DIARY DATES
MARCH
- Tues 8th & Weds 9th: Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.50pm – 6.00pm
- Sat 12th – Mon 14th: “Stop Head Lice Weekend” (Information Flyer with next week’s Newsletter)
- Mon 14th: Labour Day Holiday
- 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 – see Principal’s report)

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.

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

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).
The annual CSEF amount per primary student will be $125, which will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
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.

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

Current Focus
PERSONAL BEST
Every day we make decisions and choices. To achieve our personal best it is important that those decisions and choices we make are our “best”.
The following attributes will help us to achieve our personal best:
- Think positively
- Work hard
- Challenging ourselves
- Setting goals
- Planning to achieve our goals
We all have a responsibility to be the best that we can be in our personal relationships, academic, sporting, musical and artistic endeavours.

David Garner

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
Are you eligible?
For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:
- Be aged over five by 30th April 2016.
- 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 2016 as soon as possible.

TERM 1 RAFFLE
Tickets for our term 1 Raffle are attached to this week’s 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.
• House Swimming Sports
• School Council vacancies
• Parent letter outlining the New policy for Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days
• Supplement – ‘Code of Conduct for Members of the Daylesford, Yandoit and Drummond School Communities’
• Fund Raising Activities – can you help?
• Parent Payment Statements

Congratulations to all the grade 3-6 students on a highly successful day at the House Swimming Sports last Friday. I was particularly impressed by the efforts, determination and team spirit that was shown on the day. The student leaders and House Captains did a great job as did the staff throughout the entire day. Well done to Mr K for his co-ordination of the event and to Sherilee who supported Andrew. The organisation was excellent, resulting in a terrific day. Thank you to parents/carers who assisted on the day, your support is appreciated. Congratulations to Keylah and Kial our two open champions and well done to Tipperary who won the day. Thank you to Sophie Loft for the fantastic photos, you can see more on the school website.

Next month is the AGM for School Council. There are a number of parent member vacancies on council and I am therefore calling for nominations. If you would like to know more about the role of SC and the commitment, please call me on 53482480. Nomination forms can be collected from the front office. Nominations close on Friday 11th March. Enclosed within this week’s newsletter is a letter to all parents/carers outlining the New policy for Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days. Please read through the document as it outlines very clearly the importance of appropriate communication and value of good relationships across our school communities.

Fundraising activities are important to our school as they enable us to provide opportunities above and beyond what the department fund us for. Can you help? There are a number of ways! Firstly, please support the term 1 raffle. Secondly, can you offer one hour of your time at either of the following events which are raising money for the KG program by selling our KG Cookbook. Paul Bangay Stonefields Open Garden Sat 16th April & Sunday 17th April, or Regional Produce Day on Sunday 17th April at the Lake House. If you can help please call the office and leave your name, date, time and which event.

Finally, by now you would have received your Parent Payment Statements in the mail. As you know the school provides an excellent service by purchasing all the student requisites for the year for every student. This replaces book lists and takes away from parents the burden of having to fulfil a booklist at the start of the year. We need all parents to settle this account asap, or to enter into a payment plan with our business manager Deborah Cowen. Remember also that all extra-curriculum activities such as swimming, choir, kitchen garden, cultural days, excursions and excursions are fee paying activities. Failure to settle these accounts, will lead to your child not being offered the extra-curriculum activity.

Peter Burke

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
KITCHEN GARDEN - MARCH

EGGS EGGS EGGS EGGS

Our Kitchen Garden Program is in need of eggs for next week’s Kitchen classes, if anyone has any eggs that they could spare could please drop them off to Gill Carron by Tuesday. Thankyou

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 Stonefield Open Garden Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th April

More details to follow!

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS TERM 1 2016

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Thursday 24th March (Final day for Term 1)

- Krystal Phypers
- Maia Irell

CANTEEN DUTY Term 1

| Weds 2nd March | Melissa Patane |
| Thurs 3rd March | Shelley Sandow |
| Fri 4th March | Tiffany Willis |

Late Arrival and Early Departure

Students being dropped off late to school must be signed in at the office under parent supervision. We ask that where possible parents accompany their child to class to ensure constant supervision. In the case of early departure from school a reminder that a blue early departure form must be collected and completed at the office. This must then be taken and given to your child’s teacher before they can release the child from their care. No student will be released early without receipt of the blue slip.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME – ORGAN
(from DPS Music Room). Please contact office if interested

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

Kids learn better when they learn music!

Angela Richmond is now offering CLARINET, SAXOPHONE and PIANO (incl. SIMPLY MUSIC) from her home studio in Sailors Falls.
Angela has a lifetime of musical experience including 14 years in the Australian Air Force Band and a Master of Music Performance (VCA).
Angela teaches ages 5 – 105 in a fun and supportive environment and offers AMEB Exams, VCE Clarinet/Sax tutoring, as well as group lessons for piano beginners. For more info email Angela: itsangela@me.com or call 0425 728 930.

Pizza sauce is now used in our focaccias - no nuts
Leap into Dance and Drama!