

Daylesford Primary School Newsletter

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➤ **"SEMPER MELIORA"** (Always better things)



*Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen*

DIARY DATES

MAY

Thursday 8 th	Goldfields Cross Country Clunes
Wed 14 th	Grade 6 Dinner Meeting 9am
Friday 16 th	Zone XC Ballarat
18 th -24 th	Education Week
Tuesday 20 th	9am-11am Open Morning – 2015 Prep Parents
Tues 20 th	Gr 3 & 4 attending Town Hall for Visiting Author Leigh Hobbs
Weds 21 st	National Simultaneous Storytime.
Weds 21 st	Yr 7 (2015) Cluster Transition Day at DSC 9.00am-3.20pm
Fri 23 rd	House Athletics
Tuesday 27 th	School Council Meeting 6.30pm

JUNE

Wed 4 th	Cultural Day
Monday 9th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Weds 18 th	School Photos
Friday 27 th	Last day of Term 2.
Sun 29 th	Local Landscape exhibition at NGV

JULY

Monday 14th	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 15 th	First day of Term 3.

Term Dates 2014

TERM 1	30 th January – 4 th April
TERM 2	22 nd April – 27 th June
TERM 3	15 th July – 19 th September
TERM 4	6 th October – 18 th December

Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm
School Banking Every Friday

Current Focus – **Respect Self and Others** **(Be Respectful)**

Respect is when we recognise the worth, quality and importance of others. It is also important to have the same recognition of one's self and have a self belief. Respecting self is an appreciation of and valuing yourself physically, socially, mentally and emotionally: knowing, understanding and valuing one's strengths and traits.

There are many people who influence our opinions and the choices we make: friends, parents, family members, teachers, sporting coaches and other significant adults in our lives. We have conversations with them about many issues in life, we spend time/or associate with them and they are often people who are our role models.

At times we will agree with them or we may even disagree on some things but the way we do so is important in keeping the lines of communication open: respectful of self and others' opinions. One way to show people that we hear what they are saying is to respond and say things like, "That is an interesting idea ... but I believe we could approach it in this way" or "I think we are just going to have to agree to disagree on that point". Even if we disagree we should make every effort to be a good listener and be prepared to justify our opinions. This is what we do as learners. We make room for new ideas by talking and listening to others with respect. That means no interruptions and using positive body language, nodding and smiling when we agree or looking puzzled/or shaking our head to indicate we disagree.

We all want people to respect us and our ideas. We certainly expect people to be respectful of the adults we trust: parents, other family members, teachers, sporting coaches, etc. Respect for self and others can be displayed when we talk, play, work and learn at school, within the community or at home.

Respecting others shows everyone that we are friendly, responsible and thoughtful students at Daylesford Primary.

David Garner

LOST PROPERTY – there is a HUGE amount of unclaimed uniform items in Lost Property in foyer. Please have your child or yourself check for any lost items.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Newsletter Week 1 & 2 Term 2

Welcome back to term 2. This term we have much to look forward to including; a special ANZAC Assembly, Goldfield and Zone XC, House Athletics, Cultural Day, Excursion to Sovereign Hill and a visit from the Flying Doctors Service, School Photos, Performance Evening at the Town Hall and a Major Games Day.

Term 1 finished on such a positive note with our House XC and the 3/4 Expo (photos are now on our website of both events).

At our first assembly for the term we recognised the 36 students who have won their way through to the Goldfields XC event, which will be held at Clunes GC on Thursday 8th May.

Money raised from the Easter Raffle has been allocated to furniture throughout the school and to yard equipment which all the children can enjoy.

The Prep dress up day last week was a great success and a lot of fun. Thank you to parent and carers for your efforts.



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Our Preps made ANZAC biscuits in preparation to for ANZAC Day.

Our School Captains laid a wreath at the local ANZAC ceremony on Friday and we conducted a special ANZAC Assembly on Tuesday. The children were very respectful and thanks goes to the local RSL who once again have supported the school, both financially and with resources to conduct the very successful ANZAC writing competition. Well done to all the grade 5/6 students on their writing and congratulations to the winners.

