Daylesford Primary School Newsletter Vincent Street (P O Box 20) Daylesford, 3460

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> "SEMPER MELIORA" (Always better things)





We are Respectful, We are Responsible Learners, We are Honest and Trustworthy, We are Caring and Compassionate, We are Good Citizens

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Tues 27th School Council Meeting

MARCH

Thurs 1st Foundation Parent Information

Session. 5.30pm in classrooms

Fri 2nd Eureka Divisional Swimming

Tues 6th & Parent / Teacher Interviews

Wed 7th 3.50 pm - 6.10pm

Friday 9th CURRICULUM DAY-Pupil free

Mon 12th Labour Day Holiday

Fri 16th 5/6 Golf clinic @ DPS

Tues 20th Cultural Day-'Proud to Belong'

Fri 23rd 5/6 Golf clinic @Hep Golf Club

Mon 26th JSC-Favourite Colours Day

(Gold coin donation)

Thurs 29th Cross Country

End of Term 2.30pm finish.

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.

ASSEMBLY 9.00am every Tuesday in the Gym

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

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1: Ends 29 March (Thursday)
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

Parent / Teacher Interview forms were sent home with last weeks' newsletter.

Please fill them out and return them to school as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to accommodate your requested time, an early return will help us give you your prefered time.

Current Focus

PLAYING BY THE RULES

By 1/21°Y

When people play by the rules we feel:

- Thumbs up
- Happy
- Double thumbs up
- Excited
- Super
- Enjoyable
- Relaxed
- Calm
- Awesome

When people don't play by the rules we feel:

- > You don't want to play anymore
- > Sad
- > Annoyed
- > Thumbs down
- > Anary
- > Double thumbs down
- > Stressed
- > Frustrated

ARE YOU SCRATCHING?
WE NIED YOUR HELP

This weekend is our

STOP HEADLIGE AT SCHOOL
WIEEKEND

Can all parents and carers of students attending our school carry out a headlice check and treat if needed...

Thank you for supporting us with this initiative

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

YEAR 3-6 SWIMMING PROGRAM AND SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all year 3 to 6 children who actively participated in our yearly swimming program. The weather wasn't exactly conducive to this opportunity at times but the children courageously battled the cold pool and biting wind which, at times, made the conditions quite difficult. At the time of writing all is in preparation and we are ready for our annual swimming carnival. We have some excellent and talented swimmers but I also encourage all parents to consider swimming lessons for their child/children throughout the year as the benefits, confidence and skill development of participants is obvious. Thank you to all children, staff and volunteers for your help with this very important and mandated program. The junior swimming program commences in November/December.

FOUNDATION PHOTO

Today we had the Courier photographer in attendance to take a group photo of the Foundation/Prep children. This photo will be published in the very near future. We are very proud of our young students who have so positively commenced their educational journeys at Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools.

SCHOOL COUNCILS

At this stage, I would like to put a call out for parents of Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools who would like to contribute to the school community by being on school council. Please contact myself or inquire at the office. This process will be active until next Friday, the 2nd of March. Thank you in anticipation.

PRIVATE GUITAR TUITION

If you would like your child to participate in private (fee paying) guitar tuition, please check page 4 for details. Guitar is a wonderful instrument to learn and provides a great deal of pleasure and focus. For further details, please contact myself or Sean Dixon.

PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 9TH MARCH

Just another reminder that there is a pupil free day on Friday the 9th of March. Likewise, the Labour Day holiday is on Monday the 12th of March.

EUREKA COMBINED SWIMMING SPORTS, FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

Please note we have some 20 senior students who will be competing at the Eureka Combined Swimming Sports Day next Friday. We wish them all the very best as they represent Daylesford Primary School with gusto. Thank you also for all the support from parents. Both Andrew Kiellerup and Sherilee will be in attendance.

STEM

Thank you to all the parents who have supplied Lego, construction materials, microscopes and telescopes. If you have any of these items that are no longer used by you or the family and you would like to donate them to our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) program they will be gratefully accepted. Thank you to all so far!

Parent Teacher Interviews

We look forward to focusing our attention toward the parent teacher interviews which will be hosted at the school **Term 1 2018 No. 4 Friday, 23rd February, 2018**

on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the 6th & 7th of March. We look forward to communicating with all parents as to the progress and expectations of each child as we work toward developing a collective and communicated educational journey for all children at the school. If you haven't yet made an appointment please contact the office on 53482480 to be allocated a mutually convenient time.

Enjoy your weekend

Trevor Edwards Principal

<u>ATTENTION Foundation &</u> <u>New Parents!</u>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

DO YOU HAVE A VALID MEANS-TESTED CONCESSION CARD?

Then you may be eligible to apply for the CSEF (<u>CAMPS</u>, <u>SPORTS & EXCURSION</u> FUND)

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

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)
The CSEF Program closes on 30th June, 2018

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Are you eligible?

For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:

- Be aged over five by 30th April 2018.
- 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 2018 by Wednesday 28th February, 2018.

Pupil Free Day

Daylesford Outside School Hours Care is offering all day care on Friday 9th March from 8.30am until 6.15pm. To book or enrol call Kylie Moekhook on 5348 3702 by Friday 2nd March.

