A Message from Our Principal

Dear Payne Road State School Community

Thanks everyone for a great first week. It was good to get out into classrooms and meet children and staff and talk to them about what makes Payne Road a good school. Lots happening this term and I encourage you to check our website and newsletters for updates. I am just in the process of making a few changes to the website to get some of the online tools working to further communication opportunities.

Good schools are built on collaboration and good communication so I welcome your feedback. I am happy to meet if you have concerns but it is important to remember to make a time for an appointment with our admin staff as my schedule can fill up pretty quickly and I would like to maintain time to be able to visit classrooms and talk to children. After all that is why we join the profession to work with and support children. Also remember that your first point of contact is with your child's classroom teacher if you need clarification around what is happening for your child.

In the process of sending out information about surveys I discovered probably about 10 email addresses on our system that are no longer working. Please make sure if you have any changes to update these details at the office. Also, the QSchools app is a great way to stay in touch with what is happening at the school.

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland state schools. Information below from the department website:

How do I download the QSchools app?

To download the app visit the application store for your device:

- iPhone/iPad
- Android
- Windows phone
- Windows PC

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Features
The app integrates with the department's preferred school website platform, allowing users to:

• find and ‘favourite’ your school by searching for the school by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location
• receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
• access the latest news, events and newsletters from your school
• easily access your school’s tuckshop and uniform shop information
• view information about your school including class times and contact details
• view social media feeds.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

I am in the process of getting access to the school’s Twitter feed that appears on our website and can be accessed through the QSchools app. I am also chasing up some information about the legalities around having the P&C Facebook paged linked through the app as well.

Independent Public School Application
Thank you for your feedback around the Independent Public School application. Opinions varied but the majority were in favour of the application. Some concerns were expressed by parents and staff about the uncertainty of what the changes would look like and the impact that they would have on the school. These concerns were around management of the school, staffing implications and impact on the children. The Department of Education Queensland's website does contain a lot of information that answers many of these concerns:

Operationally if Payne Road State School were to be successful they would still have the opportunity to be part of broader department networks and be provided with ongoing support. Staffing would still be organised through the department teacher transfer system though there would be an opportunity to explore staffing for innovative projects and directions. The School Council would be made up of equal representation of staff and parents and would work with the community to support strategic directions and explore innovative projects for the school.

As the research has stated it is not necessarily the autonomy of the Independent Public School system that has noticeable impact on students but how that is managed and what other successful programs come about because of that autonomy. It is already evident that our school has great teachers, great kids and a parent community that cares about and contributes to the school. I am confident that that would continue.

I have obviously spoken to a number of principals and staff from other schools in the area and also beyond the area that are involved in the initiative to get their opinion on the program and am happy to share that information with you. The P&C meeting is this week on Thursday from 7pm. If you are available come along at 6:30pm and I will share what information I have and answer any questions or at least point you in the right direction for answers.

The application has been completed by Helen Henrich and I will add any new information to that application including feedback from anyone who comes on Thursday prior to P&C meeting. It is due to be submitted on Friday 16th October.

Thanks again for your support.
Stephen Rowe
Principal

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Music Kaleidoscope
This year our Music Kaleidoscope concert has been brought forward to allow more time for other end-of-year events. This event is happening on Wednesday 28 October beginning at 6:30pm in the hall. This will be our final musical concert to showcase our choirs, band and strings. An added wild card this year will be performances from the winners of our Musical Talent Quest held at the end of Term 3. Please put this date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

Day for Daniel
Friday 30 October is Day for Daniel. For a gold coin donation, students are invited to wear red to school on this day to support
the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The foundation aims to help raise awareness about child safety and protection. It aims to empower children to recognise, react and report if they sense something is not right.

Family Planning Workshops

Parents of Year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend the Parent Information Session being held in the school library from 7pm this Wednesday 14 October. The purpose of the session is to encourage open communication about sexuality between you and your children. For more information please check out www.fpq.com.au

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Year 4 Mapleton Camp Highlights

“Year 4 camp was so FUN! What I liked best was the movie night, the huge swing, swimming, archery and much more. I would like another school camp like this! Please!” Katelyn

“I liked the giant swing. It was so fun. Everything there was awesome! I liked canoeing when we were splashing each other. I learnt about trap-door spiders hiding on rocks. True fact: If a worm comes in front of the house, the trap-door spider will grab it and kill it.” Misha

“I loved Mapleton Camp. My favourite part was the giant swing. I also enjoyed archery. The food was nice too.” Olivia B

“I liked when we went on the giant swing and watching people swing really high. I liked it when we were learning about the environment and how the animals communicated to each other. I also liked learning about the trap-door spiders and how they build their homes.” Teagan

“The Mapleton Camp was SO FUN! My favourite event was going on the giant swing. It was the best camp of my life.” Finn

“At Mapleton I enjoyed the giant swing, canoeing and archery.” Elizabeth

Keiran Abel
Head Of Curriculum
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Payment by Direct Debit

If you have made a direct debit into the schools account in the past 2 weeks, could you please kindly contact the office as we have payments that have not been matched to the child.

