



# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 1 Term 1 Week 2 2026 6/2/2026

**Breakfast Club | Mon-Fri 8:30-8:50 in the Kitchen**  
**Lunch Orders | Mondays**  
**Assembly | Fridays 2:50 in the Hall**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 3

#### Monday 9th February

- Touch Footy Clinics Begin for grades 1-6 on Mondays

#### Tuesday 10th February

- Meet and Greet School Community BBQ 3:30-5:00

#### Thursday 11th February

- K Day - Free Dress Day with gold coin donation to raise money for the Kids Cancer Project

#### Friday 13th February

- Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Development

### Week 4

#### Thursday 19th February

- District Swimming

### Week 5

#### Friday 27th February

- Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Development

### Week 7

#### Monday 9th March

- Labor Day Public Holiday

#### Tuesday 10th March

- NAPLAN assessments begin
- Parent Teacher Interviews begin

### Week 10

#### Friday 2nd April

- Cross Country and BBQ
- Final Day of Term 1 - 2:15 finish

### **REMINDER**

For Terms 1, students are required to wear hats when out in the yard at recess and lunch to protect them from the sun. Please make sure your child has a hat to wear at school. Hats are available to buy at the office.

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### Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm / Friday 9:00am to 3:30pm

## Welcome Back to 2026

It has been a great start back for 2026 so far, with students getting settled into their new classrooms.

There are some important dates coming up ahead with our *Meat and Greet* BBQ next Tuesday, a free dress day fundraiser next Thursday, and pupil free days in Week 3 and Week 5. The Upcoming Dates will be updated in every newsletter, so please keep checking to keep up to date.

PAYNESVILLE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL'S  
Annual Back to School  
**Meat and Greet BBQ**  
Free BBQ  
Family games organised by our students  
Get to know our school community  
Families, friends and community all  
welcome  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3:30-5:00**

# Principal's Report

Hi everyone,

What a fantastic start to 2026. It was so refreshing to see all students, families and staff return to school after a good summer break. Students started in their new classes eagerly engaging in getting to know those in their class as well as new students who have joined our Paynesville family. Structures and routines have been set and classes are diligently involved in focusing on and engaging in academic and social-emotional learning.

I would like to formally welcome all our new preps and their families to our Paynesville Primary School family. The group of preps are just a delight and so full of energy, enthusiasm and joy.

I would also like to officially introduce our **Grade 6 School Leadership Team** for 2026.

## **School Captains**

Kenzie Cartwright

Melanie Guthrie

## **Sports Captain**

Ally Wood-Laird

## **House Captains**

### **Blue House**

Nathan McGrath

### **Red House**

Solomani Tavai (TJ)

### **Green House**

Nate Carpenter

### **Gold House**

Will Fountain

## **Wellbeing/First Nations Leader**

Londyn Miller

## **Student Representative Council Leaders**

George Molinaro

Reve Veitch

Japleen Kaur



Specialist subjects started last week with students loving Food Technology with Mrs Smith and Art with Dee Howlett on Wednesdays, P.E: P-2 with Mrs Stringer and Grades 3-6 with Mr Floyd and Ms Sargent, STEM: P-2 with Mary and Grades 3-6 with Ms Sargent and Mrs Hudson, Grade 3-6 Cultures studies: with Mrs Hudson and Mr Floyd on Thursdays. This week Music will also commence on Tuesdays for all classes.

Commencing next Monday 9th February the grade 1-6 classes will have Touch Football sessions for 4 weeks. These sessions will be delivered by Gecko Sports Gippsland and are part of the Sporting Schools program.

We had our first Assembly on Friday where our new school leaders received their badges. Will Fountain proudly delivered the Acknowledgement of Country and Wellbeing Award and our School Captains Kenzie and Melanie handed out the Values Awards and finished off the Assembly. Our House Captains eagerly commenced House Colour Activities during the afternoon session prior to this Assembly.

I look forward to seeing everyone that can make it attend our Meat and Greet BBQ next Tuesday afternoon. Students have been creating invitations for you so they should be on their way home to you this week.

