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‘Learning and Growing Together’
Be Respectful  Be a Responsible Learner
Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate  Be a Good Citizen

CALENDAR

March
Thursday 17th
• Daylesford Secondary College Information Night for Grade 5 and 6 Parents and Students (a reminder note sent home to Grade 5 and 6 students on Thursday)

Thursday 24th
• Last Day of Term One
• Grades 3-6 Cross-Country at Victoria Park Daylesford. Parent drivers needed. (More information in Newsletter)
• 2.30 Dismissal

April
Monday 11th
• First day of Term 2

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
• keep your hands free of objects
• give a response to the speaker
David Garner

CROSS COUNTRY
GRADES 3-6

A note is attached to the Newsletter from Daylesford Primary School re the Cross Country times of the events next Thursday. I have added on the note that we will need parent drivers to assist, as we have 15 students to transport to Victoria Park and then back to school. If you could send me a txt to let me know if you can assist with the driving, then that would be very helpful.

Please note that as this is an excursion from school, only drivers with Comprehensive Insurance are able to drive students, other than their own.

Thankyou
Deb

PRINCIPALS 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.

Andy Rigby and Yandoit Annexe students

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 workshop. 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.

Nicole and Signora Trudi

Peter Burke

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

We brainstormed some ideas about improving Communication between School and Home at School Council this week ie. the weekly Newsletter, notes that need to be returned to school and txt messages.

In term 2 we are going to trial sending the Newsletter home on Mondays. It was felt by School Council that newsletters could be mislaid or lost during the weekend and if things went home on a Monday, then notes would be fresh in everyone’s minds and be returned more readily.

We try to send all notes attached to the Newsletter, either paper clipped or stapled, so these will be sent home as well on Mondays.

Deb has started to send reminder txts to all families re events, excursions, notes to be returned. School Council said this works well, but only a short txt is needed. If further information is required, then individual parents will need to follow up.
We will review this at the end of the term to see if this helps our Communication to work more smoothly.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Safety of the students was discussed at length at School Council last night in regards to parking in High Street.

We have had several incidents over the years where parents have been parking on the wrong side of the road, double parking, backing up on the road (High Street) or parking in the school driveway. These incidents have happened during Drop off and Pick up times and are quite a concern to School Council.

It has been decided that we will put hats on the letterbox side, as well as the driveway, to allow clear vision for all drivers approaching the school, as students are required to leave the school via the school gate. It is important for safety of the students that there is a clearway to cross, as we do not have an official school crossing.

School Council has also requested that the teachers remind students again that they always get out of a car on the kerbside and not the road side. Also that they walk to the front of the car before crossing the road, as the driver then has clear vision of the children. Mrs R had a chat to the P-6 class to remind them of Road Safety rules when being dropped off or picked up at school.

Peter Burke has contacted Vic Roads and will also contact Hepburn Shire to assist with correct signage out the front of the school.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

It was a wonderful learning opportunity for our students in regards to our Civic and Citizenship studies, to perform at the recent fundraiser for our local CFA. (Sadly Mrs R missed a vital photo opportunity, so has held off last week’s Student of the Week until now!)

We are awarding last week’s Student of The Week to Amber Duffy.

Amber participated so positively in all rehearsals, and keenly learnt the songs, actions and eagerly organised her costume. She also understood that our choir performance was supporting our CFA to raise much needed funds.

**Congratulations Amber**

For this week, the Student of the Week goes to Zoe Plousi for consistent effort all term with her Home Reading. Zoe also has taken responsibility with her learning by putting her Reading Log in the Book Box tub without being reminded.

**Congratulations Zoe**

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**UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES FORMS**

Unexplained Absence Letters have been distributed with this Friday’s newsletter. 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 before the end of term one. Thank you.

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**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

**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)
U/15s Football – **training each Tues & Thurs between 5.00 – 6.00p.**

Training Junior Netball every Thurs. 13B from 4.30pm; 13A & 15s from 5.00pm

Auskick **starts Mon 11th April 3.45pm** Enquiries:

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*For more information see website or call Craig Wade 0427 337 114, DFNC Secretary.*

NEW Website: www.daylesfordbulldogs.com.au