Bpoint

BPoint has just been released, and this secured payment facility is the preferred method of payment for all invoices. It can be accessed via any computer or Smart Phone at www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete, and all details required to make payment are on the invoice provided by the school, including the invoice number, CRN number and amount payable. Please note these details need to be accurately transcribed for payment to be correctly processed.

If you have been using BPay or Direct Debit it would be appreciated if you could now use the BPoint facility as it is a more accurate and timely method.

Payments at the office

Payments at the office for all EFT and Credit Card transactions will now be open from 8:00am to 2:00pm. We will be unable to process any EFT or Credit Card transactions outside these hours.

Payments to be made by due date

It is important that payments for excursions and school activities are paid by the due date. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept late payments due to the preparation needed to confirm the excursion/activities e.g. confirmation of buses, numbers of students attending, medical requirements etc. If you are unable to make payment by the due date, please contact the office to discuss payment plan options.

Rachael Fedrick
Finance Officer

Term Dates

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Term 4- 6 October-11 December

Week 2: 12 October-16 October

- 12 October- Extra Curricular Photos
- 13 October- Years 1-3 Swimming Lessons
- 14 October- Sexuality Education Parent Information Session 7:00pm
- 15 October- Year 5 & 6 Sexuality Education Program

• 15 October- P & C meeting 7:00pm

Week 3: 19 October- 23 October
• 19 October- Pupil Free Day
• 20 October- Years 1-3 Swimming Lessons
• 22 October- Year 5 & 6 Sexuality Education Program

Week 4: 26-30 October
• 27 October- Years 1-3 Swimming Lessons
• 28 October- Parent Rep Meeting 9:00am
• 29 October- Year 5 & 6 Sexuality Education Program
• 30 October- World Teachers Day
• 30 October- Day for Daniel

Week 5 : 2 November- 6 November
• 3 November- Melbourne Cup
• 3 November- Years 1-3 Swimming Lessons

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Reminder that the October P&C Meeting is this Thursday, 15 October 2015 in the Library at 7pm. All welcome. Come and join us.

Kerrie
P&C Secretary

Bookclub News
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All orders for Book Club are due in at the office by Thursday 22 October. Thanks.

Jesse- Book Club Coordinator

Outside School Hours Care News
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Student Free Day

Monday 19 October is a student free day. Forms have been emailed out. Bookings can be made by

◦ Enrolment form emailed to prsspc@optusnet.com.au
OR
◦ Survey monkey link below
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKVK53Y
OR
◦ My Family Lounge app.

Forms are available from the sign in desk at OSHC.

TIME @ OSHC

OSHC offers a great recreational based program for all children to enjoy; bit like a neighbourhood hangout. There are lots of activities and opportunities for children to choose. The article below highlights how “Kids whose time is less structured are better able to meet their own goals”.

http://www.colorado.edu/news/features/kids-whose-time-less-structured-are-better-able-meet-their-own-goals

Susie Berkhut
OSHC Coordinator

Strings News
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Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe the year is nearly over. There will be a morning rehearsal at 7.30am in the String Room for our String Ensemble members. It is appreciated that all members are on time. This rehearsal will finish a little early due to a concert at Hilder Road State School. All students should be busily practicing their pieces for our concert on Wednesday 28 October.

Happy practising.

Mrs Dinnis.

Tuckshop News

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Coffee at The Lodge for Volunteers

Volunteers, remember coffee this Friday after drop off at The Lodge! Woohoo! Look forward to seeing you all outside of the tucky!

Volunteers in the Hot Seat

This term, in recognition and celebration of the wonderful 53 women and men who contribute to our tuckshop, we are putting our volunteers IN THE HOT SEAT!