NAPLAN testing will be undertaken commencing on 11th March this year by our year 3 and 5 students. More information will come home to families about this from the Department of Education when we receive it.

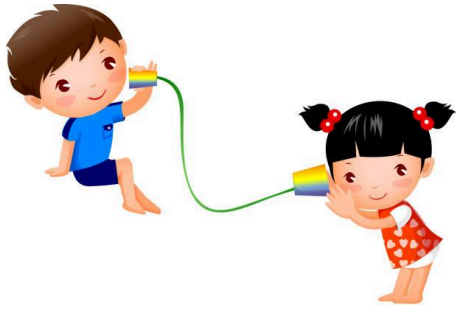
Have a great week and take care.

**Kind regards,**

**Deb Mathers – Principal**

## News from the office....

### PHONE SYSTEM TRANSITION



We are currently moving to a new phone system. During this transition, outgoing calls from the school may appear as **5624 3992 (Warragul)**.

**Please be assured that this is the school calling.**

If you need to contact us, please use one of the following numbers:

- **Phone:** 5156 6334
- **Text:** 0458 566 371

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**uEducateUs**, a secure online platform designed to make communication between families and the school easier and more efficient.



Through uEducateUs, parents and carers can:

- Receive important updates and announcements
- Communicate directly with teachers
- View attendance information
- Access student reports
- Submit absence notifications

The platform works on phones, tablets, and computers, making it simple to stay connected wherever you are. If you have misplaced your login details or are new to the school please see Lauren or Kerry in the office.



### CSEF – Financial Support for School Activities

The **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** provides **\$400 per student** to help eligible families cover the cost of camps, excursions and sporting activities.

Families with a valid means-tested concession card, out-of-home care students, and asylum seeker or refugee families may qualify.

#### How to Apply

New applicants can collect a form from the school office or download it from:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

If you received CSEF last year, you only need to reapply if your circumstances have changed (new school enrolment, custody changes, updated concession details, or new siblings starting school).



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Winnie

Jaxson

Peyton

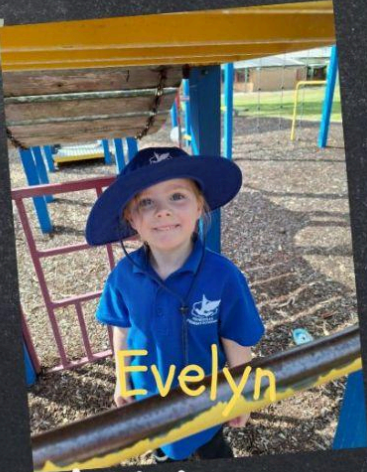


Olivia

Archie



Ethan



Evelyn

# Meet our new Grade Prep children



Aria



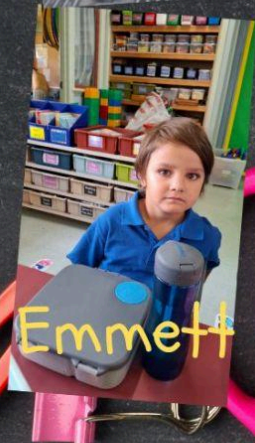
Luca



Levi



Shay



Emmett



Polly



Gracie



Arabella



McKynzie



Grade 1-2 students have commenced the year with the new Phonics Plus reading-spelling program which is being implemented in all F-2 Grades in Victoria. We are all still learning the ins and outs of this new way of learning, but already students are learning about breaking words into base words, suffixes and syllables to help with their spelling. We do our Phonics Plus lessons from 9:10–9:50 every morning (except Wednesday), so please try to make sure students are at school on time so that they don't miss out on these important lessons. Students also do the handwriting and reading fluency components of the Phonics program in the afternoon.

# CLASS NEWSLETTER

## HI FROM MISS S

Hi Everybody! What an incredible start we have had to 2026!

It has been so great starting to get to know your little ones and how they learn best. If you ever have any queries - please don't hesitate to get in contact with me through the school!

Congratulations to Matilda who is our classroom SRC for 2026.

