

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

April

Friday 24th Final day for Book Club

Mon 27th House Aths – Llanberris **POSTPONED due to predicted bad weather**

Tuesday 28th

- 9.30am Gr 6 Dinner Meeting
- 6.30pm School Council

May

Weds 6th Goldfields Cross Country Clunes

Tuesday 12th – Thurs 14th NAPLAN Gr 3 & 5

Tuesday 19th OPEN MORNING 9AM-11AM
Preschool parents

Friday 15th Zone Cross Country, Ballarat

Thursday 21st DSC Transition Day for Grades 5 & 6 students

Monday 25th – Weds 27th Gr 5/6 Camp

Weds 27th National Simultaneous Storytime

June

Monday 8th Queen's Birthday Holiday

Thursday 11th School Photos

Thursday 25th Major Games Day Gr. 5/6 St. Michael's

Friday 26th **Finish Term 2 at 2.30pm.**

Term Dates 2015

TERM 1 30th Jan - 27th March

TERM 2 14th April - 26th June

TERM 3 13th July - 18th September

TERM 4 5th October - 18th December

Office Hours : 8.30am to 4.00pm

Students' School Banking Day : Fridays

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dates: Science	3 rd June	Yrs 2-6
Writing	15 th June	Yrs 3-6
Spelling	16 th June	Yrs 3-6
English	28 th July	Yrs 2-6
Maths	11 th Aug	Yrs 2-6

CURRENT FOCUS

Respect Self and others
(Be Respectful)

The Preps know a lot about RESPECT

Here are our ideas: we think respect is-

Being quiet and listening to the teacher

Being nice

Being kind

Speaking nicely

Using Manners

Being helpful

Sharing

Caring

Listening to our parents

Walking quietly around the school

Getting enough sleep

Brushing our hair

Eating

Exercising

Cleaning our teeth

Having baths and showers

Putting your hair up so you don't share nits

We can show respect in so many ways!

It is really important to show respect to ourselves and other people too!

I will treat other people the way I like to be treated.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- ANZAC Day assembly
- 3/4 Camp
- Fund Raiser 'Regional Produce Day'
- Letter B in Prep
- House Athletics -postponed

The ANZAC assembly was a great success. We launched our ANZAC book, based on our WW1 Honour Board.

'Discovering Daylesford State School's ANZACs', which now can be accessed on our website. We need help with photos, letters and original documents, particularly of the 15 soldiers that we have yet to find any information on. Please contact the school if you can help. We are already working on a second edition of the book which will be made available to the general community in the future. If you would like to order a copy please contact the office.

I am very grateful to Dr. Jenene Burke and the Pre Service Teachers from Federation University for their work. My understanding is that this is the first time the Federation University has entered into a partnership with a Primary School to undertake such a project. It may well be a Victorian first or in fact it may well be a first within Australian.

I am also extremely proud of our students who embraced the research and art work with great endeavour. My thanks also go to Nicole Wassell for her outstanding work with the students in art. All the children received an ANZAC Penny.

It gave me great pleasure to present our ANZAC book to the President of the RSL, who was highly complementary and most grateful to the school.



The grade 3/4 camp, which attended Cave Hill Creek last week was also a resounding success. The planning and preparation by staff ensured that the camp resulted in very positive outcomes. I would like to acknowledge, Alex, Gill, Andrew, Carol and Nicola for their efforts. I would also like to thank the parents that attended, Sam Kinnear, Claire O'Connor, Tony English, Sandra Evans and Brett Cooper. They too worked very hard and contributed in such a positive way. There are a number of photos on our website www.daylesps.vic.edu.au

A number of parents are helping at our fundraiser, the Regional Produce Day, this Sunday at the Lake House, selling our KG recipe book. I would like to thank them in advance and Kathy Douglas for co-ordinating the event.

Letter B in the Prep room resulted in a number of Bird Boxes being created.



Due to poor weather predicted for next Monday, we have decided to postpone the House Athletics. A new date will be communicated in the near future.

Peter Burke

Winners for ANZAC Writing Competition

4/5B Girl - Evan Mae Haby
4/5B Boy – Harrison Strawhorn
5/6P Girl - Ani Wade
5/6P Boy - Lewin Judd
5/6M Girl - Tasha Robinson
5/6M Boy - Thomas Macklin
5/6C Girl - Zenay McCahon
5/6C Boy - Edward Kandel

Augustine Kinsman Pearce's fate at World War I

By Nioka Newton

"Please do not go. I do not know what would happen if I lost my last son" sobbed Ellen Pearce.

"Mother be reasonable, I will be back before you know it" persuaded Augustine.

"Yes, you will be back dead like your father" Ellen muttered under her sobbing. Augustine shuddered; he looked to his right – a memorial was placed in the back yard in memory of his father. His brother's name had been added almost a month ago.

Augustine had left Saint Kilda to come down to Daylesford to help out his mother and his 4 miserable sisters. Knitting socks for the Red Cross or baking ANZAC biscuits. Augustine had been doing the farm jobs and selling off cattle the rich people in the upper class so they could get enough money to buy groceries. (Not that there were many shops now, they all shut down so they could serve in the War.)

