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A Message from Our Principal

Dear Payne Road State School Community

It was great to see a good turn out for the P & C Meeting this week and to hear about all the work that this group does to support the school. I encourage you all to either join or be involved in future events. I look forward to working with this group to plan for future benefits for all your children.

As a famous African proverb states - *"It takes a village to raise a child."* It is important to remember in schools that we are a partnership in developing and supporting your child's growth as a learner and as a person.

In 2014, the Department of Education and Training put out their State Schools Strategy 2014 – 2018. The key elements of this plan were:

Every student succeeding - State Schools Strategy 2014-2018 (PDF, 719KB) is Queensland's plan to lift the performance of each state school student, teacher and principal.



We recognise that lifting educational performance requires additional effort and new and effective strategies. Each element of the strategy requires principals to make the decisions on matters that have the most impact on student learning.

By working together to bring the strategy to life, developing our people and reviewing our performance, we will ensure our schools are among the best in the world.

Access information and resources that support your next steps in school improvement:

- **Successful learners**
Students engaging in learning and achievement, and successfully transitioning to further education, training and employment.
- **Teaching quality**
Teachers employing high quality, evidence-based teaching practices focused on success for every student.
- **Principal leadership and performance**
School leaders delivering extraordinary and sustained improvement and achievement.

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- **School performance**
Schools achieving success through an intentional approach to improving the progress of every student.
- **Regional support**
Regions providing a renewed focus on supporting performance and outcomes across three sectors - early childhood education and care, state schools and training and employment.
- **Local decision making**
Schools ensuring community needs are central to decision making processes, autonomy and accountability.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/corporate/about/pdfs/state-schools-strategy-2014-18.pdf>

Many of these elements are addressed in school through our procedures within the region and also locally with Teaching and other Staff. Teachers plan together and engage in professional development that supports learning by students. We make professional judgements about what is required when we review data as a team to look for possible solutions to problems of practice.

As I said before, school is a partnership between home and school and it is also very important to get your feedback. As we prepare for 2016 and beyond, we are in a process of reviewing a number of our processes and it is important to get your views. Much of this information comes from conversations between Teachers and parents, annual surveys, emails and discussions during P & C Meetings. I would like to also conduct a few short anonymous surveys to gain further insight into the school and the aspirations of the community for the school.

Sometimes it is not possible to attend P & C Meetings or to make time during the day to come for a meeting for everyone so these surveys hopefully capture a broader view. Remember my door is open for conversations; but please ensure you make a time to meet with our office staff if you require a meeting.

This quick survey looks at fields of interest and reflection on directions your children take in the future. Some of you may have high school students already so your insight is most welcome. The questions will look at school interests and at this stage it may just come from your feelings about your child's interests. That is okay; it is all useful information. Remember, it is just about interests, not setting a plan in concrete for the future of Payne Road State School as that would be an ongoing process of consultation and review.

I promise the surveys will be quick and we appreciate your feedback:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WFY5MDF>

Stephen Rowe

Principal

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Prep Enrolments for 2016

If you have a child who is due to start Prep next year, please complete and return an enrolment application form to the office as soon as possible. This will greatly assist us as we prepare for finalising next year's enrolments and classes.

Next **Thursday, 29 October**, we also welcome 2016 Prep parents to their first teacher parent information evening beginning at **7.00pm in the library**.

We look forward to seeing you there and building relationships with our new families.

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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.

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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.

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ICAS

A number of students in Years 3-6 participated in the Maths competition organised by **International Competitions and Assessment Centre (ICAS)**. Every participating student receives a certificate and report that includes information about their performance.

The following students achieved a **credit**

Lesley, Connor J, Ky, Kiran, Seobin, Alice H and Jessica C.

Congratulations to Thomas C and Elizabeth S who received

a **distinction (top 10% of participants)** in Maths.

Well done to all of our participants.

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Woolworths Earn Learn Program 2015

THANK YOU

Thank you to our families who collected and contributed to the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program this year. We collected over 2000 points and were able to purchase some new Maths and Literacy resources for classrooms.

Your effort towards this program is greatly appreciated.

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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 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
- 29 October- Prep 2016 Parent Information Night
- 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

Week 6 : 9 November- 13 November

- 10 November- Years 1-3 Swimming Lessons

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The Defiant Child (from "the Challenging Child" by Stanley I. Greenspan MD) - Continued...

The defiant preschool child

Between the ages of two and four children begin using words and pretend play with emotional ideas and thinking. Their play becomes rich and creative.

The defiant child's play seems inflexible rather than creative. He may play with only a few toys or games over and over again. He may prefer objects to people because he can control things. This child may not want other children in his room or house for fear they will take his toys or mess up his things. Playing at other children's houses may be problematic because they do not have his favourite toys.

This child will probably be very controlling- insisting that he is right and wanting his own way about everything. He may refuse to talk to certain people, even people he knows well, much to his parent's embarrassment. The controlling outlook extends to peer interactions and he may insist that other children always play the game he wants to play or he may change the rules so that he always win.

Some defiant children are very verbal and others are very shy.

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**ENVIRONMENT CLUB**

Last week, 2 V/H started learning about life cycles by looking at different seeds including the large number that we eat. Have a look through your pantry and see how many different plant seeds you can identify.

