

## Daylesford, Drummond & Yandoit Primary Schools

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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*



*We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.  
We are proud to acknowledge Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of this Country.*

## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Library Closed-return all books
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> \*State wide Yr 7 Orientation Day  
\*Step up Day-transition to 2020 classes  
\*Daylesford Family Services Christmas Gift giving Presentation at Assembly
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> \*Parent Volunteers Morning Tea  
\*Yandoit PS Concert
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Gr5/6 Presentation Evening-7pm sharp
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Gr6 Celebration Dinner (5pm-8.30pm)
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> \*House Captains & Cultural awardees to be announced at Assembly  
\*5/6 Volleyball comp at ARC
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dress up Day Fundraiser

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Finish Term 4 at 3.20pm**

**\*\*NO CANTEEN OR BANKING  
LAST WEEK OF TERM 4\*\***

**ASSEMBLY 9.00am every Tuesday in the Gym**

**MINI BREAKFAST held in the Gym  
every Thursday at 8.30am**

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

### 2020 TERM DATES

- Term 1: 28<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> March  
(Students start at school Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan)
- Term 2: 14<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Term 3: 13<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4: 5<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> December

## SCHOOL TOURS

for prospective parents

**ARE HELD EVERY FRIDAY 10-11AM**

**PHONE 5348 2480 TO BOOK**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL  
PLEASE NOTIFY US ASAP  
VIA SKOOLBAG  
OR RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE (53482480) ON  
OR BEFORE THE DAY.**

## WE ARE A RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP SCHOOL

**KIDS HELPLINE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: 1800 551 800**

**HEADSPACE FOR TEENS: 1800 650 890**

Sometimes talking about what has been happening in your life can bring up concerns, where you may need to seek extra support

## CURRENT FOCUS Celebrate Community Being a Good Citizen

Celebrating Community means taking the time to reflect on all of our achievements: it is important to do this regularly to ensure that we acknowledge everyone in our community. As students you can reflect on what you've achieved: individually, in a small group, as part of a class, as part of a sporting group /or community group.

Being part of a community means that we can reflect on the different aspects of daily life: how we may have contributed to the school and wider community in the achievement of goals. Just as you share achievements with family and friends it is important to share achievements within your school community and the wider community too. Be sure to celebrate personal achievements in a positive and respectful manner.

Reflect on the importance of your values and incorporate these into daily life at home, at school and in the wider community. Our values help us attain benefits both personally and for the wider community!

Throughout this year our fortnightly focus has continued to further develop the personal qualities / skills and values of each and every child. It is hoped that these will become an integral part of our students' daily lives.

Karen McHugh

## HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!

**Stage hands for 5/6 Presentation Evening**

**We really need help on the 12th of December!** If you can assist by being a stage hand (moving instruments etc on and off stage in an orderly pre-planned manner), that would be wonderful. We would need you to be available all morning and in the evening too.

No musical/technical skills (nor particularly impressive upper body strength) necessary 😊.

If you can help please leave a message at the office with name, phone number and best contact time, and I will give you a buzz.

Many thanks in advance!  
Suzanne

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### The Final Countdown

With just two weeks ahead of us it is probably timely to remind our community of various actions that are still in front of us. Please bear in mind that this is my first end of year at our schools so there will be things that I will need to be reminded of (without doubt).

### Step Up day

The first of these will be Step up day which is December 10th. This is the day that students will go to their classes for 2020. It is always a very exciting time for students and we hope that they look forward to the upcoming year with a sense of calm excitement. Our teaching teams have taken into account the feedback received from parents to put these classes together. We will be having 12 classes next year (instead of the current 10) so this might mean that some rooms will not be completely set up on December 10th. They will however be cherry-ripe for the first day of school next year.

Our Drummond and Yandoit students will be at school as usual on December 10th and I will drop in to share with them some of the great things that will be happening in 2020.

On December 10th the Grade 6 students will be attending their Secondary Colleges.

### Staffing news

As mentioned in the previous paragraph we have some new staff joining us in 2020 as a result of our increased number of classes. So I will give a rundown of the changes.

**Welcome to** James Laidlaw and Judy Trembath who will be joining the team in 2020. James and Judy were selected by our staff panel and impressed us immensely with their knowledge. They also had a great capacity to link theory to what they were doing in their own classroom roles. We look forward to them continuing their careers as part of our team.

**Welcome back to** Lily Fry McBean who will be returning to DDrYPS for the start of the new year. We are delighted to have Lily back on board and look forward to her energy and enthusiasm.

We wish **all the best to** Jenni Thompson and Jendy Fry who will be taking a year's leave next year. On behalf of our communities we wish them a happy and prosperous 2020.

Next newsletter will contain a full run down of the teaching team and their roles for 2020.

We have a very significant announcement about staffing that we will share next week.

### Bushfire Preparedness Program

A number of parents and students have asked about the reasoning behind our recent tree removal program. The work that has been carried out in stages over November is part of the Bushfire Preparedness program that is run in all schools in high fire danger areas. It has taken place across all three of our schools. It was funded by DET as part of its Maintenance Blitz.

One of the DET requirements is that we clear spaces around buildings to improve their fire safety. The pine trees growing close to the gym are very combustible in a fire event. We have cleared away the section closest to the gym and music room building.

There is also a large amount of scrub under the P-2 building that will be cleared away and elm suckers that have grown very close to the kitchen garden sheds that have been taken out to provide a buffer and maintain the building safety.

The action that has raised the most commentary has been the removal of the large shade tree near the art room. One of the larger limbs was growing very close to the art room and the trunk and roots had the capacity to impact on building infrastructure. It would be our intention to replant this space in the very near future with plants and shrubs that will create a great recreational space for the students at our school.