We conducted two breakfast programs this week. This is our commitment to reinforcing the message about the importance of breakfast for our young learners.

Our JSC visited the Town Hall this week and met with our local Mayor. This student representative group who are the voice of the student body are a very dynamic group and they enjoyed the opportunity to meet in the board room at the Town Hall.

Can I bring your attention to the School Council Motion (page 4), which supports the implementation of a voluntary contribution. This allows parents to make a voluntary contribution to the school, if they would like to support the range of programs that the school puts in place to value add to the education of the children. Due to the current funding formulae we are always looking for funds to help us top up a wide range of areas that we continue to provide that are not funded by the Education Department e.g. choir and support programs for children in reading and numeracy.

Finally, can I ask you as parents of this wonderful school to promote our Open Day for new and prospective parents of 2015 Preps. I have included a special flier in the newsletter outlining the details. Perhaps you could pass this flier on to a Pre-School parent who is considering which school to enrol their child at in 2015.

Peter Burke

Current Focus: "Respect Self and Others (Be Respectful)"

Anzac Writing Competition Winners

Tayah Jack, Rohan Clay, Anna Santurini, Flint Harley, Gabi Kaye, Jaida Berridge, Blossom Izard and Adam Pasahidis.

Highly Commended: Ben English, Yemaya Greenwood and Rebecca Quick.



The Common Man

*Written by Jaida Berridge 56M
A poem, for the ANZACS*

The war, the fear, the lust for power.

As the sun rises over the black night sky, the midnight
white stars disappear.

The common man rises, out of thy bed.

This man though, ready for another day. A day of
hardship, of blood, mud and grit. Watching his
comrades' fall before him. Wondering if he
would make it through the day.

Every day, the black fear in his heart growing, the pain.

His family, his wife and children, he fought for them,
knowing if he failed they would die.

'Tis this man, all the common men, they fought, still
fight, they died, still die to keep you safe.

Then the warmth, the golden warmth his heart feels as
thy common man receives the parcel, the parcel
that contains the small letter from his family.

These, they drive him to keep going.

But with this happy warmth, comes red hot anger, why
can't he be with his family. This anger, it drives
him, fuels him to fight, to kill and to protect.

He promised, to himself and his family to end this war.

To make his and their lives filled with joy,
happiness and warmth.

This common man saved you! So remember that.

**Lest we forget,
The ANZACS**

Australian and New Zealand Army Corps

They fought for us,

Therefore we remember them as heroes.

Current Focus –

Respect others and yourself by 25

Having respect for others means accepting
that other people are different but just as
important as you feel you are. It also is:

- ✓ Not excluding others
- ✓ Keeping out of others' personal space
- ✓ Looking after other people's property
- ✓ Not putting others' down
- ✓ Being friendly to others

Having respect for yourself means that you
stand up for yourself and don't let yourself be
talked into doing stuff that you know is
wrong or makes you feel uncomfortable. It
also is:

- ✓ Eating healthy foods
- ✓ Having a positive attitude
- ✓ Thinking before you act/speak
- ✓ Wearing good shoes
- ✓ Acting appropriately

GRADE 6 DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY
9AM MEETING ROOM
ALL PARENTS WELCOME

Goldfields Cross Country Team **Thursday 8th May at Clunes**

Anna Santurini, Holly Scoble, Cooper Harwood
Miles Wilkinson, Ryley Wallace, Brooke Cowan,
Masha Milosh, Andromeda Bell, Romy Streat,
Chace Petkovic, Thomas Macklin, Liam Mrsic,
Franki Harvey, Rohan Clay, Carly Elderfield, Ben
Levens, Jonas Paar, Astrid Visser, Caitlin
Robertson, Nioka Newton, Kaiah McCahon, Lizzie
Lewis, Mitchel Vendy, Ben English, Lachlan Taylor,
Viydee Gledhill, Buzz Pearce, Ruby Hurst, Tyson
Scoble, Griffin Harwood, Asher Waldon, Evan Mae
Haby, Perri Eaton, Demi Henderson and Nikita
Vendy.

