Term Dates 2016

**CURRENT FOCUS**

**Good Organisation**

What being organised looks like:

- keeping locker tubs clean and tidy so that you can find what you need to do your work
- making sure worksheets are pasted in your book
- keeping your work area clear
- putting things like jumpers and books away
- having a drink of water and going to the toilet when the music goes
- bringing reading journals and water bottles into the classroom at the start of the day
- packing your bag before going to bed at night

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**DIARY DATES**

**MAY**
- Mon 16th to Fri 20th: Scholastic Book Sale, OLC 8.45-9.15 & 3.15-3.45
- Mon 16th-Fri 20th: Education Week
- Tuesday 17th: Open Morning for Pre-School Parents 9-11am
- Friday 20th: Daylesford Secondary College Gr 5 & 6 Transition Day

**JUNE**
- Monday 13th: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Weds 15th: School Photos
- Friday 24th: End of Term 2. 2.30pm Finish. No Canteen or Banking

**JULY**
- Monday 11th: First day of Term 3
- Thursday 21st: Big Write PD – No Students

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

**Term Dates 2016**
- Term 2: 11th April – 24th June
- Term 3: 11th July – 16th September
- Term 4: 3rd October – 20th December

Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm
Students’ School Banking Day: Fridays

Daylesford Secondary College grade 5 & 6 Transition Day
All students in grade 5 and 6 are invited to attend Daylesford Secondary College’s Transition Day on the 20th of May. Students will take part in a range of year 7 classes, have the opportunity to work within the College and meet teachers and students. Please let your child’s classroom teacher know if they will be attending or contact Penelope Ellis at Daylesford Secondary College on (03) 5348 2367.

**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.

PREP UNIFORM SUPPORT
As part of the Victorian Government Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform voucher. You need to have applied and have qualified for CSEF to be eligible. The DPS Office will make the application on behalf of Parents/Carers. Once approved the school will provide the parent with the voucher to present at the uniform retailer (Double C Jeanery). Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniform this year can select items of a larger size from the retailer. Please contact the office for more details.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Many successes in Athletics
- Goldfields XC
- Recognition Certificates
- Parent Payments

After a busy few weeks in Athletics, we announced at assembly this week that Tipperary won the House Athletics Shield. This was very exciting for Tipperary who has taken out the House Swimming, House XC and now the House Aths. This is the first time one house has won all three events.

A number of ribbons were also presented to winners of the HJ events which were conducted at school. We also acknowledged the excellent efforts by our Goldfields Athletics team who got within a few points of St Michaels who won the day on percentage. A record number of our students have qualified for the Divisional Athletics later in the year. Our relay teams were very impressive, with four teams also advancing.

Pictured below are the students who received athletics ribbons and the Tipperary Captains, Lucy Muscat and Asher Waldon receiving the House Athletics Shield.

Wednesday this week, 36 students in grade 3-6 represented the school in the Goldfields XC event at Clunes GC. I was very impressed by this group of children who gave their best, over a very challenging course. They supported each other and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship by congratulating their fellow competitors. 18 of the children have advanced through to the Ballarat Zone X Country which is a marvellous achievement. Thank you to those parents who could attend on the day. Thank you to Sam Mrsic and Matthew childs for their assistance on the day.

The highlight of the week for me however, was the number and variety of recognition certificates that were awarded at assembly this week. Recognition certificates were handed out for reading, spelling, organisation, best buddies, kindness to others, quality work in the classroom and kitchen garden to a large number of students. The school values were clearly on display and the staff and children clearly have a wonderful working relationship. I am very proud of how the school is operating at present, we continue to build on our very positive start to the year.

Thank you to those parents who have attended to the school invoices. A reminder that this requires prompt action as the school cannot carry the financial burden. If you would like to discuss a payment plan please contact our Business Manager Deborah Cowen.

Peter Burke.
Sports, Sports and More Sports!

Continuing on from last week, we have now concluded two major sporting events with the students in the last two and a half weeks. Also we need to acknowledge the spectacular achievements of Lila Paar and Sebastian Streat on competing in the state level swimming carnival in Melbourne earlier last month. Well done to you both on achieving such a high standard with your swimming.

