

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Gr. 3-6 Swimming Program

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> ● Mini breakfast in gym 8.30am  
● School council election nominations open

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Last day for Book Club Orders

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> ● Mini Breakfast in gym 8.30am  
● Early Years Family Picnic 5pm at Jubilee Lake

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Final day for School council election nominations

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Gr. 3-6 Swimming Sports

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting

### MARCH

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Prep Parent Information Session 5.30pm in Prep rooms

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> CURRICULUM DAY-pupil free

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Cultural Day-'Proud to Belong'

**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.

**Term 1 2018 No. 2 Friday, 9th February, 2018**

## Current Focus

### Good Manners – (Be respectful)

#### What good manners look like at home

- Being helpful to others in your home.
- Saying 'please' and 'thank you'.
- Sharing and not grabbing.
- Respecting other people's property and their rooms.
- Helping the family by doing your chores.
- Cleaning up after yourself.



#### Manners at school

- Saying good morning/afternoon if you are walking past an adult who you know.
- Asking if you can borrow something, not just taking.
- Returning things that you have borrowed.
- Waiting your turn before you speak.
- Saying 'excuse me,' rather than pushing past someone.
- Holding the door open for the person coming in, especially if they are carrying something.
- Respecting your own and other people's property, especially school property.
- Saying 'please' and 'thank you'.

#### Manners in Action

- Respect other people and property.
- Be polite to others.
- Don't use bad language in public - it is offensive to others.
- Use quiet friendly voices when travelling on the bus. Respect and listen to the driver
- Queue up quietly and don't push.
- Put your rubbish into bins, don't leave it for someone else to clean up.
- Have fun but don't be so loud that you attract the wrong kind of attention.
- Don't make fun of anyone - everyone has feelings.
- Don't run in shopping centres or where there are other people.
- Spend time talking and listening to the people you are with - don't talk on your mobile phone when you are with other people.

## 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 (Good Manners)**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Daylesford Primary School-School Council Elections**

As with every state school in Victoria we at Daylesford need to proceed with our school council election process.

At Daylesford Primary School we have a school council configuration of 15 members in total, made up of 8 parents, 5 Department of Education employees and 2 community members.

At this stage, as the tenure for school council is two years, we currently have 6 parent vacancies and 2 Department of Education vacancies. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Kathy Douglas, Jo Steiner, Karyn McColl, Toby Sime & Natalie Hardy for their contribution to school council over at least a two-year period. Likewise, I would like to thank Alex Playsted for his support of the Daylesford Primary School council in 2017. It is very important to acknowledge that if any of the retiring school councillors wish to renominate they are most welcome. Again thank you for your support.

I have attached to this newsletter information about becoming a school councillor and I encourage everyone to read it. If you are interested in finding out further information please contact me and I'll explore any considerations you may have. That being the case I would like to extend an invitation for any interested parents who would like to be involved in school council to please fill out a nomination form that is available at the office.

The nomination process extends from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, to Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. A timetable of the school council election process has been posted on the sliding window at the office.

School council is a wonderful opportunity for people to impact the direction of the school and I encourage any interested parties to have a chat with me regarding nomination and involvement. Again thank you for your support.

### **Coles Sports for Schools Program 2018**

Daylesford, Yandoit & Drummond Primary schools are all registered for the Coles Sport for Schools fundraising program. As a result of this registration we have strategically placed collection boxes at Coles Daylesford. For every \$10 spent customers receive one Sports for School voucher. We encourage you to spread the word, place the vouchers in the collection bins provided and as a result all three schools will be able to order sports equipment for the benefit of all students. The program has commenced as from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and continues until June 15<sup>th</sup>. By then we should have thousands of vouchers which will equate to many sporting goods (800 available items). Thank you for your support and please spread the word. At this stage we also have a collection box in the foyer area of Daylesford Primary School and I have ordered two more for both Yandoit and Drummond! This is a very exciting opportunity for all school to improve the availability of sporting equipment with your support.

### **Year 3-6 swimming**

Please keep in mind that the year 3-6 commence their intensive swimming program on Monday, culminating in the House Swimming Sports on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. We look forward to all students concerned being involved and learning both swimming and survival techniques. Could we have all required permission forms back by Monday morning to enable all students to participate.

Trevor Edwards  
Principal

## **ATTENTION Foundation & New Parents!**

### **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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef))  
The CSEF Program closes on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

## **CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

### **Are you eligible?**

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

- Be aged over five by 30<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**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](http://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](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and click on **HELP** in the top menu.



## 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.

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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](mailto:wassell.nicole.a@edumail.vic.gov.au), and I can sort it out from there.

## NEW TERM 1, 2018 CANTEEN PRICE LIST WAS PROVIDED WITH LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

★ **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**

Current Focus (Good Manners)



## **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<br>WASHING | BANKING        |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Tania Green         | June Cooper    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb | Annette Fisher      | Shelley Sandow |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar  | Petra Bueskens      | June Cooper    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Krystal Phipers     | Shelley Sandow |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Clare Allen         | June Cooper    |

## **CANTEEN DUTY**

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| Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb  |  |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb |  |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb   |  |
| Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb  |  |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb |  |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb   |  |

## **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](mailto:adjustviolin@live.com.au)



## **After School Milo Cricket Program**

For six weeks starting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



Leap into Dance and Drama!

Classes now starting for Term 1, 2018

for pre-school, primary, secondary kids & adults.

Creative & Contemporary Dance, Drama, Adult & Child, Youth Theatre Performance & Studio Hire.

Enrol online at: [www.insideoutdancetheatre.com.au](http://www.insideoutdancetheatre.com.au)

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