NEWSLETTER NO. 4 - Friday 4/3/2016

CALENDAR

MARCH
Mon 21st School Nurse visiting Preps
Thurs 24th Cross Country Jubilee Lake b/w 11.35am and 12.30pm
End of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)
Fri 25th Good Friday

APRIL
Mon 11th Term 2 commences
Tues 12th Early School Finish
All staff (including annexes) are required to attend a meeting at Daylesford Primary School
Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1

Term Dates 2015
TERM 1 ends 24th March
TERM 2 11th April – 24th June
TERM 3 11th July – 16th September
TERM 4 3rd October – 20th December
Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm

Current Focus - Listening

With all classes now underway, one of the most important skills any child or adult can develop is the skill of listening. Listening involves a lot more than simply hearing. Listening means concentrating on what the other person is saying, showing that you are listening by looking at the speaker and responding in some way; perhaps by nodding your head and certainly by responding to what they say with a question or statement.

Things to remember:

• look at the person who is speaking
• stand/or sit still while you’re listening

David Garner

Unexplained Absence Letters

were distributed last week. 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.

School Council - Communications

After discussions in School Council we have decided that all notes requiring a response will be published on a coloured page (unless sent from Education Department).

We hope this will help families to identify and return information as required

Early School Finish Tuesday 12th April

Please note that school will finish at 3.00pm on Tuesday, 12th April.

All school staff (including Annexe staff) are required at a staff meeting at Daylesford Primary School on that afternoon.

Principal’s Report

Our Cultural Day this week was an exciting day. The theme celebrated music under the phrase ‘Together we stand in harmony’, embracing the many cultures that contribute to the sounds of cultural harmony. The children were encouraged to dress in Cultural Dress of a country of their choice. The parade at assembly was marvellous. Thank you everyone for entering into the spirit of the day.

During the day the children rotated through a number of activities in their Family Groups. Andy Rigby brought the fascinating world of music alive for students in a very engaging one hour work shop. Overall the day was
a great success. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day. Well done to our Specialist staff who organised the day.

Peter Burke

Parent Volunteers for Home Reading

Please find attached a note (yellow form) requesting your help with changing Home Reading books.

We are encouraging more parent engagement at the school and this is a great opportunity to continue to grow and develop our school community.

If you can do even one day a week (or even a fortnight) please return the form with your name and the day(s) you are able to help.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge - 2016

We are planning on participating in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge next term. This has been approved by School Council.

We have attached the consent form (pink form) that we need to have signed if you would like your child to participate in the challenge.

More information will be available early next term.

Cross Country – Jubilee Lake

Grades 3-5

Please note that the Cross Country will be held on Thursday, March 24th at Jubilee Lake Daylesford. Both Yandoit and Drummond students are expected to attend. Please see Meg or Robyn asap if you child is NOT attending on this day.

We will require parents to transport their children to and from this event. We would recommend that you stay for the race. If all students could return to Drummond Primary School. Students can return to school after their event – alternatively you may choose to finish the term at this point. Please let Robyn and Meg know if this is the case.

Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing, a drink and a snack for after the race if needed.

Times are as follows:

- 11.35am 10 year old girls 2km
- 12.00pm 9 years and under boys 2km
- 12.05pm 9 years and under girls 2km

We have arranged that you will meet Sherilee Dittman, who will be at the finish line (near the car park at Jubilee Lake under a temporary shelter). Please make sure that you are at Jubilee Lake 10 minutes prior to your race and contact Sherilee.

If it is raining on the day, students will be racing at Daylesford Primary School.

The emphasis is on all students participating and completing the course comfortably, that is, they can walk or run according to their wish/fitness levels. The first 6 placegetters in each age group (boys & girls) will be selected for the school cross-country team to compete in the Goldfields Cross-Country Championship to be held at Clunes in May.

Please note that students in the 10 years and under age bracket will progress through to the next level based on times.

Are you looking for a DRUM’S TEACHER…My name is Alison, I am a passionate drums teacher, having played since 6 y.o. with honours in grade 8 drumset and past teaching experience. Flexible lessons available – for more info or resume please contact: alisonjane14@hotmail.com *First lesson free; *30min lesson $30; *All ages Welcome

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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

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