**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

A reminder to parents that we are a Sun Smart School and school hats are to be worn at recess, lunchtime and sport during terms 1 & 4.
Hats can be purchased from Daylesford Primary School for $12

**Principal’s Report**

Enclosed within this week’s newsletter is a letter to all parents/carers, explaining in detail the NEW policy for Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days. Please read this carefully and if you have any questions don’t hesitate to approach me.

I have also included in this week’s newsletter a copy of our ‘Code of Conduct for Members of the Daylesford, Yandoit and Drummond School Communities’. This document outlines the responsibilities and expectations of all members of our school communities with respect to the way we communicate and interact. Please read through the document as it outlines very clearly the importance of appropriate communication and value of good relationships across our school communities.

Finally, by now you would have received your Parent Payment Statements. 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.

Peter Burke
Parent Teacher Interviews – next week

Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on Tuesday the 8th and Wednesday the 9th of March from 2.00 until 5.00pm.

School will finish at 1.30pm early on both of these days.

A list of times is on the whiteboard at school. Please make sure you note your times down.

Interviews are between parents/carers and teachers only. Students are not required to this early interview. They will be directly involved in the term 3 interviews.

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all students on a highly successful day at the House Swimming Sports last Friday. Thank you to parents/carers who assisted on the day, your support is appreciated.

Well done to Tipperary house who won the day.

Some of our students have written about their swimming sports day:

Alice:
“At the swimming sports I competed in two races. Once for freestyle and one for back stroke. I came 1st and 2nd. I was in Sutton which is red.”

Milo:
“At swimming sports I won 2nd place. I could do anything I wanted. I did freestyle.”

Taylor:
“At the swimming sports we swam in races. I came 2nd in breast stroke and I came 1st in freestyle out of seven people.”

Swimming

Our swimming lessons have concluded and we thought you might like to see some photos of our wonderful swimmers:

Alice listening to instructions and getting ready to swim.

Quennie and Riley being sun smart with hats and shirts

Enjoying the water....
Parent Volunteers - Reminder

Please review the job list that was provided with the last newsletter.

If you are available, even for a couple of hours we would really appreciate your help!

Please put your name and number down at a time where you might be available and return to Meg. To date we have only received one response.

School Council – AGM 15 March 6pm

This year we have seeking new School Council members including a secretary. Our School Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. This month’s meeting will be the AGM and is a time when new members can commence.

It is important that we have a quorum and we find it is so much better to have ‘more hands on deck’, especially in the winter months.

Please see Meg or Claire R if you are interested in becoming a school council member.

Changes to our Newsletter

This year we have decided that our newsletter will be sent out on a fortnightly basis unless there is a need to send extra information out.

As we are an annex to Daylesford Primary School, any general school information is available in the DPS newsletter which is found on the DPS website: http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au

Cultural Diversity Day – Tuesday 15th March

On Tuesday 15th May we have been invited, along with Yandoit PS, to celebrate Cultural Diversity Day at Daylesford PS.

A form outlining the activities on the day is attached to this newsletter.

All students are expected to meet at Daylesford PS at 9.00am at the trees between the Art Room and Library just west of the main entrance on Vincent Street.

All children will need lunch (including a drink) and school hats. They will also need to bring a gold coin donation.

All parents are to make their own arrangements for transport to and from Daylesford PS this day.

Student/Community Activities

Hepburn Golf Club, 5 week MYGOLF Jnr Program.
Starting Friday 29th April, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th May.
Time: 4.30 – 5.30pm Cost $27. Bookings MYGOLF.ORG.AU

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.

Leap into Dance and Drama!
Classes now starting for Term 1, 2016 for preschool, primary, secondary kids & adults. Creative Dance, Drama, Ballet, Boys’ Dance, Adult & Child, Contemporary Dance, Adult Creative Dance, & Studio Hire.
Enrol online at:
www.insideoutdancetheatre.com.au
Enquiries: 0417 592 522 or jo@insideoutdancetheatre.com.au
Factory 2 / 39 East St, Daylesford

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

Tickets at Gate. $10 Adult, 16 & Over; $5 kids & Pensioners; $50 family.
be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen