

Yandoit Primary School

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'Learning and Growing Together'

Be Respectful Be a Responsible Learner

Be Honest and Trustworthy

Be Caring and Compassionate Be a Good Citizen

CALENDAR

February

Wednesday 19th

- School Council 6pm Child Care available.

Friday 28th

- Excursion to Daylesford PS for Drummond and Yandoit Annexes
- Grade 3-6 House Swimming Sports
- P-2 Get to Know Daylesford PS Excursion

March

Monday 10th

- LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 18th

- Excursion to Daylesford Primary School to celebrate Cultural Diversity Day
- Drummond and Yandoit Annexes

Wednesday 19th

- School Council 6pm Child Care available. (AGM and Elections)

Pupil Free Days – Jan 28, 29, July 14 & Nov 19

School Term Dates 2014

Term 1 Thurs 30th Jan – Fri 4th April
Term 2 Tue 22nd Apr – Fri 27th June
Term 3 Tue 15th July – Fri 19th Sept
Term 4 Mon 6th Oct – Fri 19th Dec

NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter is produced on Thursdays and a copy is printed for each family. These are handed out on Fridays, so please check your children's bag after school on Friday. Notes, receipts or permission forms are attached to the Newsletter. Monthly, we attach Book Club Order Forms. Please see explanation below.

We also email our Newsletter and notes and you may have the Newsletter delivered in this way as well.

We print the Newsletter in black, as it saves a few dollars from our toner budget. However, the Newsletter arrives via email in colour.

Please let one of the teachers know, and we can add your email to the newsletter group.



EXCURSIONS TO DAYLESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Fri 28th we will spend the day based at Daylesford Primary School. Students from Yandoit area may be able to catch the school bus. We are checking with the bus company to see how full the bus is and if this would be possible for our students.

Other families and prep parents will need to take their children to Daylesford Primary School where they will be met by Robyn and Michelle.

The Grade 3-6 students will join the students in their Houses (Corinella, Sutton, Tipperary and Wyuna) and be supervised by teachers of Daylesford PS and supported by Michelle).

Robyn will work with the P-2 class at Daylesford PS. They will have the opportunity to get to know the layout of the school when half the school is at the sports, so it is a quieter introduction.

On Tuesday 18th March, we will again join Daylesford PS and Drummond Annexe for a Cultural Diversity Day. Jose and Dave will work with our students in a range of activities to celebrate different cultures.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

When visiting Yandoit Annexe this week, I reinforced very strongly, that at school we work very hard on showing respect on a daily basis. The fortnightly focus of good manners is one small example of that, but showing respect to others goes well beyond good manners and I have high expectations of ALL members of our school community that we treat each other with respect on every occasion.

School is about learning. Learning behaviours develop over time. Good learning habits require practice and persistence. One way we are receiving this is through our whole school focus on the Daily Five.

The Daily Five is a way of structuring the reading block so every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks. These research based tasks are ones that will have the biggest impact on student reading and writing achievement, as well as help children foster the love to reading and writing. Students receive explicit whole group instruction and then are given independent practice time to read and write independently while the

teacher provides focused, intense instruction to individuals and small groups of students. When it is up and running smoothly, students will be engaged in the Daily Five, which is comprised of:

- Read to Self
- Work on Writing
- Read to Someone
- Listen to Reading
- Word Work

There are very specific behaviour expectations that go with each Daily 5 component. We will spend our first weeks working intensely on building our reading and writing stamina, learning the behaviours of the Daily 5 and fostering our classroom community. The staff will also spend time learning about your child's strengths and greatest needs as a reader in order to best plan for each student's instruction.

Your child will be taught to select "Good Fit Books" or books they can read, understand and are interested in, which they will read during Daily 5. They will be spending most of their time actually reading, which research supports as the number one way to improve reading. I anticipate the motivation and enjoyment of reading will skyrocket when this gift of choosing their own books is accompanied by extended practice and specific reading instruction for each individual child.

It won't be long until you hear your child talking about "The Daily Five." The purpose of this report is to fill you in on what The Daily Five is all about, so you don't have to nod your head while wondering what in the world your child is referring to.

As you can see, I am excited about giving your child the opportunity to be involved in a structure that will have a positive effect on their education.

Our Grade 3-6 House Swimming Sports are on Friday 28th Feb. All are welcome.

Peter Burke

CURRENT FOCUS

*Good Manners
(Be Respectful)*

FOOD ALLERGIES

We have several children who have particular dietary needs at Yandoit PS and we have a policy to NOT ban certain foods, but to have a strong awareness program to ensure the safe handling of these foods around students who have allergies or who are anaphalactic.

We ask the children who do have foods that could cause an anaphalactic reaction for Charlie, to just sit in a separate position on a picnic mat and to wash their hands immediately after eating. If we eat in the classroom, tables are wiped clean after eating and, of course, hands are washed.

We would ask all families to limit these foods where possible but if your children need to eat these foods as part of their diet, please just tell your child what you have put in his/her lunchbox. Then they, and the teachers, are aware that they need to sit in a 'safe place for Charlie' and need to wash their hands.

