

DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 5 - Thursday 1/3/2018

CALENDAR

MARCH

- Tues 6th** Parent Teacher Interviews at Drummond PS
- Fri 9th** Curriculum Day (pupil free day)
- Mon 12th** Labour Day Holiday
- Tues 20th** Cultural Day – 'Proud to belong'
- Tues 20th - Thurs 22nd** Swimming at Kyneton Toyota Aquatic Centre 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- Mon 26th - Thurs 29th** Swimming at Kyneton Toyota Aquatic Centre 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- Thurs 29th** Last day of term ends 2.30pm
Students can be collected directly from the Aquatic Centre on the final day.

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

Absences/Must notify the school

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

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

Current Focus

Personal Best

Every day we make decisions and choices. To achieve our personal best it is important that those decisions and choices we make are our "best".

The following attributes will help us to achieve our personal best:

- Think positively
- Work hard
- Challenging ourselves
- Setting goals
- Planning to achieve our goals

We all have a responsibility to be the best that we can be in our personal relationships, academic, sporting, musical and artistic endeavours.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As required we, as a school, undertake Emergency Management evacuation drills and lockdowns. These are practiced consistently as obviously we need to ensure our processes are appropriate. Of course, we hope that circumstances do not arise when the evacuation is not a drill but is required.

On Wednesday, we had a sewerage leak near the art room that certainly smelled similar to gas. As a precautionary measure, we evacuated the school students, staff and volunteers down to the oval while the circumstance was

checked. All students were safe, the issue identified and we continued with lessons after about an hour. I would like to thank the children, staff and volunteers, it proved our Emergency Management drills are appropriate and timely and we have the correct strategies to ensure that safe practices of either evacuation or lockdown are undertaken. Thank you for your consideration and we will continue to provide a safe and supported school environment for all children, staff and parents. If you would like to discuss this with me, please contact me at the office.

YEAR 3 TO 6 SWIMMING HOUSE SPORTS

Congratulations to all who competed at the swimming sports last Friday. Although chilly initially it turned out to be a warm day with all children competing, celebrating and cheering with gusto! Well done to our swimming champions; Taj Vandenberg and Charlotte Streat. Congratulations to all who competed in the parent, student, teacher race. The day was extremely well organised by both Andrew K. and Sherilee! Thank you also to Kara Cooper and Maree Phypers for their support during swimming lessons over the previous two weeks. We now wish our 24 students competing at the Eureka Combined Swimming Championships at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre today all the best!

BIG STEPS FOR TINY FEET FEATURE

On Wednesday, the Ballarat Courier had a special feature with pictures of all children in Foundation throughout Ballarat, Daylesford and Hepburn. It was a wonderful photo and celebration of children beginning their primary schooling.

PUPIL FREE DAY/LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Please note there is a Pupil Free Day on Friday the 9th March coinciding with Labour Day Holiday on the 12th of March. The newsletter will be sent home with the children next Thursday.

Enjoy your weekend,
Trevor Edwards
Principal

Sustainability

You will see very soon our new bin which will break up our rubbish in to recycling and rubbish. Charlie and Violet at Daylesford PS created the following presentation



YELLOW BINS

YELLOW LIDDED BINS ARE RECYCLING BINS. THINGS THAT GO IN THE RECYCLING BIN GO TO THE RECYCLING CENTRE TO BE REUSED SO THAT THEY WON'T GO TO LANDFILL.

SOME THINGS THAT YOU CAN PUT IN THE YELLOW LIDDED BINS ARE:

- PAPER AND CARDBOARD
- HARD PLASTICS (SUCH AS MILK BOTTLES, PLASTIC CONTAINERS ETC)
- GLASS, STEEL AND ALUMINIUM CANS.



RED BINS

RED BINS ARE FOR THINGS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE RECYCLING BIN:

- SOFT PLASTIC (SUCH AS GLAD WRAP AND STICKY TAPE)
- CHIP PACKETS AND WRAPPERS



HOW YOU CAN HELP

YOU CAN HELP BE SUSTAINABLE BY:

- NOT LITTERING
- PUTTING RUBBISH IN THE RIGHT BIN
- PICKING UP RUBBISH WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE YARD
- REUSING AND RECYCLING



A message from Meg

Swimming Sports – Friday 23rd February

Congratulations to both Alyssa and Saxon for competing at the swimming sports.

Even though the sky was grey, it was the perfect day for the sports. Following my message, you can read about the day in the sports report.

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.

Please send back the attached blue note advising along with the swimming assessment form.

The cost for the seven sessions is \$63.70 in total.

Students that are still required to use car seats will need to be driven there and back for each session.

Please note that the last day of swimming aligns with the last day of school for this term. On that note students can be picked up directly from the Aquatic Centre.