Absences/Must notify the school

If your child is absent from school please ring the school office **ASAP** on 53482480 on or before the day

Current Focus (Play by the Rules)



Cool At School Together - CAST

Cool At School Together (CAST) is a school program that works together with schools, teachers, students and their families to help Prep to Grade 2 children get the best start to their school life.

CAST will be in your school for term 2 and 3 and will run a targeted 8 week social & emotional program. A small group of students will be selected from prep to grade 2 students. CAST aims to build children's social, emotional, and behavioural skills in early primary school.

The team will begin by working with teachers to identify the individual strengths and difficulties of each child. Then we will begin programs to help the children develop their skills and also to teach them ways to overcome some everyday problems.

Parents will be invited to be involved too. The Tuning into Kids Parenting program will be run in term 2. These groups are a great way of developing your existing parenting skills and learning new strategies to assist your child.

If you have any questions or would like specific topics to be discussed please do not hesitate to contact your CAST team Leanne Rankin or Gabby French on 53 203030 or CAST school representative Karen McHugh via your school reception.

CANTEEN

Sausage Rolls unavailable until further notice, sorry.

Toasted sandwiches 30cents extra

PIZZA SAUCE IS NOW USED IN OUR FOCACCIAS - NO NUTS



RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS \$10

Available via the Canteen

– order through your lunch order OR directly through the Canteen.

Available only in Black with blue trim.

CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

Please contact our Canteen Manager, Bev Adkins, on 5348 1839 or 0423 357 191 if you can assist. Thank you

PARENT VOLUNTEERS Term 1 2018

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
23 rd Feb	Annette Fisher	Shelley Sandow
2 nd Mar	Petra Bueskens	June Cooper
9 th Mar	Krystal Phypers	Shelley Sandow
16 th Mar	Clare Allen	June Cooper
23 rd Mar		

CANTEEN DUTY		
Weds 28th Feb		
Thurs 1st Mar	Tiffany Willis	
Fri 2 nd Mar	Kerrie Forbes/Jo Steiner	
Wed 7 th March		
Thurs 8th March	Sally Davis	
Fri 9th March	PUPIL FREE DAY	

The role of calcium, vitamin D and phosphorus in maintaining healthy teeth

Calcium, vitamin D and phosphorus all play a vital role in the formation and maintenance of healthy teeth and gums in both children and adults.

Calcium plays a role in making the jaw bones healthy and strong to hold the teeth in place. However, calcium needs phosphorus to maximise its bone strengthening benefits. Children's teeth need adequate calcium and phosphorus to form a hard structure during growth.

Vitamin D regulates the body's balance of calcium and phosphorus and can promote absorption. Vitamin D can also help to decrease inflammation of gums which is associated with periodontal (gum) disease*.

A healthy diet is essential for healthy teeth. The table below shows just some of the foods that contain calcium, vitamin D and phosphorus.

Calcium Dairy foods such as cheese and yoghurt,

brown rice, oranges, cabbage, beans, broccoli,

salmon, peas.

Vitamin D Natural sunlight, dairy products, eggs, some

cereals, oily fish (tuna, sardines etc).

Phosphorus Cereals, wheat germ, soya beans, almonds and

other nuts, meat, poultry, fish, eggs, grapes,

citrus fruit, cucumbers, tomatoes



STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



DAYLESFORD FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB



PLAYERS WANTED FOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TEAMS - ALL AGE GROUPS

Contact Carson White for more details: 0499 811 817



Hepburn Beetles

A group for foster & kinship carers living in the Daylesford area

CAFS Kinship Care program facilitates monthly morning teas Thursdays from 10:30am - 12pm (Address provided on enquiry)

If you would like to join us-> For a coffee and a chat > To meet other local carers > To access information and support

You can contact Toni Schiltz 03 53373333

Are you caring for someone else's child?

Kinship Care is when children and young people are cared for by siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles or friends of the family, when the children's parents are unable to care for them.

Parents may be unable to care for their children due to: mental illness, difficulties managing alcohol & drug use, homelessness or domestic violence.

<u>"Hepburn Beetles" Daylesford – Thursdays 10:30am-12pm</u> (private address; provided on enquiry)

22nd February, 29th of March, 26th April, 31st May, 28th June, 26th July, 30th August, 25th October, 29th November and 13th December (Christmas function – venue TBA)



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Celebrate International Women's Day 2018

We are pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for the 2018 International Women's Day civic event is Deborah Cheetham AO.

Deborah Cheetham, Yorta Yorta woman, Soprano, composer and educator has been a leader and pioneer in the Australian arts landscape for more than 25 years.



Photographer: Kristina Kingsto

Date: Thursday 8 March 2018

Time: 6 pm

Venue: Daylesford Town Hall

76 Vincent Street, Daylesford

Come along and celebrate International Women's Day in Hepburn Shire. Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the event.





A group for people supporting children who learn differently. For help through the maze and to talk about the difficulties and possibilities.

Drop in for a cuppa and a chat!

First Friday of each month (excluding school holidays)

Woodend Neighbourhood House

47 Forest Street, Woodend

Tea and Coffee available by gold coin donation.

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