Firstly, we finally had a wonderful conclusion to our ‘House Sports’. In a revamped approach we concluded our house sports with High jump being held at school. As previously mentioned it was great to see all students across all grade levels turn out to see the competing students at lunchtime. Well done to you all. We finally had a result- was it going to be Wyuna, Corinella, Sutton or was Tipperary going to achieve the Daylesford Primary School ‘Grand Slam’ of winning the swimming, cross country and athletic house sports in the one year? The result came through with Tipperary achieving this amazing feat. Congratulations Tipperary. I also want to congratulate all students in the way they participated not only trying their very best but in the spirit and enthusiasm that make these events a huge success. Well done.

Secondly, last Thursday in challenging weather students who progressed from our ‘House Sports’ represented our school against other local schools- Clunes, Creswick, St Michaels and St Augustine’s. It was great to see despite the weather, students participating with enthusiasm, patience and more importantly with sporting spirit. A special mention to Buzz Pearce for the sportsmanship he displayed during a race- He was acknowledged for this at assembly with being awarded the ‘John Landy’ certificate. Well done Buzz. Congratulations to St Michaels for winning the Goldfields Athletic Event. A further congratulations to our students and to those who have progressed to the District Athletic Events later this year where they will represent the ‘Goldfields Team’. Students who have progressed through will be notified shortly and in school training will begin shortly after that. Well done to you all.

Finally- Cross Country running is in focus at the moment. On Wednesday the 4th may the Goldfields Cross Country Event was held at Clunes Golf Club. I will have a report on that next week. Students who progress from that will be competing in Ballarat next Friday the 13th at Victoria Park. Students will be notified as soon as the results come in.

Again a big thankyou to students, parents and staff for the support given prior and on the day of these events. Well done all!

Andrew Kiellerup
Current Focus: “Good organisation (Responsible learner)”

SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE
A great opportunity to purchase gifts for birthdays or Christmas at a great price whilst supporting our school Library, as every dollar spent goes towards a new book.

We will be setting up our display of wonderful books in the Open Learning Centre (OLC), where they will be available for viewing & purchasing from Monday 16th to Friday 20th May at 8.45 - 9.15am and 3.15 – 3.45pm

Each class & child will get the chance to view these books during this week with their teacher.

Prices range from $1 to $30, so there is something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there during the ‘Education Week’

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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)
U15s Football – training each Tues & Thurs between 5.00 – 6.00pm.
Training Junior Netball every Thurs. 13B from 4.30pm; 13A & 15s from 5.00pm

For more information see website or call Craig Wade 0427 337 114, DFNC Secretary.
NEW Website: www.daylesfordbulldogs.com.au

RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK
SUN 15 MAY
Daylesford Lake.
Register & fundraise now at MILLIONPAWSWALK.COM.AU

Italian Exchange Students and Host Families
Italian Exchange Students, both girls and boys aged 15-17, hope to be coming here this July for 3, 5 or 10 months to study, improve their English skills and learn about Australia and a host family. If you and your family feel you would like to host an Italian student during their stay here or even part of it, being able to choose the gender and interests of the student you feel would best suit your family, and perhaps making a friend for life, by having an extra person at meal times and providing a spare bed, please contact Klaus Schumann, their coordinator, on 03 97584279 or by email, klaus.schumann@hotmail.com to let me know of your interest. There is no payment involved. There are other nationalities also available if you would prefer. Hoping to hear from you.

Leap into Dance and Drama!

Ballarat YMCA Fun Skate
A great family activity, ideal for all ages. Saturdays from 1-4pm at Delacombe Stadium, Nandirog Drive, Delacombe. $11 per person, includes skate hire & 3 hrs skating; or BYO skates & blades. Bookings are essential. Lessons start 12.15pm and incur an additional cost. Kiosk operating. 2016 Dates: Saturdays, May 21st, June 18th, July 9th, Aug 13th, Sep 10th, Oct 8th & Nov 12th. Contact Ballarat YMCA for further details on 4333 6400. www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

For all enquiries please contact Steve Walsh 0417 573 517.

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