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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

<u>August</u>

Wednesday 13th

Kitchen Garden – Shared Lunch

Wednesday 20th

- School Council 6pm
- Child Care available

Wednesday 27th

- Annexe Group Day at Drummond PS
- Book Week Celebrations-Dress Up day
- Parent Drivers needed.

September

T3 Wk 8 – Wk -10 and T4 Wk 1 – Wk 3 (Mrs R LSL) Wed afternoon – Robyn Thursdays - Jose

Wednesday 17th

- Rotary Concert
- Daylesford Town Hall 6-7 pm

Pupil Free Days Nov 1

School Term Dates 2014

Term 3 Tue 15th July – Fri 19th Sept Term 4 Mon 6th Oct – Fri 19th Dec

WORDS IN WINTER

Dave has organised quite a few of our students' movies to be shown at the Daylesford Town Hall at 3.45 on Sunday 10th August in the Words in Winter "One Minute Movies" Show.

The flyer for the Family Day was attached to last week's Newsletter. There looks to be quite a few great events.

BOOK WEEK



2013

Daylesford Primary School and the Annexes have been celebrating Book Week during Literacy and Numeracy Week for quite a few years now. For Drummond and Yandoit, we have planned a group day, with a 'Dress as Your Favourite Book Character' focus to be held at Drummond PS. We are also going to have a special fundraiser to support Indigenous Literacy programs. We ask that

all students, teachers and parents bring a book that they have loved to read but are prepared to swap with someone.

We would also like to raise some well needed funds to support Indigenous Schools with Reading. We are asking if everyone could bring a gold coin on the Group Day to donate to this program. We have so many wonderful books at both Annexes and it will be a wonderful opportunity to raise some well needed funds for Indigenous schools to buy more books.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

The Daylesford PS Annual Book Fair has seen an extraordinary outcome for 2014 – with close to \$7000 raised for our school. A huge thank you must go out to our core team of volunteers and the long list of helpers who made this all possible. An incalculable amount of time and energy goes into staging such a fundraising event and it seems only fitting that an outcome of this magnitude be reward for effort.

A very successful Goldfields Athletics carnival was held on Monday this week. A number of Year 3-6 students will be attending the Regional Athletics in September. I would like to congratulate all the students who competed in such a positive way at Llanberris and wish all those students who move onto regional competition the best of luck. Thank you to Mr K and Sherilee for their work in organising this event.

David Garner Acting Principal.

GERMAN WORDS OF THE WEEK



die Grossmutter-the grandmother der Grossvater – the grandfather

SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION

More photos from our Excursion. Thankyou John and Lisa for the photos.





CURRENT FOCUS

Respect (Property, School, Environment)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

YMCA Ballarat/Ballarat Roller Derby League FUN SKATE SESSION Saturday 9th August 2014

Delacombe Stadium 1pm – 4pm \$10 per person includes skate hire and 3 hours of skating. Kiosk Operating. Ages 4 + Skating lessons available (Bookings essential) Contact Stacey 0434 743 993

Words in Winter Family Day

An all day festival for kids with performances, storytelling, drama, mime, circus, music, craft, workshops, films, authors and more.

Sunday 10th August, 10am - 4pm Daylesford Town Hall Entry \$8 per Child.

Under 2's and Parents Free Enquiries and Bookings wordsinwinter@gmail.com See full program at www.wordsinwinter.com Look out for the full program in your next newsletter!







What Gonski means for your child

Gonski is a way of funding schools based on the needs of students. It was recommended by the Gonski Review that found too many students were missing out due to a lack of resources.

For us, the additional Gonski funding over the next six years will allow us to really expand the educational programs and learning support we know will make a difference in what our students achieve.

With this funding we will be able to:

- Put in place additional literacy and numeracy programs and provide one on one assistance to students at risk of falling behind
- Increase the specialist support and assistance for students who really need it – such as those with disabilities or special learning needs.
- Take a whole-of-school approach to building the skills and knowledge of teachers
- Provide extension programs that will help teachers really push our smartest students to do even better

The significant problem we have is that the Abbott Government in the May budget announced it will only provide the Gonski funding we are relying on for four years not six. That is a big issue because only one third of the funding comes in the first 4 years.

Cutting the Gonski funding means public schools across the country will be denied the money they need to provide all students the opportunity for a high quality education.

In addition, we are very concerned that the Napthine government has not delivered appropriate additional funding for the first year of the agreement to our schools and we do not know what will happen from 2015 onwards.

Principals, teachers and parents are working hard to try and get the Prime Minister to change his mind on this critical investment and you can learn more at www.igiveagonski.com.au

If you would like to know more about our plan for the Gonski funding please contact our school.