The HOT SEAT with LEIGH

My children are..... Ella and Zac
I volunteer for the tuckshop.....by working once a month in the A Team
I am originally from..... Kyogle
My earliest memory is..... eating watermelon in the bath
After high school I...... went to uni in Toowoomba
The word that best describes me is..... involved
My favourite smell is..... rose
My greatest achievement has been..... two terrific children (so far)
My worst habit is..... getting bored
Most people don't know that..... I love Barbra Streisand
The point of life is..... work with what you have - you can achieve amazing things

The HOT SEAT with RUBY

My child at Payne is..... Rocky.
I volunteer for the tuckshop..... by doing homebake
I am originally from ..... Armidale, NSW
My earliest memory is..... crawling on wooden floorboards and smelling the dirt on the floor as mum swept.
After high school I...... picked fruit and travelled Australia.
The word that best describes me is..... enthusiastic
My favourite smell is..... sweet peas, jasmine flowers, COFFEE
My greatest achievement..... has been raising such a cool kid.
My worst habit is..... daydreaming.
Most people don’t know that..... I dream of being self-sufficient.
The point of life is..... to live. :-)

NEW ITEMS ON THE MENU this Term include:

Lemon Yogurt Muffin

Frosty Fruit Dippers - frozen Summer fruit pieces served with creamy low fat vanilla yoghurt for dipping!

Raspberry Ripple Yogurt - a creamy, low fat, vanilla yoghurt mixed in the tuckshop with a homemade raspberry puree

Fried Rice - fried rice with seasonal veggies and bite sized chicken pieces

Vegetarian Quiche - with or without a Garden Salad.

Thursday Tuckshop 15 October
Fiona R, Lisa G, Gabrielle S and Kelly M

Monday Homebake 19 October
Tracy F, Ruby R and Olivia M

Tuesday Tuckshop 20 October
Ian A and Karen B
Shaye Giess
Tuckshop Convenor

A Special Tuckshop Xmas Party This Year- Shaye’s Farewell

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Calling all volunteers- current and past... Thursday November 26 2015.

If you are part of or have ever been part of the tuckshop volunteer crew in any capacity (service, home bake, treat time, meal deal etc), then highlight that date in your calendars as it is going to be a big night as we say goodbye to Shaye after a fantastic 7 years as convenor at the PRSS tuckshop. This year’s Xmas function will be a bit different to normal as anyone that has EVER volunteered in the tucky alongside Shaye is invited. Therefore we need your help to get the word out to the current and ex PRSS community, so please help spread the word throughout your networks. This will be a really fun night – so email your interest straight away to k.sparkes@bigpond.com with your name, mobile number and which years you volunteered. More info to come once we have numbers.... Stay tuned.

Kerri Sparkes
Past PRSS Parent (2009 – 2014)
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Environment Club News

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ENVIRONMENT CLUB
Welcome back to Term 4! The end of Term 3 was a busy Bright Sparks week with a cross section of senior students creating artwork for the Year 3 maze. Together with the help of Mr Machin we were able to put in our artwork and plant 50 larger Lilly Pillys to kick start the project.

As we are running out of time to capitalise on the Spring growing season, over the holiday break the wonderful Mrs McMahon, myself and Mr Machin planted another 200 seedlings to complete the outline of the maze and get the plants settled for a good growing season. Since then Mr Machin has been working hard at mulching the pathway outline and our seedlings are beginning to grow! Last week Environment Club retreated from the heat and spent some time painting our new possum house and doing some rock art to brighten up the garden and the maze.

Year Six commenced their sustainability science lessons by setting up an experiment to trial a number of household substances as potential organic weedkillers. We discussed how to set up a trial, the importance of accurate record keeping and how scientific publications are set out.

Reminder: Litter free lunch on Wednesdays. Thank you to all the parents (and students who pack their own lunch) for your efforts in reducing pre-packaged food in lunch boxes. Your effort is greatly appreciated.
Uniform Shop News

We are having a sale on swim bags and latex swim caps. Normally $12 each but for Term 4 only, buy one and get the other half price! Swimming starts in Week 2 so get in quick - limited stock available.

Leadership garments for 2016's Year 6's will be being organised shortly, so keep an eye out for a note home with your current Year 5 student. More details to follow soon.

Volunteers are needed in the uniform shop for upcoming events such as Prep Orientation days and Leadership Garment try ons. Please email Lee on payneroaduniform@gmail.com if you're available to help out, or for more information.

Cheers
Lee Maidens

Music Supporters Group

Musical Kaleidoscope is just around the corner! Put it in your diary:-
Wednesday 28.10.15 (that is in Week 4 of this term)
6.30pm in the Hall
Light refreshments available to purchase.
More information will be sent home shortly.
Come and support our talented musicians. See you there.

Cheers
Kerrie