Parent Teacher Interviews – March 6 evening

Please put your name against an available time on the schedule that is on our notice board. Interview times run from 3:45pm and conclude at 5:00pm on Tuesday. Each interview will be for 15 minutes and will involve both Kerry and myself.

Parent/Teacher interviews are a time where parents can talk to teachers about their child. The discussion may include:

- Home life
- Routines
- Homework
- Any other important information about their child that could make their school experience a more enjoyable one.

LOTE (Language other than English)

On Monday, we welcomed Signora Trudi to the classroom to teach us Italian which was a lot of fun.

Signora Trudi will be at school every second week. On every alternate week, we will be utilising the Linguascope website (as outlined below).

We have attached a yellow note relating to Linguascope and ask that you please return the acknowledgement part of the form as soon as possible.



Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

The access details have been given to your child.

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

Comings and Goings

A reminder that students are expected to be at school before 9.00am each morning. While parents are welcome in the class room at this time, if parents can say their goodbyes and leave promptly, this would make a smoother transition for the day.

At the end of the day, if you would like to talk to either Kerry or myself about your child, please arrange a time with for a meeting, so that we make sure we understand and work on any concerns you have.

At the end of the day, we would like to see students manage the packing of their own bags and getting ready for home. Again we are trying to get into good school and study habits and organisation is often key to this. Parents are more than welcome to wait in the classroom, from a distance, to let students have ownership of their bag and its contents

2018 'House Swimming Sports' Report

Last Friday we held our annual 'House Swimming Sports' on a day, which can only be described as four seasons in one. With students gradually arriving at the pool, there was a carnival like atmosphere to the event. The four house colours of red, blue, green and gold were very evident. T-shirts, banners, face paint, coloured hair and chanting the house songs, was the order of the day. Therefore, I must thanks all the students for their enthusiasm towards the day. Well done to you all.

As for the swimming, it was great to see all the students giving their best and showing great sportsmanship towards each other. There were many smiling faces as students either completed their event or discovered they had finished in the top three places. I have to admit judging the backstroke and breaststroke led to many close finishes and tough decisions to call. Noodle, kickboard and 'Any Way You Can' races also produced very close finishes. We concluded the students' events with our 50m and 25m freestyle relay races.

For the second time we held our 'Teacher-Captains- Parent 'relay race. There were eight teams with the 5/6 teachers taking out the race. Well done to all the parents, teachers and students who competed. I also have to make a special mention to 'Santa' who raced (Fully suited- I think) in a parent's team. Great job Santa!

Now for the results.

Congratulations to Tipperary for winning this year's event. In addition, huge congratulations must go to Taj Vandenberg and Charlotte Streat for being this year's champion swimmers



Many thanks must go to the following. Students who gave their all and participated with enthusiasm. To the teachers for their support throughout the day. Sherilee for the amazing job she does organising this event. Kara Cooper (our Auswim instructor) for her assistance on the day and finally to the parents who came and supported the students and to all those who helped with the running of the day. Thank you all.

Finally, we all want to wish the best of luck to the twenty-four students who are competing in this weeks 'Divisional Swimming Event' on Friday. Good luck to you all!

Thanks again,

Andrew Kiellerup.

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.



Student & Community Activities

Music for grown-ups!

You're never too old to add more music to your life, for fun, for personal growth, for creative expression, for you. Private and group lessons available in piano, singing, singing/ukulele or alto/tenor recorder. For more info, contact: suzannehobson1@gmail.com

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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)

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47 Forest Street, Woodend

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Kid's Bushdance

Saturday 10th
5 - 7pm
Daylesford Town Hall

Kids under 14yrs must
be with an adult.

Adults +
 Kids under 3 yrs FREE
 Alcohol free event.

kids
\$15

chilloutfestival.com.au

FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB



PLAYERS WANTED FOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TEAMS - ALL AGE GROUPS

Contact Carson White for more details:
0499 811 817

Chillout events @ Daylesford Library Saturday March 10th



10.30 am Annual Rainbow Storytime

Join us once again for some fabulous fun and frivolity for children of all ages! Parents can come too if they promise to behave!



We are at:
Cnr Albert and
Bridport Sts
Daylesford

12 noon Kate Downey Author Talk

Author of the acclaimed
"Lucy Star" books.



For more information
or to book please call
5348 2800 or email
library@hepburn.vic.gov.au



2.00 pm Out and Proud Speakers Corner

Share your story at our traditional
speakers corner.

Includes a screening of the
short film "Derby Diversity: A
Westside Pride Story"



International Women's Day

International Women's Day Heather Mutimer Women's Honour Roll Function

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 Kingston

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.



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