Current Focus

**Personal Best**

by Grade 1W

Be the best that you can be
Pursue your goals persistently
Make your greatest dreams come true
And most of all
Believe in you!

**TERM 1 RAFFLE**

Tickets for our term 1 Raffle were
attached to last weeks’ newsletter.
There are great Movie Prizes to be won.
Please return tickets & money by Friday
18th March. Raffle will be drawn on
Tuesday 22nd March, at assembly.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

IF YOU HAVE A VALID MEANS-TESTED CONCESSION CARD..... Then you may be eligible to apply for the CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND)

Please contact the front office for an application form (or download from the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

**DIARY DATES**

**MARCH**

Sat 12th – Mon 14th “Stop Head Lice Weekend” (Information Flyer attached)

Mon 14th Labour Day Holiday

Tues 15th Cultural Diversity Day (Gold Coin donation)

Wed 16th Healthy Food, Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies (Parent Forum) OLC 5.00-5.45pm OR

Thurs 17th from 3.30 – 4.15pm

Thurs 17th
• Gr3/4’s Passion Project Expo (2.30-3.20pm in OLC)
• Gr. 6 Parents - Yr 7 2017 Info night at Daylesford Secondary College (5.30-7.30pm)

Tuesday 22nd
• Raffle drawn at Assembly
• 6.30pm School Council Meeting & AGM

Weds 23rd Final day for Canteen for Term 1

Thurs 24th
• House XCountry - Jubilee Lake
• End of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)
• No Canteen

Friday 25th Good Friday

**APRIL**

Mon 11th First Day of Term 2.

Sat 16th & Sun 17th Paul Bangay “Stonefields”
Open Garden

Sunday 17th Regional Produce Day at the Lake House. (Volunteers needed for sales of KG Recipe Book at both events – please see Principal’s report)

**ASSEMBLY – 9.00am every Tuesday in the Gymnasium.**

**TERM DATES 2016**

Term 1 ends 24th March

Term 2 11th April – 24th June

Term 3 11th July – 16th September

Term 4 3rd October – 20th December

**Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy**

**Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen**
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent Bulletin Week 7 Term 1

- Parent/ Teacher Interviews
- Parent Payments
- School Council Elections
- Landscape Excursion
- Labour Day Holiday
- Cultural Day
- Term 1 Raffle
- Term 1 finishing date

Thank you very much to those who attended the Parent/Teacher interviews during the week. Strong partnerships between staff and parents are vital for good outcomes with students. Well done and thank you to staff for working late over two very hot nights. For parents who were unable to attend, please call to make an alternative time to touch base with your child’s teacher as this is very important.

Thank you to parents who have attended to the school invoices that you received last week. We still have $57,000 in outstanding payments for student requisites and kitchen garden. The school cannot carry this amount of money and we need your support. I therefore ask that you attend to these outstanding payments before the end of term 1.

A reminder that parent positions on school council are now open. Self-nomination forms are available at the front office.

Nicole Wassell and a band of willing parents (thank you to those parents), conducted a very successful excursion to National Gallery of Victoria in Federation Square in Melbourne on Wednesday. This involves an introductory lecture to showcase the artists and their artistic practices and to listen to contemporary Melbourne artists discuss their approach to landscape painting. Back at School the students will create their Local Landscape using A3 canvas boards. Then in June, the students will display the ir Local Landscapes in the NGVA studio. What an exciting project!

A reminder that next Monday is a public holiday.

A reminder that our Cultural Day is next Tuesday. This year’s theme celebrates music under the phrase ‘Together we stand in harmony’, embracing the many cultures that contribute to the sounds of cultural harmony. The children are encouraged to dress in Cultural Dress of a country of their choice. The activities on the day will be highly engaging and a gold coin has been called for to cover the costs of the performance on the day by Andy Rigby.

Andy Rigby brings the fascinating world of music alive for young audiences with his interactive show. Drawing on years of experience around Australia and overseas, Andy uses a wide variety of instruments to introduce youngsters to many different musical cultures. He has made many of the instruments himself, including harps, marimbas, flutes and whistles, and also uses other African, South American and Celtic instruments. Children are encouraged to try out some of the instruments, and are involved in group playing, storytelling and question and answer sessions relevant to the music. Andy aims to entertain as well as to stimulate interest in music, rhythm, different cultures, and how instruments work.

Andy works as much with young people as with adults and believes it is very important to encourage an interest in live music and culture as early as possible in a child’s life.