Upcoming Things:  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Meat & Greet BBQ  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - K'day Fundraiser



## NUMERACY

We have started off the year refreshing our knowledge of Place Value, how numbers are written, what they look like, how to create them and write them in expanded form.



## LITERACY

During our Literacy block we have started reading the book Matilda by Roald Dahl! The kids are really enjoying studying the book and talking about the characters as a whole class

In Writing we have looked at what goes in and out of our Writer's Notebooks, set goals for ourselves as learners and will soon start looking at Narrative writing.



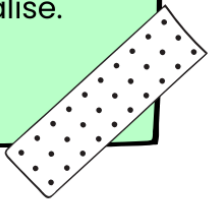
## THE OTHERS

During PE students have been looking at ball skills such as throwing, catching and striking.

During Cultural Studies students are diving into 'Australian Culture'.

During STEM we are looking at Life cycles and how these are present everywhere.

Humanities has had us looking into what 'community' is - how important it is and how we are in more different communities than we even realise.



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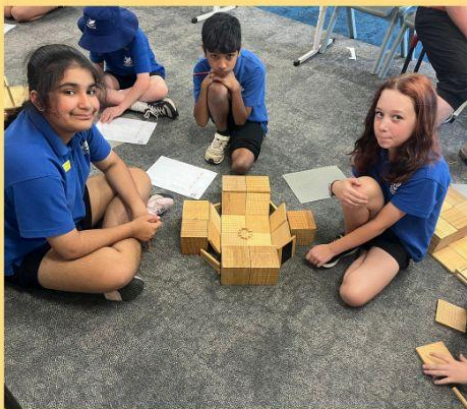
Newsletter with Mrs. Caroline Hudson & Bec



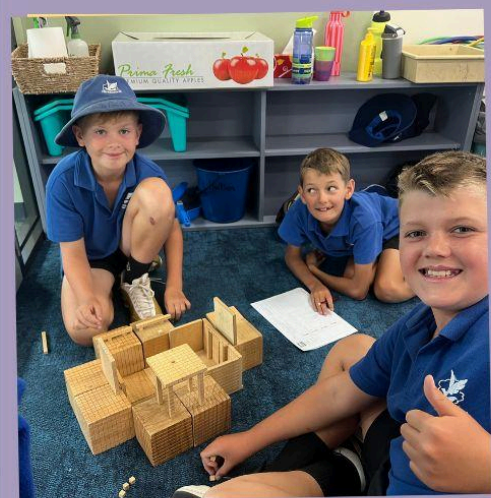
WELCOME to our class for 2026!!

It has been a pleasure to have all of our students together this week and engaged positively in their learning.

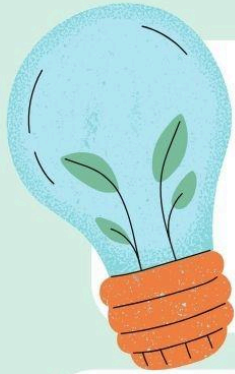
Together, we created our own list of class values and began reading our whole class text, *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo. Our maths topic is Place Value, and the hands on learning and knowledge shared in our class has been inspiring to be a part of. We look forward to a really wonderful year in 5/6 Hudson! We look forward to meeting you at the Meat & Greet on Tuesday!



**Place Value Stadiums**



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# Grade 5/6 Floyd

## What's Been Happening

What a start to 2026 Grade 5/6 F have made. It has been fantastic to see students happy and eager to start the year positively. Students have been learning about expectations and routines for our classroom. I have been impressed with how quickly they have adjusted. Our student leaders are working hard to ensure students understand our values and they are leading the way with how to follow these. Student leaders are part of leadership sessions on Friday at 12:30 with Miss S and Jaime.

Specialist classes have begun! On Tuesday we have music, Wednesday we have Art and Kitchen and Thursday we have STEM, PE and Cultural Studies.

If you need to contact me please feel free to email me on [Jarryd.Floyd@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jarryd.Floyd@education.vic.gov.au)

## What We've Been Learning

In reading, students have been learning about expectations and routines in reading. We have started reading our class novel War Horse. It's great to see students enjoying this text. In writing, we have been using our writer's notebooks. Students created a heart map and have started writing a piece of writing from an idea in their heart map.

