school in lunchboxes. Please remind students that these foods and drinks are not to be consumed at school and are for after school treats.

This Friday 31st March is the Cross Country run along the foreshore. Staff will be setting up shade tents and markers before school and students will be walking to the foreshore at 10am for the run. Students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will run 1km along the foreshore before returning to school. Students who have or will be turning 9, 10 or 11 this year run 2 km and those turning 12 will run 3km. Parents, friends and community are welcome to come along and cheer the children as they complete the run. We are expecting to be back at school by 12pm.

On Monday 3rd April our student leadership group will be coordinating Harmony Day. This is a day to celebrate our heritage and the countries and cultures form which we all come. Students, staff and parents are invited to dress in the clothes of their heritage, the colours of the flags representing those countries or to wear orange which is the colour of Harmony Day. Between recess and lunch 11:30-1:30pm the students will be moving through activities prepared and run by our school student leaders. If students do not want to wear their heritage colours, then they come to school in uniform.

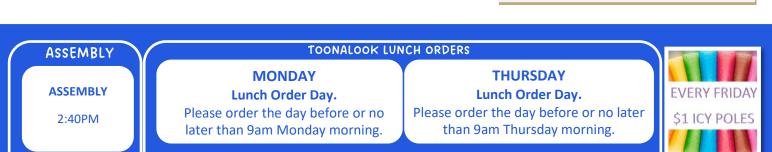
Sadly this term, we have had a bit of damage done to the school grounds and play equipment by students during play times. This includes pulling the bars out of metal fences and ripping the soft-fall squares off the playground surfaces. Could parents please discuss the expense of replacing these items with their children and encourage them to tell an adult if damage is noticed.

Kind regards,

Anna Duncan Principal

STUDENT FREE DATES FOR TERM 1:

Thursday 6th April



Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have been supervising the students as they make their beautiful Easter Bonnet creations. During lunchtimes, all students have had the opportunity to come into the art room and make an Easter Bonnet with materials sourced by the parents group. The last day for making bonnets will be this week so students who have not yet made theirs can have their turn. On Wednesday 5th April at 9:15am the whole school will be gathering in the eating area to have a parade and show off their beautiful hats. Parents, families and community are invited to come along to the parade, with a cuppa and biscuit afterwards for those wanting to stay.

~~~~ANZAC Day~~~~~

This year ANZAC Day will be honoured on Tuesday 25th April, our school captains Cooper Sampson and Emily Crouch, have been invited to speak at the Paynesville ANZAC ceremony at the Paynesville RSL. Each year all students and staff are invited to participate in the march, older students support younger students so everyone can join in. Students are to wear school uniform and meet Mrs Duncan and other staff at 8:30am on the corner of Main St and King St. The parade leaves this point at 8:45am and makes its way up the hill to the RSL. The ceremony begins at 9am and concludes at approx. 9:45am. Students wait with staff for a whole school photo before being collected by parents.

I would love to see as many students and families as possible come along on this day to support Cooper and Emily and to walk with the school group. Please put this date in your calendar now as this will be the last day of the school holidays due to the student free day on the Monday.

Please contact Anna Duncan if you have any questions.





CROSS COUNTRY This Friday 31st March Along the Foreshore 10am to 12pm



CRAZY HAIR DAY

Crazy Hair Day raised \$229.00. Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to the day.













Dress Up Day—Monday 3rd April

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity.

Wear ORANGE or something that represents your family's culture.

Please note if you don't come dressed up school uniform is still required.

JSC EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are seeking donations for the annual Easter Raffle. Some ideas include Easter chocolate, craft, gift wares and other suitable items for children to win. Thank you to the people who have already donated items.

Donations are being collected at the office until Monday 3rd April. Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 5th April.

Thanks from JSC.

Easter Bonnet Parade



Wednesday 5th April @9.15am

Families welcome

Make your own hat

Friday's lunchtime in the Art Room 1.40-2.20pm until the end of term.









Wednesday 5th April before lunch @1.15pm



SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 1

MARCH / APRIL 2023

Monday 27th to	Grade 3/4 camp to Coolamatong
Wednesday 29th	2.30pm pick up
Thursday 30th March	Lunch Order Day
Friday 31st March	Cross Country 10am to 12pm—Foreshore
Monday 3rd April	Harmony Day
Monday 3rd April	Lunch Order Day
Wednesday 5th April	Easter Bonnet Parade—9.15am Families Welcome
	Easter Egg Hunt—Before lunchtime @1.15pm
	Easter Raffle Drawn
Wednesday 5th April	Assembly 2.40pm - School finish normal time and buses running as normal
Thursday 6th April	Student Free Day—Last day of Term 1
Friday 7th April	School Holidays
Monday 24th April	Student Free Day
Tuesday 25th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday —all welcome to attend march, 8.30am Cnr. Main & King St, Paynesville
Wednesday 26th April	First day of Term 2 for Students

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bairnsdale Easter + Laneway3875 Festival!

Synday, 2 April Bairnsdale CBD

Support Local Easter Shopping! Shops open 10am - 2pm Then head to Nicholson Street Mall for the Easter Market & Laneway3875 Festival 12 - 5pm

Live Music + Great Food Pop-Up Stalls, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts Easter Hat Parade! Easter Bunny Visits at 3pm!



Market Stall Bookings \$50 www.trybooking.com/CGCBI





Bairnsdale Scout Group

We are seeking **prep aged** children to come along and try Joey Scouts!



Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-8. 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!

Enquiries: scoutsvictoria.com.au/location/BAIRNSDALE/ facebook.com/BairnsdaleScouts



Children of ages 5 to 12 are invited along to enjoy Easter stories, craft activities and Easter games

EAST GIPPSLAND



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



Tuesday 4 April Paynesville Service Centre 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

FREE AGES 5 - 12 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Wednesday 5 April Bairnsdale Library 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Wednesday 5 April Orbost Service Centre 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

Thursday 6 April Lakes Entrance Service Centre 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm **CREATE CONNECT** Regional Roadshow

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GIPPSLAND



JUNK YARD U Saturday 22 April 2023

The VRI - Traralgon 18-20 Queens Parade

Sunday 23 April 2023 The Hub- Bairnsdale 27 Dalmahoy Street 10AM-4PM





Junkyard Jungle is an exploration of who we are - both inside and out!

Have you ever wondered what animal you would be if you could choose? Does the gentleness of a possum or the fierceness of a lion speak to you? Do you imagine what it would be like to fly, or breath under water, or run faster than anything? Using recycled materials, collage and crafting we will bring our junkyard jungle to life!