



*Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen*

DIARY DATES

AUGUST

Sunday 21st Words in Winter - Family Day

Mon 22nd – Fri 26th Book Week

Tues 23rd

- Assembly: Dress Up Day Parade for Book Character - Gym
- 6.30pm School Council

Fri 26th Book Week Presentation in Gym : 9.00am-11.00am

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 3rd & Sun 4th

BOOK FAIR WEEKEND in the Gym

Tuesday Sep 6th Italian Sister School Visit.
2.30pm Concert (Gym).
All Welcome.

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

Term Dates 2016

Term 3 11th July – 16th September
Term 4 3rd October – 20th December

Office Hours : 8.30am to 4.00pm

Students' School Banking Day : Fridays

CURRENT FOCUS

**Acceptance (caring and
compassion)**

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We read *The Sneetches* by Dr Seuss and talked about all the different types of people at the Olympics. Then we discussed what acceptance means. This is what we came up with.

Accept other people for who they are.

Consider people who are different.

Cooperate with other people.

Everyone is different. If we were all the same the world would be a very boring place.

People from across the world should be respected.

Tall or small, it doesn't really matter.

Accept who you are.

Never judge people just because they are different.

The **C**olour of your skin doesn't matter. It's what's inside that counts.

Excluding people is not cool.

Important Reminder

All Parents/Adults/Visitors are reminded that they are not to use children's toilets.

Please register & enquire at the office for alternate toilet use.

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their Student/Family updates, these are important documents and need to be returned to the office ASAP.

REMINDER

Dress Up Parade Book
Character Tues 23rd Aug.

Friday 26th – Book Week
Presentation in Gym

9–11 am

**Newsletter – Week 6 Term 3
Child Safe Standards**

This week, my message takes on a different, more serious focus – one around the Child Safe Standards. Earlier in the year, schools were issued with *Ministerial Order 870: Child Safe Standards – Managing the risk of child abuse in schools*. Within this order are a number of measures all schools must take to ensure high standards relating to child safety and protection against child abuse.

Key messages include, but are not limited to:

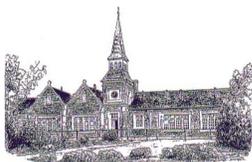
- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- We have zero tolerance for any abuse of children.
- We already have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children. These are being strengthened to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.
- There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with the children here.
- The new child safe standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- The child safe standards apply to school staff (including volunteers and contractors), visitors and students' family members.
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Different people at our school have different roles and responsibilities for ensuring children's safety
- Staff members will receive training and support to understand and carry out their responsibilities under the standards.
- Contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).
- Other people using our school facilities will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of using our facilities if they involve children enrolled at the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while their staff or other adults are at the school).

By September 1, we as a school will need to produce evidence of compliance with these standards, as well as an action plan for how the standards will be fully complied with by the end of 2016. We have worked very hard to develop our Child Safety Policy, which I am publishing below for all members of the school community to read and become familiar with. Secondly, a revised Code of Conduct has been developed and can be viewed either at the school office or on the school website. These two key documents have been ratified and discussed at length by school council. We are currently working on detailed and documented processes and procedures for responding to and reporting child abuse which all staff will work through in the coming weeks.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to speak to me about the Child Safe Standards and the extensive measures we are putting in place to meet these at our three schools. Information can also be found, including a copy of the Ministerial Order, on the VRQA (Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority) website <http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafepages/default.html>, which is the regulating body for all schools in Victoria.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this policy.

Regards,
David Garner



Child Safety Policy

**Daylesford Primary School
Drummond Primary School
Yandoit Primary School**



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Purpose:

This document is in response to Ministerial Order No. 870 – Child Safe Standards – Managing the risk of child abuse in schools (18/12/2015)

Daylesford Primary School and Annexes are committed to a child safe environment where we empower students, staff, school community, volunteers and contractors and service providers to inclusively protect and respect the wellbeing of every child in our care.

Aim:

We have zero tolerance of child abuse. All allegations and safety concerns are treated very seriously. This policy and associated procedures embed a culture in our schools of risk management and *no tolerance* for child abuse.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.

Implementation:

Our children

This policy is intended to empower children who are vital and active participants in our organisation. We involve them when making decisions, especially about matters that directly affect them. We listen to their views and respect what they have to say.

We promote diversity and acceptance in our organisation, and people from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds are welcome. In particular we:

- promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- ensure that children with a disability are safe and can participate equally.

Our personnel

This policy guides our staff, volunteers and service providers on how to behave with children in our organisation.

All personnel must agree to abide by our code of conduct which specifies the standards of conduct required when working with children.