In maths, we have started learning about place value. We have been learning about how to order numbers, expand numbers and represent numbers.

## Upcoming Events

Meat & Greet BBQ- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Pupil Free Day- Staff PD Day- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Pupil Free Day- Staff PD Day- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb



# FOOD TECH

Did you know that natural colour pigments in foods have specific health benefits?

For the next few weeks in Food Tech, we will 'Eat the Rainbow' as we explore what the different coloured foods can do for our bodies.

In Week 2 we have learnt that:

**RED foods help our heart, reduce cancer risk, and boost brain function.**

**ORANGE foods strengthen the immune system, build healthy skin, and improve vision.**

We made pumpkin pancakes and raspberry compote to support this learning.



# School Wide Positive Behaviour

## School Values

Our school values are:

Respect  
Safety  
Positivity  
Learning

Our focused school values for weeks 1-5 is respect!

Each week staff will select students who have shown respect throughout the week to receive a value award at assembly.

## HOUSE POINTS

The scores for Term 1 so far are:

Red - 209 (Total - 1022)  
Green - 187 (Total - 847)  
Blue - 170 (Total - 954)  
Gold - 153 (Total - 940)

Students can earn points for their house by receiving PB Tokens, Value Awards or participating in school events.

## PB AWARDS

At Paynesville Primary School we do our

**PERSONAL BEST**

through

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**



Students receive PB Tokens when they demonstrate their personal best in the classroom or yard and can place them in the PB Jar in the office.

At assembly the Weekly Winner of the PB Award will be pulled out of the jar. The Weekly Winners will receive a reward at the end of term!

Our Weekly Winner of the PB Award for Week 1 was

- Paige Lewis - Green House

Our Weekly Winners are students who have show positive behaviour or their positive best throughout the week and were pulled from the PB jar.

## Values Award Winners for Week 1 and 2

Students identified by staff to be demonstrating our school value **RESPECT**

**Tilly Loe** - taking on advice given in a respectful and mature way

**Charlie Stein** - a fantastic and respectful start to 2026

**TJ Tavai** - considering others and using his inside voice

**Frankie Molinaro** - showing a peer how to be respectful

**Jakoby Saunders** - joining our school in such a respectful manner

**McKynzie Jones** - respecting the needs of other students and supporting them in the classroom

**Kenzie Cartwright** - showing all students how to be respectful

**Ricky Rowed** - working respectfully with his classmates

**Bea Campbell** - always being respectful in our classroom

**Freya Checkley** - being extra helpful in packing up after maths

**Polly Oates** - using her manners in the classroom

**Eddy Campbell** - listening and working hard in Food Tech

**Luke Davidson** - always being polite and respectful when speaking to staff

**Evelyn Korhecz** - remembering to put her hand up when she has something to say

**Wyatt Radnell** - showing respect to his classmates and staff

**Levi Renke** - being kind and gentle to everyone

**Nathan McGrath** - showing respect to his fellow classmates

Well done to all these students that have worked to show our school values.

# PAYNESVILLE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

27 February - 1 March 2026

*Five events. One weekend. See you there.*



  
**GIPPSLAND LAKES  
BOAT SHOW**



**Paynesville  
Classic Boat Rally  
& Maritime Festival**



**ENTERPRIZE** Melbourne's Tall Ship



*Raymond Island*  
**CAR & BIKE SHOW**  


[gippslandlakesboatshow.com.au](http://gippslandlakesboatshow.com.au)



[paynesvilleclassicboatrally.com.au](http://paynesvilleclassicboatrally.com.au)



# All Abilities Netball

Enjoy netball in a fun, friendly environment where you will learn new skills, stay active and enjoy being part of a team built on belonging and inclusion.

Date: 26/02/2026– 28/05/2026

Excluding School Holidays

Time: 4.00pm–5.00pm

Cost- \$100

Location: WORLD Precinct– 99 Wallace Street, Bairnsdale

**Contact: Janet Parker at 0430 480 405**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

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