

Daylesford Primary School Newsletter

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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

Mon 5th

- Mini Breakfast in the Gym 8.15am
- **RRRR information evening** for parents/community members 5.30-6.30pm in the **LOTE Room** All welcome.

Wed 7th Canteen Opens

Thurs 8th Mini Breakfast in the Gym 8.15am

Wed 14th Last day for Book Club Orders

Mon 12th to Friday 23rd
Gr. 3-6 Swimming Program

Fri 23rd Gr. 3-6 Swimming Sports

Tues 27th School Council Meeting

MARCH

Mon 12th Labour Day Holiday

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

ALL Volunteers

When volunteering at school, working with children checks are now required in line with The Child Safe Standards.

WWC forms are available on line
<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>
Volunteer checks are free of charge.

All volunteers are to present their WWCC card to the **office** for registration before commencing volunteering.

RRRR - RESILIENCE, RIGHTS AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

is all about Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). This is linked to our current practices in our Families Program.

Our research tells us that Social and Emotional Learning helps our students to succeed in school, at work and in life.

In schools, this helps students with their decision making, awareness of self and others and self-regulation. Kids who are self-aware and confident try harder and handle failure better, developing resilience. Children with these emotional assets have academic results that are proven to be better.

SEL has a positive impact on mental and physical health. It can reduce emotional distress and increase self-esteem.

The RRRR (Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships) program is a mandated Government initiative linked to the Victorian Curriculum. It was trialled in 2017 and is being implemented in all classes in 2018.

We are very fortunate to be in a LEAD SCHOOL position. Our team members have received important and relevant training that will assist our school and other schools in the area to successfully deliver this RRRR program.

A parent/community information evening
MONDAY 5th Feb 2018,
Daylesford Primary LOTE Room
@ 5.30-6.30pm.
All welcome!

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello everyone and welcome to the commencement of our new school year. As the principal of Daylesford, Drummond & Yandoit Primary Schools, it has been a wonderful start to the year. I have met some of the parents and many of the children, who have politely introduced themselves to me. We are all very proud of your children and likewise Daylesford Primary School, Yandoit Primary School and Drummond Primary School.

As we proceed I look forward to meeting new parents and engaging in some exciting programs that have been planned throughout the year.

Code Red Fire Rating Days Closure BARR School

Daylesford, Drummond & Yandoit Primary Schools are all BARR schools (Bushfire at Risk Register). This means that on **all Code Red** Fire Danger Rating Days **all** BARR schools will be closed. No children or staff are to attend on these **Code Red** Fire Danger Days. This will be communicated via SMS system operating from the school. Please be aware of this as the safety of all is paramount on these Code Red Fire Danger rating days. Yandoit Primary School will be relocating to Daylesford Primary School on **Extreme** fire danger days. Yandoit Primary school will be closed on these designated days and again this will be communicated via SMS. Thank you for your understanding with this as we continue to be proactive and prepared for these particular difficult fire danger days. If you have any concerns please contact me at the Daylesford Primary School Office. You should all have received a SMS testing text yesterday as we make sure that all parents/guardians are able to be communicated to via our SMS program. If you change your mobile number at any point, please make sure that the office is notified. Thank you!

Student accident insurance and Ambulance Cover Arrangements

I bring to your attention the following in that parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of an ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents and guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. As the cost of ambulance can be very high it may be worth considering being an ambulance insurance holder into the future.

Working With Children Check

It is fabulous to see people volunteering their time and expertise in supporting the wonderful programs at the school. The school has many people who help and assist and it is very much appreciated. A requirement for **all volunteers** in Victorian schools is to ensure that all have a current working with children check. Whether it be for the Kitchen Garden Program, the canteen helpers, reading helpers or swimming helpers, it is a **must** to ensure that all abide by this requirement. If you would like to discuss either helping or volunteering please contact Karen McHugh or myself. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

School Council Elections

All state schools are preparing for the 2018 School Council election process. Further information will follow in subsequent newsletters.

I hope all children have had an enjoyable start to the year, especially our 2018 Foundation students and all students who are new to our school.

Trevor Edwards,
Principal

Current Focus

Good Manners – (Be respectful)

Daily life provides us with many opportunities to demonstrate our manners. In many ways, it is simply extending a courtesy to others. Some examples include the use of saying, "please, excuse me, thank you". The use of good manners lets other people know that they're appreciated, respected and valued. We can use good manners in a variety of settings: at school in the classroom /or in the playground, at home, down the street, when visiting family and friends, etc. Waiting for others to pass before we move or holding a door open for someone else are other ways of using our manners. Use your manners with community members of all ages!

Karen McHugh

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

DO YOU HAVE A VALID MEANS-TESTED CONCESSION CARD?

Then you may be eligible to apply for the CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION 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.**

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 the office for \$12

LIBRARY REMINDER...Overdue items 2017. Several overdue notices were sent home last year. Students with items still not returned from 2017 have their borrowing suspended until items are either returned or paid for.

