
DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 02 – Tuesday 10/2/2015

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Feb 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th: Swimming Program
Tues 17th: 6.30pm School Council
Fri 27th: Closing Date for EMA & Conveyance Allowance
P-1-2 Daylesford PS Excursion

MARCH

March 2nd & 3rd: Swimming program
Mon 10th: Labour Day Holiday
Wed 12th: From 3.45pm – 5.15pm
Tue 18th: Cultural Diversity Festival
School Council AGM & Elections 6.30pm

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1

2015

Term Dates 2015

TERM 1	28 th January – 27 th March
TERM 2	13 nd April – 26 th June
TERM 3	13 th July – 18 th September
TERM 4	5 th October – 18 th December

Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm

Current Focus

Good Manners

These are what the children believe good manners to be. Please discuss what good manners mean in your family and how that relates to school:

- saying please, thank you, hello and good-bye.
- when someone accidentally hurts someone and they say sorry to them.
- helping people.
- waiting for others when you go somewhere and saying please and thank you .
- helping at home and holding the door open.

- cleaning up after yourself.
- sharing.

Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone!

Welcome to our new families. The students have settled in very well. Well done to all our parents/carers on preparing the children so well for the first day of school, particularly our Prep parents.

We have consolidation in our staffing this year. The staff worked very hard during the pupil free days, attending excellent staff professional development, working in teams and preparing individual classrooms.

Student resources have been distributed to the children and parents will receive an invoice from the school around week four, it is important that all families attend to this account as the school is not in a position to carry over \$15,000.

I have spoken to staff about their roles and responsibilities throughout the year, I have spoken to the students at assembly about their role and responsibilities and I would like to remind parents of your role and responsibilities. We have a code of conduct that I expect all members of our school community to adhere to. A copy of this policy can be accessed on Daylesford website at http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au/files/policies/student_wellbeing.pdf Page 15. Through our policies we constantly emphasise the importance of our school values.

Communication is a vital part of education. Please read this newsletter every week (it can also be accessed through our website and we have an email distribution list, if you would like to be added to that distribution list please contact the office.) Your first port of call of course is the classroom teacher, but Mr Garner (Assistant Principal responsible for student welfare) can also be contacted and appointments can be made to discuss any concerns or issues. Please contact the office if unsure whom to speak to and they will direct your query.

I am very excited about the school year. Our mission statement reads "Daylesford, Drummond & Yandoit Primary School is committed to assisting each child to reach their full academic, creative and social potential. To achieve this we will provide a dynamic learning environment wherein students can develop resilience, manage their own learning and strive for their personal

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best.

We aim to create a social environment in which our students feel part of a strong, respectful, caring and supportive community of staff, family and friends." I believe we can provide this, but it requires a partnership between home and the school. I therefore look forward to working closely with you throughout 2015.

Peter Burke

Parent Helpers

As a small school we rely heavily on the generosity of our parents to support the school in many varied ways. This helps create a great community spirit and great programs for your children. Some of the ways you can support the school are:

- Classroom helpers – (e.g. Literary, Numeracy)
- Running special clinics for investigations (e.g. Woodwork)
- Canteen, making lunches at school & freezing for later use.
- Covering books
- Assisting with our classroom cooking program
- Library assistance (tiding shelves, putting books away)
- Vegetable garden maintenance & planting
- Working bees
- Recycling (Paper and/or other recyclables)
- Driving on excursions
- Member of school council
- Adopt a garden Bed to maintain

We would like all parents to consider how they can support the school this year. If you would like some more detailed information, please speak to Dianne.

Please add your name to the volunteer column attached and how often you are able to be involved (eg. weekly, monthly, each term etc). When we have gathered all the information we will draw up a roster.

Working with Children Check

If you volunteer to assist in the school or to drive children on excursions then you require a current Working with Children Check.

These are free for volunteers and available on-line.

Please see www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au for details.

After School Care

We are currently investigating the feasibility of offering After School Care at Drummond Primary School.

To do this we would need a minimum of 4 children and maximum of 7 per afternoon that care is offered.

The approximate cost would be \$10- per child, per afternoon, with a possibility for a government rebate if you were eligible.

We need to know if any families would be interested in this facility.

Please complete the attached note and return by Tuesday February 17th.

Swimming Program

Thankyou to our families who have already returned permission notes and swimming money.

Could all families please return forms and money by the end of this week

Our swimming program begins on Monday February 16th

Home Reading Program Grade 2-3-4-R

Dear parents and students

Our Daily 5 reading program in the classroom is well underway now. The children are practicing reading every day. Which means it is time to set up good reading practices at home (and many of you will already have these in place, I'm sure).

Outside of school, the children are expected to read a minimum of 15 minutes a day. Establishing a special reading time in the evening routine will help this practice. Make a time and stick to it like glue!

Many of the students are practicing reading aloud so please make yourself available to listen to your child as they develop this vital skill (listening to reading whilst preparing dinner works for some people or perhaps after dinner when everyone is quiet). Students may also be working on reading strategies that they have learned at school. Be sure to ask them about these too.

Finally, we are waiting for reading diaries to arrive. When they do the students will be able to keep a record of what and how much they read at home. Please sign the entries and feel free to leave comments in the diaries too.

Happy reading!
Robyn

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are not yet available. When we have a stock of frozen lunches made from school produce we will start offering lunch orders on a weekly basis.

Recycled Boxes Needed

We urgently need small boxes and packaging (cereal, biscuits, etc.) for our making and creating area.

There is a large box in the main room where these can be placed

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, 27th February, 2015.***

We can apply on your behalf but it is approved by the Education Department (DEECD)

We have attached Conveyance Allowance Forms for your convenience. You have to live more than 4.8km from your closest school to be eligible.

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS

As previously advised in the Newsletter, please be aware that although the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) has ceased, the Government will still be providing parents/carers with the "School Kids Bonus" to assist with school expenses.

The total amount will be \$422, paid in two instalments of \$211 each in January & July 2015 directly into parent/carer's bank accounts.

Our Sustainability Class

We went on a seed hunt and discovered seeds everywhere....



Sunflower Seeds



Calendula Seeds



Corn is a seed



Parsley seed



Plum Seeds



Seeds in our lunch

Community Notices



Inside Out Dance Theatre - Dance and Drama classes
Term 1 Classes start 2nd Feb
Creative Dance, Ballet, Drama, Boys' Dance,
Adult & Child, Contemporary, African Dance &
Studio Hire.
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