Training and education is important to ensure that everyone in our organisation understands that child safety is everyone's responsibility.

Our organisational culture aims for all members of the school community to feel confident and comfortable in discussing any allegations of child abuse or child safety concerns. We train our teaching staff to identify and assess any risk to child safety and to recognise potential signs of child abuse in accordance with DET Mandatory Reporting Guidelines.

We also support our staff through ongoing supervision to: develop their skills to protect children from abuse; and promote the cultural safety of children from linguistically and/or diverse backgrounds, and the safety of children with a disability.

Service providers will be supervised to ensure they understand our organisation's commitment to child safety and that everyone has a role to play in protecting children. All inappropriate behaviour will be reported by the Principal or delegate in accordance with DET Mandatory Reporting Guidelines.

The selection process clearly demonstrates our commitment to child safety and an awareness of our social and legislative responsibilities.

All personnel are required to hold a relevant Working with Children Check and to provide evidence of this Check.

Verification through background checks will be conducted when necessary.

Documented procedures for ensuring child safety

- School Community Code of Conduct – outlines expectations for all members of the school community
- Child Abuse Incident Report Form – to be utilised by staff in the case of suspected child abuse
- Strategies to Embed a Culture of Child Safety – outline/action plan of all actions taken by DPS and Annexes to ensure a Child Safe environment

Supporting Documentation:

Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority – Child Safe Standards

<http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafe/Pages/default.html>

DET Mandatory Reporting Guidelines: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/childprotection.aspx>

Merit Protection Board:

<http://www.mpb.vic.gov.au/>

Department of Health and Human Services – Child Protection:

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-individuals/children,-families-and-young-people/child-protection>

Daylesford Primary School and Annexes Engagement and Wellbeing Policy

Ratified: July 26, 2016

Evaluation: Annually

HEALTHY SOUP DAY THANKYOU!

Last Tuesday Daylesford Primary School ran a very successful healthy soup day as part of the schools Healthy Eating Project. Over 170 teachers and students enjoyed some delicious and healthy soup! Thank you to all of the students who wrote down their ideas of what they would like to see in a healthy food school- your ideas will all be taken on board.

This is just the first step amongst many in promoting and living a healthy school culture at Daylesford Primary.

A very special thankyou goes to all of the parents who volunteered their time to cook and also serve the soups. Many thanks also goes to Hepburn Wholefoods Collective and Wombat Forest Organics, for donating 20kg each of local organic potatoes and carrots, Spade to Blade Catering for use of soup warmers and kitchen for making of the stock, Daylesford Bakers Delight for their kind bread donation, Albert Street butchery, Tonna's Fruit and Vegetables, Rijk Zwan, Delaware North Companies and Sandra for their very kind donations to help make this day possible.

Rheannon Owen- Health Promotion Officer at Hepburn Health Service

HEALTHY LUNCH TIP

Homemade soup can be a wonderful and healthy option for your children's lunchbox- especially during the colder months. Soup can be easily frozen into lunch size portions. Heat soup up in the morning before school and pack in a thermos ready for lunch that day. Soups with lots of vegetables are a great choice as they help to ensure your children are on the way to meeting the 5 recommended serves of vegetables for the day



PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS TERM 3 2016

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
19 th August	Fiona Torrance	June Cooper
26 th August	Tania Green	Shelley Sandow
2 nd Sep.	Amy & Sam Kinnear	June Cooper
9 th Sep.	Michelle Rushworth	Shelley Sandow
16 th Sep	Petra Bueskens	End of Term No Banking

CANTEEN DUTY Term 3

Wednesday 24 th	Anna Parsons
Thursday 25 th	Jodie Hawkins
Friday 26 th	Shelley Sandow, Stephanie Barron

CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

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

Snaps from around the traps

Students working on the Tarantella & student leaders at the memorial service on the weekend.



BOOK CLUB - Issue 5 is now closed for deliveries to school, but still open for home deliveries.

ISSUE 6 is now open for LOOP orders online (booklets available at the office.)

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

PARKOUR GAMES AND SKILLS.

2-3pm Sunday 21st August, The Arc, Daylesford. \$12. Call 0477499342 to book. Parkour links masterful movement with the local environment and requires preparation to enable incredible spontaneity. Through games and skill practice we'll practice leaps, jumps, vaults, landings and rolls.

Hurry! Book now for

Pop Up Planetarium

Words in Winter Family Fun Sunday 21st August, Daylesford Town Hall... Entry: \$5 per child over 2. Parents and Carers free. Parent supervision required.

Bookings Essential. Ph: 5348 2800 or wiwfamilyday@gmail.com. For session times and details go to: www.wordsinwinter.com/event/pop-up-planetarium

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