Voluntary Contributions

Many schools are now requesting Voluntary Contributions to supplement a decreasing budget. This request is usually included on the invoice that is sent out periodically to families. Daylesford Primary School has decided not to formally include voluntary contributions on invoices, nor to specify potential amounts. However if you wish to make a non-tax deductible donation in addition to the amount shown on your invoice we would be most appreciative.

School Council: Motion

School Council supports the implementation of a voluntary contribution. The contribution is non-tax deductible and a request will be sent out twice yearly. The contribution amount is left open and will go towards priorities like renewing furniture, resources, curriculum programs where needed. This will be acknowledged through the newsletter and school council.

Please note: For system references, if this donation is paid through BPay, please inform the school of your intention either by phone or email daylesford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

CANTEEN DUTY TERM 2 2014

Weds 7 th May	Sherralle Thomas
Thurs 8 th May	Kate Fagan
Fri 9 th May	Ange Izard, Kathryn Cooper

CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

Please contact our Canteen Manager, Bev Adkins, on 5348 1839 or 0423 357 191 if you can assist. Thank you

PLEASE have name, class and order written on a paper bag/reusable lunchbag.

PLEASE NOTE: TOASTED SANDWICHES ARE 30¢ EXTRA. CRUNCHERS NOT AVAILABLE TERM 3 & 4

RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS.

Available via Canteen – order through your lunch order OR directly through the Canteen. Available only in Black with blue trim.



PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

TERM 2 2014

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
May 2 nd	Claire/Peter D'Onghia	Sally Armstrong
May 9 th	Sarah Hewat	Michelle Cowan
May 16 th	Sam Mnsic	Sally Armstrong
May 23 rd	Kathryn Earley	Michelle Cowan
May 30 th	Kirsten Wilken	Sally Armstrong
June 6 th	Maria Hajisava-Wade	Michelle Cowan
June 13 th	Catherine Meadows	Sally Armstrong
June 20 th	Samantha Harris	Michelle Cowan
June 27 th	Fiona Torrance	NO BANKING END OF TERM

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dates: Science	4 th June	Yrs 2-6
Writing	16 th June	Yrs 3-6
Spelling	17 th June	Yrs 3-6
English	29 th July	Yrs 2-6
Maths	12 th Aug	Yrs 2-6

LIBRARY NEWS

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED FOR BOOK COVERING

Please remind your child/ren to return or re-borrow their library books. Any students who have overdue item/s have their borrowing suspended until the item/s are returned or paid for.

Premier's Reading Challenge News Permission forms were given to students the last week of term. Please sign and fill out required information and return to school ASAP.

Certificates will not be received if permission forms are not returned.

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

CENTACARE

Family Relationship Services Program: Parenting Programs

Managing Kids with Attitude: Tues 22nd & 29th July
.1.00-3.00 pm Cost:\$20 p.p

Parenting Solo: Weds 7 & 14th May 6-8pm and
Sat 18 Oct, 10am-1pm \$20 p.p.

Connecting with Kids: Tues 13 & 20th May 1-3pm &
21 & 28 Oct. 10-12 noon. \$20 pp.

All groups will be held at the **Family Relationship Centre, 34 Peel St. North, Ballarat.**

To register Please Call: 53 277 960.

Ballarat Christian College School Tour & Information Session

- Weds 7th May, 2014
from 4.00-6.00pm. Information Meeting at 6.00pm.

(Yarrowee & Vickers Sts, Sebastopol, Ph. 5337 5900)

Family Nature Walks

Sat 10th May 2 - 4pm

Fungi Fun at Blackwood. Become Bush Detectives and discover what's new in the bush this Autumn. Join naturalist, Tanya Loos and nature educator, Jen Bray for a series of short forest walks each season

suitable for families with primary-aged children and older. BYO drinks, snacks, weather protective gear and wear sturdy shoes. Bring Cameras, magnifying glasses or binoculars if you wish. Meet Garden of St Erth carpark, Blackwood at 2pm.

\$10 per family. Bookings and enquiries:

bray_jen@hotmail.com

Based on Tanya Loos' book *Daylesford Nature Diary: six seasons in the foothill forests*