

# Yandoit Primary School

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**Yandoit State School  
31-7-2015**

*'Learning and Growing Together'*  
*Be Respectful Be a Responsible Learner*  
*Be Honest and Trustworthy*  
*Be Caring and Compassionate Be a Good Citizen*

## CALENDAR

### August

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>/ Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Book Fair Daylesford PS Gym

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

- Drug Education Excursion Gr 4-6 (9.30-10.30)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

- Fundraising Meeting 9 -10 library

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

- Goldfields Athletics Llanberris Reserve
- Good Luck Lenny with High Jump

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>–Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

- Book Week

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

- Group Day at Drummond Primary School
- Dress Up as your Favourite Book Character
- Parent Drivers needed

### September

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

- 'Writing' Professional Development Day for Staff
- Pupil Free Day

**School Term Dates 2015**

## **STUDENT PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

The students, Josie and Dave have been very busy working on setting Goals for each student for their Learning for Semester 2.

On Wednesday, we had a very successful Student/Parent/Teacher Interview Day. It was lovely to hear the students explain their goals and share their strengths and successes with their parents as well.

## **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Thank you to all families who attended our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews. The staff and students, I think you would agree, did a terrific job in developing their personal and learning goals for the second half of the year. Conversations based on semester one reports have led to honest evaluations

of student's progress and therefore the setting of realistic goals. Goal setting works! This is why we have taken the time to explicitly develop learning goals with the students. Please continue to have conversations with your child surrounding their progress in this area.

School photos arrived and were distributed this week. I am very pleased with the quality.

Please note that due to poor weather, the Goldfields Athletics scheduled for next Monday has been postponed. The new date is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

School Council has approved a Pupil Free Day on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, please place this straight into your diaries. Staff will be involved in professional development looking closely at how to improve writing across all age groups.

We are all ready for the Daylesford Primary School Book Fair. Please come along and support our Book Fair. Thank you to all the parents who have been working tirelessly this week and who are offering a number of volunteer hours over the weekend. I look forward to reporting about it successes.

Peter Burke

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## **CURRENT FOCUS**

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### Respect (Property, School, Environment)

#### Property

We use many things at home and school to make life more enjoyable: TV, CD players, computers, sports equipment, class materials, play equipment, etc. These items need to be looked after for everyone's benefit!

If the owners of toys/games share, we must not abuse the privilege: look after these things as if they were your own, return them to the owner in good condition and thank them for letting us use them. If we use classroom materials return them to where they are stored. It is the same with things at home: look after your own possessions and those are shared by family. Show respect for property at all times!

#### Our School

Our school means different things to different people. Everyone has their favourite place. Some people enjoy a book in a quiet corner of the classroom and others enjoy the computer in their room. Some children prefer to sit under the trees,

others play footy on the oval or climb on play equipment.

It is important that we look after our school so that it remains a pleasant place to be. Respecting our school means working together as a team to keep it clean, free from litter and ensuring that no-one damages buildings, furniture or equipment. Trees and gardens need to be respected too. They make our school grounds look better, provide shade and shelter.

Respecting all play areas means everyone benefits: our school values are there to keep school a safe, happy place. Be proud of our school.

#### The Environment

We are very fortunate to live in a wonderful town like Daylesford. There are many natural features near our school – the lake, the springs, parks and gardens, fascinating walking trails, wonderful old trees, natural birdlife and so many other unique and special places around us.

We need to look after all of these places and be respectful of them, not just for their own sake but because they are important to people both now and in the future.

Remember to always treat our environment with respect. This can be done in many ways – never leave rubbish around, be sensitive to the natural environment and wildlife, remember it is their home we are visiting. Always walk or ride on designated paths. Respecting and caring for our environment will mean it will be there for everyone to appreciate and enjoy for many years.

David Garner

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## **FUNDRAISING MEETING**

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We will be having a Fundraising meeting next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, mainly to discuss the sausage sizzle fundraiser for the Swiss-Italian Festa. Time 9-10 am in the library.

In past years we have had the Organic Polenta and Napoli sauce Food Stall. This year we have been given the opportunity to have the Sausage Sizzle, which should be a great deal easier to arrange.

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## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

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It would be very helpful if we could have another parent member on School Council for the remainder of 2015. If you think you could help, meetings are every third Wed of the month and child care is available.

Meetings are at 6pm and run between an hour and an hour and a half.

Please see Deb or Dave if you feel that you would be able to join School Council.

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### **DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Dawn Stark will visit us to talk to the Grade 4-6 class.

Our P-3 class will also work on activities related to this topic.

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### **PARENT OPINION SURVEYS**

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With this Newsletter, all families will receive a 2015 Parent Opinion Survey. The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open ended question will be scanned and provided back to the school.

I ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. For example, feedback from parents helped to change the way we structure Parent Teacher interviews.

When completed please seal your survey in the envelope provided and write your child's name and year level on the back of the envelope. Your child's name will only be used to record you have returned the survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened by the school but will be sent to an independent organisation for collation and reporting. The results will be shared with parents via the School Council later in the year.

Please return your completed survey to school by  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Thank you for taking the time to participate, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact Deb if you have any questions or queries about the survey.

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### **CSEF GRANT**

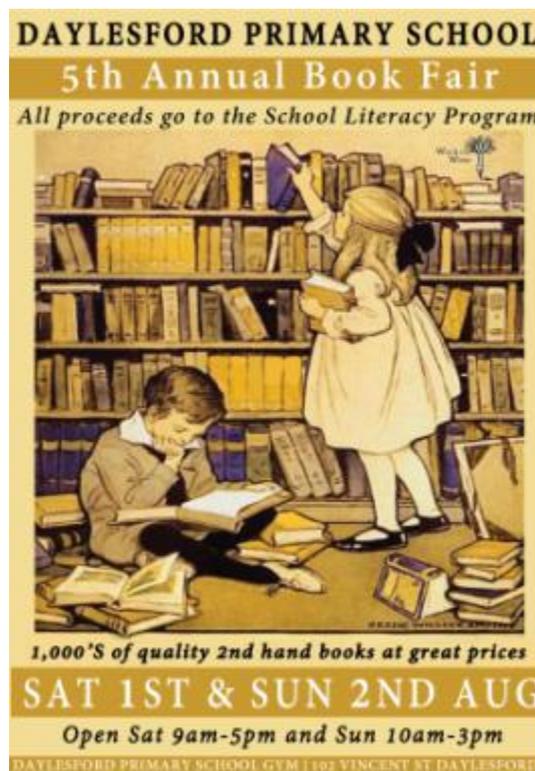
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We have enclosed another copy of the Letter about CSEF grant from Dave Garner (Acting Principal).

Could you please return the tear off form by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Thankyou to those who have already returned the form.

## **STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**



## **Pop Up Planetarium**

at Words in Winter Family Day

**Sunday 16th August**  
**Daylesford Town Hall**

**Entry: \$5 per child over 2**

Parents and Carers free. Parent supervision required.

*Enter the giant inflatable dome in the Town Hall, kick back and gaze in awe at the interactive display*

*of stars, planets and constellations.*

**Bookings Essential.** For session times go to:  
**[www.wordsinwinter.com/event/pop-up-planetarium](http://www.wordsinwinter.com/event/pop-up-planetarium)**

Bookings: 5348 2800 or  
[wiwfamilyday@gmail.com](mailto:wiwfamilyday@gmail.com)

Plus: Space Craft Activities, Book and Model Displays, all day Café & Children's Writing Award Presentations