Thank you to families that have already supported the term 1 raffle. Some great prizes are on offer and all monies raised will go towards yard equipment and new furniture. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 22nd March at our last assembly for the term.

Finally, a reminder that term one finishes on Thursday 24th March at 2.30. Buses will run at this adjusted time.

Peter Burke

3/4 Passion Project Expo Reminder.

Dear Families,

Students in Grades 3 and 4 have been working hard on their passion projects throughout Term 1.

All projects will be on display in the OLC next Thursday, March 17 2.30-3.20.

We would love you to come along!

Regards,
The 3/4 Team
ITALIAN WORDS OF THE WEEK

By Caelan Rouse and Nia Oram

BUONANOTTE = Goodnight
NOVANTANOVE = 99

Unexplained Absence Letters

have been distributed with today’s newsletter. These will indicate days where unexplained absences have been recorded. If you receive one of these notes please indicate the reason for your child’s absence and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

HEALTHY FOOD, HEALTHY MINDS, HEALTHY BODIES

Parents we need your ideas!!!!

Daylesford Primary School is embarking upon the development of a strategy to create the best healthy food culture that we can across our school and community. To ‘kick-off’ this work we will be holding two parent forums to seek ideas on what this would look like, and how we might make it happen.

If you have some ideas and want to contribute to join the conversation on What does a vibrant and healthy food culture look like for DPS?, then come along to one of these 45 minute forums:

When: Wednesday 16 March 5 to 5.45 pm OR Thursday 17th 3.30 to 4.15pm.

Where: Open Learning Centre, Daylesford Primary School

RSVP essential by 14 March: daylesford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, Attention: David Garner

CULTURAL DAY 2016

HARMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

On Tuesday 15th March, we will again embark on a journey around the world!

We will start with a whole school assembly as normal. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS IN CULTURAL DRESS FROM ANY COUNTRY. Students will then rotate around cultural activities in their family groups so that younger students will be supported by their buddies. All students will participate in a workshop/performance titled Andy Rigby’s World of Music. To cover costs we will be requesting a gold coin from each child. Please give this to the class teacher or the office as soon as possible.

Seesaw

SEESAW IN THE ARTROOM

To help parents and carers connect with what students are up to in the art room, we are introducing an app called Seesaw. Seesaw is an app for smartphones, iPad and computers that we are using to document what your child is making and learning in the art room.

Seesaw gives your child their own digital journal and we will add work to this journal, as it is completed, to share with families at home. If you choose to use the free parent app to link up to your child’s journal, you’ll be notified when your child adds items. Your child’s journal is safe and secure. In the next week or two you will receive a note that will have all the instructions you need to get involved. Any problems come see me in the art room. Please feel free to add comments and questions and encourage your child to talk about what they have made or learnt. The students will, of course, still bring home a folio full of the actual art pieces at the end of the year.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

TERM 1 2016

FRIDAY

SICK BAY
WASHING

BANKING

18th March

Krystle Burge

June Cooper

Thursday 24th March

Krystal Phypers

Maia Irell

KITCHEN GARDEN – MARCH

Kitchen Garden Recipe Book Sales

We are asking for volunteers to help sell our Kitchen Garden Recipe Books at the following events.

❖ Lake House Regional Produce Day

   Sunday 17th April

❖ Paul Bangay Stonefields Open Garden

   Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th April

More details to follow!
**CANTEEN DUTY**

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**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**

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**STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**HEPBURN GOLF CLUB**  
5 week MYGOLF Jnr Program. Starting Fri 29th April, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th May 
Time: 4.30 – 5.30pm Cost $27. Bookings MYGOLF.ORG.AU

**DAYLESFORD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL**

U12’s Football – training each Thursday between 5.00-6.00pm  
(Children need to be 8 y.o. on 1/1/2016 to be eligible for U12’s)

U/15s Football – training each Tues & Thurs between 5.00 – 6.00p.

**Training Junior Netball every Thurs.**  
13B from 4.30pm; 13A & 15s from 5.00pm

**Auskick** starts Mon 11th April 3.45pm  
Enquiries: Steve Walsh 0417 573 517

For more information see website or call Craig Wade 0427 337 114, DFNC Secretary.

**NEW Website:**  
www.daylesfordbulldogs.com.au

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**GRADE 6 PARENTS...**

Year 7 2017 information night  
Daylesford Secondary College  
Thurs March 17th 5.30 – 7.30pm

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**Pizzazz**