DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 3 - Thursday 15/2/2018

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- Fri 16thPlease return your Book Club by
this date.Fri 23rdGr 3-6 Swimming Sports at
Daylesford PoolMARCH
Tues 6th -
Wed 7thParent Teacher Discussion at
Drummond PSFri 9thCurriculum Day (pupil free day)
- Mon 12th Labour Day Holiday
- **Tues 20th** Cultural Day 'Proud to belong'
- Tues 20th -
Thurs 22ndSwimming at Kyneton Toyota
Aquatic Centre 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Mon 26th -
Thurs 29thSwimming at Kyneton Toyota
Aquatic Centre 1.30pm 2.30pm

Foundation students to not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.

> **2018 TERM DATES** Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm

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.

<u>All</u> volunteers are to present their WWCC card to the <u>office</u> for registration before commencing volunteering.

Absences/Must notify the school

If your child is absent from school please ring the school office <u>ASAP</u> on 5423 9152 on or before the day

Current Focus

Play by the Rules

"Playing Fairly" "Being a good Winner" "Being a good Loser"

Through playing games we learn about ourselves and others. Playing games provides opportunities where children will be expected to play fairly, play by the rules, co-operate with others, get along with others and handle both winning and losing. Having rules in games ensures a level playing field making it fair for all.

Playing together does not just mean playing happily with our friends, although that is important. 'Playing together' means sharing space both in the classroom and the playground. Demonstrating sharing in our games ensures that everyone will enjoy their playtime. We have to think about other people, the games they are playing and playing sensibly. We want everyone to enjoy themselves. Whenever you are playing remember to:

- play in sensible areas.
- check to see if others are involved in a game or an area before setting up your game
- play safe games, particularly in small areas
- walk around other people's games.

Karen McHugh

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2018

Thank you to all those parents who have nominated for the Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit 2018 School council elections. At the time of printing, we still have some vacancies in the parent categories at all schools. I encourage you to consider nominating and I am available to discuss aspects of what the role of a school councillor consists of. The closure of nominations is this coming Monday the 19th of February at 4pm.

YEARS 3 TO 6 SWIMMING PROGRAM (DAYLESFORD)

Apart from one day this week when the weather wasn't appropriate, we have participated in the Year 3 to 6 swimming program. With the long-term forecast looking promising next week we should be able to complete our program in a positive way. Next Friday, the 23rd of February, is our annual Year 3-6 swimming sports. We invite all parents and community members along to what is a fantastic fun event providing <u>all</u> Year 3-6 students an opportunity to participate. The swimming sports commence at 9.30am at the Daylesford Olympic Pool.

9TH MARCH PUPIL FREE DAY

Aligned with the Labour Day long weekend we will be having a pupil free day at all three sites on this day as the staff participate in a Professional Development Day aligned with Numeracy and STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics).

SCIENCE GEAR

I'D LIKE TO PUT A CALL OUT FOR ANY UNUSED MICROSCOPES OR TELESCOPES THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. If you would like to donate any of these two items to the school, they will be greatly accepted. Likewise, we are trying to engage the students in construction activities so Meccano, Lego or building blocks will also be gratefully accepted.

Thank you for your support and enjoy your upcoming weekend.

Trevor Edwards Principal

A message from Meg

Homework expectations

I would like to make all parents and students aware of our Homework program for this term.

All students will be given homework on Monday for completion by Friday. This will consist of:

- Reading every night. Readers can be changed at school in the mornings.
- Practising spelling words or letter sounds
- Maths revision

Students must bring their homework folder and readers in every day. It is the student's responsibility to bring these in each day so we can create good habits with our study.

Book Club due 16 February

Book Club magazines have already been sent out and must be returned by Friday, February 16.

Swimming Sports – Friday 23rd February

Our Year 3-6 school swimming sports are on next Friday at Daylesford Swimming Pool. This means that we will be in at Daylesford all day.

All students are expected to make their way to Daylesford Primary School on that day.

Foundation to year 2 students will be with Kerry Carman in at Daylesford during the day while the sports are on.

Years 3-6 students will be with Meg at the swimming pool. Those in years 3-6 who are coming as support, should get to the swimming pool before 10.00am. Years 3-6 can come in their house colours.

The sports are expected to conclude at around 2.30pm

Please make sure that all students bring their lunch, recess and drink bottle on the day as well as a hat.

Swimming

We will run our swimming program in March on the following days between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. March 20th, 21st, 22nd, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th.

This will occur at the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre.

Could you please contact me if you are able to assist with driving students to and from the Centre for the nominated days.

We will provide further information when we get closer to swimming time.

Parent Teacher Discussions – March 6 & 7 evenings Please note the date of these meetings.

Kerry Carman will be available only on Tuesday so if you would like the opportunity to meet and talk with Kerry please let me know so I can organise an appropriate time.



Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary schools have purchased a licence to a program called LINGUASCOPE.

This program is fantastic for Italian learning, allowing the students to progress at their own pace. Our school payment also means students can access and progress through the stages AT HOME. You can use it on: iPads, iPhones via the iTunes app store; or on computers by just googling LINGUASCOPE.

I am currently only introducing the program to grade 3-6 students.

The access details will be given to your child soon When your child progresses through a topic at home, they can do the 'Prova finale' (final test) and if they get 100%, they can either print out a certificate (if you have a printer) or get a note signed by a parent/carer and bring it to school. If they don't get 100%, they can go back and do some of the games/activities to do further practice and then redo the 'Prova finale'. This will then keep track of their progress.

I hope you will have fun with this together. Please feel free to see me if you have any questions.

Signora Trudi

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 DPS office for \$12

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.

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, SPORTS & EXCURSION</u> <u>FUND</u>) 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

Student & Community Activities



Miniroo U'9 Girls & Boys Miniroo U'11 Girls Miniroo U'11 Girls U'16 Girls U'16 Girls U'16 Girls Mini Kick Program U'13 Open U'13 Girls Seniors Seniors Sponsors Attending Kids Soccer Activities Saturday 24th February 2018 - 11am - 1pm

Daylesford & Hepburn United - Victoria Park Daylesford







Grandparents

of children aged 2 to 12 years

For:

Parents

Carers



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Enrollments are taken all year round



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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