We also looked at the life cycle of sunflowers and planted our own individual sunflower seeds to care for.

Looking for a cheap way to brighten up your garden and attract birds? Pick up a packet of no brand sunflower seeds from the birdseed aisle in the supermarket and plant them in your garden. These won't grow into giant tall sunflowers but will provide a carpet of colour in the garden at little cost and the birds will love it!

The Environment Club were busy spring cleaning the shade house and continuing the Painting for Plants project by starting to paint the design on our possum box and undercoating plant signs ready for artwork next week.

The Year 3 maze plants had some sugar cane mulch applied and Mr Machin continues his hard work bark mulching the walkways, watering the seedlings and battling the weeds!

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.

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Confirmation of Bookings

Term 4 often brings lots of changes to family routines. Please remember to advise OSHC of these changes. This includes if your child has a booking and is sent home sick from school.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance.

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TIME @ OSHC

Yesterday it was once again highlighted during our program:

when a child's parent arrived at the end of the day, they very proudly showed their parent their achievements of crossing the monkey bars for the first time. Another greeted their parent from up a tree.

Removing fear as a negative experience:

the six categories of risky play and how, with the right mix of joy and freedom, it can produce wonderful outcomes for our children.

The article below reminds us why this is so important to our children:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/freedom-learn/201404/risky-play-why-children-love-it-and-need-it>

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Summer Vacation

As in previous years, summer vacation care is scheduled to operate for one week after school finishes and 2 weeks prior to school resuming.

Dates are from:

- * Monday 14 December – Friday 18 December;
- * Re-opening Monday 11 January – Friday 22 January.

Program and enrolment will be released in Week 8.

Thank you. Have a great day.

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Tuckshop Volunteers Christmas Party

Our Tuckshop Volunteers Christmas Party date has been set, so pencil it into your diaries. It will be on:

Thursday, 26th November.

Location is yet to be determined, but it will be local.

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First Tuckshop Volunteers Coffee Get Together

WOW! Thanks to all of you who turned up for our first Tuckshop Volunteers Coffee Morning at The Lodge! It was so wonderful to see everyone coming together, meeting new people and just relaxing.

Stay tuned for the next date. It will be first term 2016!

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NEW ITEMS ON THE MENU this Term include:

- **Lemon Yogurt Muffin**
- **Frosty Fruit Dippers** - frozen Summer fruit pieces served with creamy low fat vanilla yogurt for dipping!
- **Raspberry Ripple Yogurt** - a creamy, low fat, vanilla yogurt 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**.

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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 KAREN

(owner of new Gap business 'Come and Cook') - give her a call if you want to get your kids into cooking lessons! She's fantastic!

My children are.... Freddie and Flo.

I volunteer for the tuckshop by.... working in the tuckshop once a month (pretending to, mostly I love the banter).

I am originally from..... Tasmania (then London 13 years and now 5 years in Brisvegas).

My earliest memory is..... Having chickenpox when I was about four at my Nan and Pop's place in Adelaide. A long time (or so it seemed) scratching madly, having to share a bed with my Nan and her false teeth in a jar and pretending I didn't understand when she swore in German.

After high school I..... Went to Hospitality College for a year then had a year off doing bar jobs and working at Coles.

Then decided to study a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at The University of Tasmania.

The word that best describes me is..... errrr Kev says 'lively or cheeky!'

My favourite smell is..... Great pizza.

My greatest achievement has been..... Freddie and Flo (and would professionally be the Food Education business I set up and ran in London for seven years in schools).

My worst habit is..... being bossy (my kids and Kevin would say this I am sure).

Most people don't know that I..... Sang in a professional touring choir for most of my childhood.

The point of life is..... to do what you love and spread a little love.

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Upcoming Tuckshop / Homebake Roster

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Thursday, 22 October - Kerry F and Susan T
Tuesday, 27 October - Kerri M and Eunyoung K

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School Book Club Orders

Families are reminded all Book Club orders are due in on or before:

Thursday, 22 October

Please also note, no cash orders are able to be received.

Thanks,

Jesse - Book Club Coordinator

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I would like to welcome Helen B as the new school banking coordinator.

Helen will be starting as of this week and I wish her all the best of luck in her new roll. I am sure she will have great ideas to ensure banking continues to do well.

Nikki Jermyrn

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PRSS Bookshop News



Booklists for 2016 text books and stationery requirements will be sent home this week so please look out for them in your child's bag.

The Payne Road State School bookshop is a P&C initiative to supply and pack your stationery and text book requirements. It is run by a great group of volunteers and we welcome more!

Now is a good time to find out from your children (or their classroom teacher), whether they have any stationery leftover from this year which can be used next year.

Then complete the bookshop order form, pay for it using one of the options listed and return the completed form to the school by **Friday, 30th October**.

(Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted due to supplier deadlines.)

If you have any enquiries please contact us by **email—bookshopprss@gmail.com**

Volunteers! Please put Wednesday 2nd December, from 9am, in your diary for bookpacking day.

Jen and Susie

Bookshop convenors

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We have had our sock order arrive. If you've been waiting for socks, we're now fully stocked.

Year 5's were fitted for senior shirts and jackets for next year. Please ask your child for the note sent home. Money is due back in soon. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

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