BOOKCLUB



Book club is an important fundraiser for our school. Every time a family purchases books through Book Club the school receives books for our school library. Over the years Book Club has been operating, hundreds of books have been received and our school library would not be the wonderful resource it is for our children's learning.

Forms were distributed to students this week. The final date for return is **Wednesday, 14th February, 2018**. Please ensure the form has child's name, and correct money for items ordered enclosed, if returning to the school.

Reminder: Parents may also order online via "The Loop".

Any orders via The Loop will be delivered to school in the usual manner.

Book Clubs **LOOP** for Parents

NOW
AVAILABLE
AS AN APP!



LOOP is the **NEW** Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our **NEW** iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.



MINI BREAKFAST IN THE GYM

Monday 5th February and Thursday 8th February
In the school gym from 8.15am
(Toast, cereal & two fruits)

Late Arrival and Early Departure

Students being dropped off late to school must be signed in at the office under parent supervision. We ask that parents accompany their child to class to ensure constant supervision.

In the case of early departure from school a reminder that a blue early departure form must be collected and completed at the office. This must then be taken and given to your child's teacher before they can release the child from their care. No student will be released early without receipt of the blue slip.



Once again, Visual Art will be utilising an app for smartphones, tablets and computers called "SEESAW". SEESAW is essentially a digital portfolio used to document and share what each student is doing and learning in the art room.

SEESAW gives students the opportunity to share and talk about their art learning with their parents and families long before they bring home the "real thing" at the end of the year. Parents are encouraged to ask the students or the teacher questions and write comments below the student's images. Talking about their work assists students with deepening their understandings and learning.

The actual student's parents (or others that parents request access for) only view individual student content on SEESAW and the teacher sees all comments before they appear in the portfolio. All relevant connected parents can view some group work, as well as teacher provided descriptions of learning intentions.

Participation is encouraged but of course not compulsory or essential. It is simply a way of reaching out to parents to share and celebrate what happens in the art room.

An individualised letter (with full instructions) inviting you to download this free app and link to your student's portfolio should come home with this newsletter or soon after. If you don't receive it please email me on wassell.nicole.a@edumail.vic.gov.au, and I can sort it out from there.

First Day for Canteen is Wednesday, 7th February.

YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NEW
CANTEEN PRICE LIST WITH THIS
NEWSLETTER FOR
TERM 1 2018



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 HELPERS/VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Our school encourages the support of parents in all of the program areas. Teachers welcome your assistance and will regularly seek it.

For many of the extra services provided at our school we rely heavily on parental involvement and help, especially the **canteen**, the sick bay washing, library, kitchen garden, student banking and fundraising.

Please fill out the accompanying form and return to the office if you are able to assist in any way.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS Term 1 2018

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
9 th Feb	Fiona Torrance	Shelley Sandow
16 th Feb	Tania Green	June Cooper
23 rd Feb	Annette Fisher	Shelley Sandow

CANTEEN DUTY

Weds 7 th Feb	
Thurs 8 th Feb	
Fri 9 th Feb	Shelley Sandow
Weds 14 th Feb	
Thurs 15 th Feb	
Fri 16 th Feb	

Term 1 2018 No. 1 Friday, 2nd February, 2018

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Violin Teacher

My name is Adam and I am an experienced classically trained violin teacher who lives locally. I have played and performed many styles of music including classical, experimental, alternative and folk. I am a patient teacher who aims to instill confidence in the student and make playing music a joy. I will be offering lessons during school time. Lessons are one on one and are 30 minutes long (\$34). There is also a discounted term fee available. Any queries please contact me on 5348 7930 or adjustviolin@live.com.au



After School Milo Cricket Program

For six weeks starting on Friday 9th of February, the Melbourne Renegades will be delivering a Term 1 After School Program.

The program is for all primary aged school children, and will be held at Victoria Park.

Each Friday evening the program will run from 4:15 – 5:45pm.

The cost of the six-week program is \$50 and all participants will receive a bonus pack.

MILO Cricket is a super fun, social, safe, cricket program for boys and girls aged 6 to 12.

The program is much shorter than traditional cricket, with a maximum of 90 minutes playing time.

All the equipment is supplied and the program takes place at Victoria Park each week.

This program is being subsidised by Cricket Vic, Cricket Aus and the Victorian Government through the Sports Voucher Program.

MILO T20 Blast is a progression from in2CRICKET. T20 Blast is a transition program into junior hard ball cricket. Participants play a modified game of cricket, whilst developing basic game sense cricket skills in the warm up and skill zone whilst waiting to bat.

Over the course of the program participants will continue to develop the fundamental skills of cricket such as, throwing, bowling, catching, sliding the bat, and calling between wickets. It is anticipated by seasons end; participants will have developed a strong foundation of basic game sense cricket skills, which can be further applied in junior cricket.

Current Focus (Good Manners)