Foods that Charlie is Anaphalactic to:-
Peanuts, Tree nuts and Dairy.

Foods that Charlie is allergic to:-
Sesame, cantelope, kiwi fruit, soy, and lentils
If you need any more information or clarification, please see the teachers.
We also have a policy of NO SHARING of food as well.

EMA 1st Instalment Terms 1 & 2

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with the cost of essential educational items for their children, which they would otherwise be required to purchase.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- \$200 for prep students
- \$150 for students in years 1 – 6.

Your card must be current on 29th January, 2014 and applications must be submitted to the school before Friday 21st February, 2014. All applications must be in the name of the main card holder. **Late applications**

cannot be accepted. Please contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Please note that a photocopy needs to be taken of your Health Care Card to be attached to the application. This can be done at Yandoit PS.

Are you eligible for CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:

- ***Be aged over five by 30th April***
- ***Live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest bus stop, and***
- ***Be enrolled at the nearest government school.***
- ***Parents who applied last year will need to reapply for 2014 by Friday, 21st February, 2014.***

BOOKCLUB



Book club is an important fundraiser for our school. Every time a family purchases books through Book Club the school receives books for our school library. Over the years Book Club has been operating, many books have been received and our school library would not be the wonderful resource it is for our children's learning.

Book Club occurs at the beginning of each term and it would be great if every family could purchase from at least one Book Club per year as the benefits go directly to developing our children's literacy. However, we explain to the children, that not everyone gets Bookclub, as some families borrow books from Town Libraries or buy secondhand books.

Order forms are included with this Newsletter and are due back at school by FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2014. **Please remember that if you are paying by cheque then make it payable to YANDOIT PRIMARY SCHOOL Please check that you have marked which books are being ordered, and that your child's name and cash are correct. Please send these to school in a clearly labelled envelope.**

ABSENCES

If your child is absent please notify the school by telephone, or send a written note with your child on their return. These verbal or written records explaining your child's absence are required for audit purposes.

We have included absent notes with this Newsletter. If more are needed, please see Absent Notes file in the office or see Deb.

Please try and organise medical and dental appointments after school whenever possible.

Please see Deb for more information.

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sprung Circus Classes –

Acrobatics, tumbling, all things circus term 1 2014
starting Feb 3rd Mondays 8yrs -12 yrs
4pm Wednesdays prep - 8 yrs 4pm;
Wednesdays 12 yrs -adults 5.30pm

Basic training and extended training programs. We
are now looking for dedicated students in all age
groups who would like to train harder and form a
performing group.

Coaches: gymnastics qualified

Ivo - Bulgarian National Acrobat Team, silver
medal in World Championships, Coached Circus
Oz, Nica, FFF, Cirkids and continues to perform
Mara - 17 yrs coaching in Daylesford/Castlemaine,
once walked down Daylesford main street on
hands, um.... love it

Info and booking call Mara 0477499342, Ivo
0419880067

AUSSIE HOOPS PROGRAM - 2014

Aussie Hoops entry level program for children aged 5-9 yrs,
in conjunction with Basketball Victoria Country Basketball
Australia. It's a great way to learn and develop new skills.

Most important make new friends and have FUN.

COME AND JOIN NOW.

Venue: **ARC, Smith St. Daylesford.** Cost \$25 which covers
2 terms. Money is needed to cover court hire costs only

**Register for Terms 1 & 2, 2014: for further info
contact Jan-Maree Yanner 5348 3446.**

CALISTHENICS 2014!

Classes are commencing this week at the
DPS gym.

Tinies (Under 7) Sat, 10 – 11am

Sub Juniors (Under 10) Sat, 11 – 12:30

Juniors (Under 13) Mon, 4 – 6pm

For further info, call Karen Brothers on
0419 868 026

Central Springs
Calisthenic Club

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY Make Your Place Their Second Home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian
families to experience another culture within their own
homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a
student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The
Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into
the life of another culture without having to leave the

comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just
as excited about sharing their own culture and life
experiences as they are about becoming a member of
an Australian family.

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives
brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next
step and contact WEP today to receive a full
information pack for your family, including student
profiles.

Sylvia Kelly, **Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs**

Phone: **1300 884 733**

Email: **info@wep.org.au**

Online: **www.wep.org.au**



Open your home and hearts to an international exchange
student! It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience
all!

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS: Sue Morris
will be offering lessons at the school next year
on the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet,
Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone. If your
child is interested, please contact Sue on 0429
136 494 for more information.**

**RATTRAY MUSIC Guitar lessons if your
child is interested please contact us on 538
1068 for private or group lessons.**

Live. laugh. love. Soccer

Daylesford and Hepburn Soccer Club are in pre-season
training each Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm at Victoria
Park.

New players in the following age groups are invited to
come and see if you like the round ball game and would
like to join the club.

Club registration day is Sunday the 16th of February 12
noon onwards.

under 9's under 11's under 13's under 15's

**John Mayger
Daylesford Soccer Junior Manager.
0412 230 536 or <http://www.daylesfordsoccerclub.com>**