Three weeks later Augustine put on his big black heavy boots and his uniform. It was the day that maybe it was the last time he saw the little house on Camp Street. His mother had sobbed all week feeling depressed. The carriage ride was silent. His sisters looking out the window. Watching the tall gumtrees that they passed. The aid was heavy and the thick morning dew was still melting away.

His mother looked at Augustine the whole time wondering if she would ever see him again alive. It was the same with his father and brother. Carriage silent. Everyone worried. Looking at the person going to Turkey to serve in the War.

They had arrived at Port Phillip Bay. People were crowding, he went back but his aunty and uncle too old to go to war stood there pleased to see him after the funeral of his brother. But everyone was quiet. People were pushing him up it was a sturdy wooden

boat with cold iron rails that were uncomfortable, but then again, comfort was not in the war and it certainly was not pleasant.

He had embarked on the 4th of April 1916 on H.T.Euripides. The journey had begun. Days, weeks, went by.. maybe even months. Men were sick, sea and home sickness, but worst of all they were worried what would it be like. Will it be like the plague or will there be the occasional death? There had never been a war so terrifying or big as this death trap they were getting sent to. Augustine could feel the Turks waiting, they were not going to give up.

He was sure the boat would drop them any minute...soon enough he was right. The first man raced to a canoe with rifle and his battalion. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th. Augustine ran out to his canoe. He padded, pushing the paddle deep in the water and pushed the boat along.

BOOM..the first bomb shot out of the Turkish range, they could not paddle all the way to shore. Gus clambered out..Turkish shot out bullets and bombs killing 500 soldiers at a time. He heard people yelling out, he raced to a battalion and helped to dig the trench.

The dirt ran between his fingers and stuck underneath his fingers. He felt shocked and terrified. Well, you could not describe what these men were feeling, it was chaotic and deathly. He could taste blood and the stench of the bodies was so strong he wanted to end the war without a fight. Why was it not that easy. He could smell and taste the smoke and ash from all the Turkish and ANZAC rifles and the air forces bombs dropping down like boulders, that was what it was like for 3 months later.

On he went to Fromelles as a temporary Vice Corporal, helping lead his team, yelling out instructions, making sure everybody was well and could keep firing at the enemies who were sneaking around at midnight to kill more people.

On the 3rd of September he was a Corporal, not a temporary or Vice...he was a Corporal leading his group and making his team stronger than being weaker than what war was doing to them.

But 20 days later tragedy struck. Gus had been sick and weak. He was shot and died. His grave can be found at Belgium Plot 60, row a and grave 18. His medals for his sacrifices were:

*British war medal (he got that for being in the war and helping Australia)

*Victory medal (was given to anyone who was an allied soldier or of Turkey, France or Servia.

*Star Medal (was given to people who had died or who had a severe injury.



"Lest we forget"



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Forms are still required to be signed by many early years parents. They can be picked up from the office or Library or printed off the website. No signed form NO CERTIFICATE.
Please hand signed forms into the office.

LIBRARY.....HELP At the time of printing the number of overdue books is '98'.

Please help by ensuring your child returns or reborrows their item/s.

Overdue Book? NO BORROWING.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS TERM 2 2015

Please note that there was a Canteen price increase at the start of the year. New lists are available from Bev or the Office.

CANTEEN DUTY-Term 2	
Wed 29 th April	Shayna Ogden
Thur 30 th April	Suzanne Newman
Fri 1 st May	Leah Schuter



**RE-USABLE
LUNCH ORDER BAGS \$10**

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

CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

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

★ PIZZA SAUCE IS NOW USED IN OUR FOCACCIAS - NO NUTS

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
24 th April	Sam Mrsic	Liz Pattinson
1 st May	Katherine Early	June Cooper
8 th May	Kirsten Wilken	Liz Pattinson
15 th May	Annette Fisher	June Cooper
22 nd May	Corinne Britten	Liz Pattinson
29 th May	Petra Bu8eskens	June Cooper
5 th June	Krystal Phipers	Liz Pattinson

THE DAYLESFORD FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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To whom it may concern,

Our organisation aims to help the needy, homeless and anyone else in need with food parcels. We also run a breakfast club on a Thursday morning for those who need it. We also provide breakfast for Daylesford Primary School. We would like to start up a soup kitchen in the winter.

Our committee are going to hold a fund raising Auction and Fair on the 17th May 2015, at the Glenlyon Hall.

We are wondering if your business would be able to donate something for this cause as we need funds to keep this going.

Yours Sincerely,

The Committee of the Food Assistance Program.

ABN: 88783241093



Don't miss your chance to attend a special screening of
'That Sugar Film'
1 pm – 3 pm
Tuesday 5th May
Afternoon tea catered by
'spade to blade'

What is it all about?

That Sugar Film highlights one man's journey to discover the truth about sugar. Damon Gameau embarks on a unique experiment to document the effects of a high sugar diet on a healthy body, consuming only foods that are commonly perceived as healthy.

- **Date: Tuesday 5th May**
- **Time: 1 pm**
- **Venue: Daylesford Cinema**
- **Tickets: \$5**
- **Complimentary (no added sugar) afternoon tea**
- **Tickets available at the school office until 29th April or sold out**
- **Following the screening a local GP, Dietician and Diabetes Educator will be available to answer questions.**