### Policy News

The DDrYPS Mobile Phone Policy will be on our website before the end of the year. As mentioned previously, it is a DET requirement that we have this policy in place for the start of the school year. The game plan will be however that School Council will seek feedback and review it around May.

Brett Millott  
Principal



We are looking forward to having our 2020 Year 7 students with us on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.!

**Reminder:** Students are to bring their own lunch, drink bottle and pencil case. The canteen will be selling some snacks and drinks during recess and lunch. They can wear casual dress, but it needs to be appropriate for both PE and Technology classes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give the school a call on 53482367.

**LIBRARY – All books are due back.  
The Library will be closed to all classes  
from Monday the 9th December.**

Thanks Gill

## GENIUS HOUR

Students in Year 5 & 6 are investigating something they are passionate about as part of our Genius Hour Program. These long-term projects are student driven. Students are researching, creating and then presenting their new knowledge.

**For my Genius Hour, I made a sport. It is called BodyBall.** This game is a cross between Rugby, AFL and Soccer. I have been umpiring the sport with my friend, Albert. We have four teams in our competition. There is going to be finals as well as a season. Albert and I have umpired six games so far and they have gone pretty well.

We have made a ladder for all of the teams, we are currently making a best and fairest. We are voting ourselves since we are the referees. There is also yellow and red cards in our sport (I've had to give out many). All in all it has been a great experience to go about making my Genius Hour.

Frey



### Jack & Matt Genius Hour with the AFL boats on Daylesford Lake.

This is what we learnt, the Essendon boat will sink with the heavy back and it's not watertight on the side and bottom. Richmond would float because it's a light boat and it's smaller than the Essendon. The wind was really unpredictable at the Daylesford Lake. We had to go to about five different places because the wind was changing directions, we found the perfect place for putting the boats in.

### For my genius hour, I have been designing a website called Simply Airbus.

I love commercial aviation and I think this is a great way to express my love on this topic.

This website I am designing catalogues all the commercial (passenger) aircraft the European manufacturer, Airbus, has made since their founding in 1970 to the present day.

Any feedback or constructive criticism is welcome and I hope you enjoy looking at the website and find it informative.

To check out Simply Airbus go to the URL:  
<https://dpsfivesixs.wixsite.com/simplyairbus>  
 Matthew 5/6S



### Hi my name is Sophie. I love reading! So decided to write a book for my genius hour.

I didn't really plan it out or anything, because I kind of already had an idea. I really enjoy writing it's a lot of fun because I can choose what to write about. My story is about a wolf called Ivy and on the day of her brother's first hunt she is separated from her mother and brother. And now she looking for them. So far I have written 6800 words! I have really enjoyed doing it so far and would suggest others to have a go.

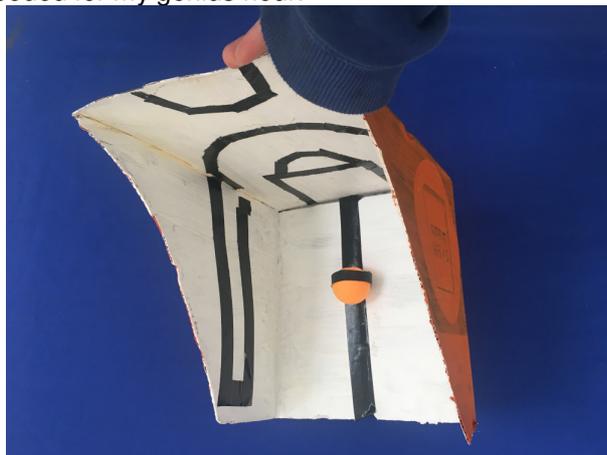
### My name is Leo, and my genius hour is about trivia.

I am doing a PowerPoint with hyperlinks, so when it's all put together, it will be an in-depth quiz with various topics, mainly about famous books and movies. There will be five questions for each topic, each varying in difficulty. So far I've set up the template, and done one of the quizzes.

One of the hardest things in my genius hour was probably sticking to the idea. I knew that if I finished this it would pay off, but I got a bit bored doing the same thing over and over again. But I got past that and I've kept on going.

### Hi my name is Angus. For my genius hour I'm doing is a mini basketball court

it's a fun little game where you can shoot the ping pong ball into the hoop with your hands from any distance you want. The most challenging part was getting all the stuff that I needed for my genius hour.



## FUNDRAISING



**Your Chance to WIN A CAR!!!!** Daylesford Primary has joined this great community initiative to raise much needed funds for our Kitchen/Garden Program. **JUST \$2 a TICKET!!**

<p><b>*Drawn 12.30pm Sunday 9 February 2020</b>                  The Ballarat Market, Ballarat Showgrounds,                  Cnr Howitt Street and Creswick Road, Ballarat</p>	<p><b>1st Prize - Mazda CX - 5 Maxx H Auto</b>                  value \$36,880 inc. ORC</p>
<p><b>2nd Prize - Mazda 2 P 6Auto Hatch NEO</b>                  value \$21,188 inc. ORC</p>	

As part of our fundraising efforts, we are taking part in the above raffle. We are asking for volunteers to help sell tickets.

Thank you to those who have already helped. Accompanying this newsletter is a roster for your completion and return.

Any assistance will be appreciated.



# KITCHEN GARDEN



Thank you to the Carrick family for the donation of eggs.



3/4K in the kitchen this week!

## STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### DAIRY FLAT FARM OPEN DAY

is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**10am – 2.30pm**

At 238 Dairy Flat Road, Musk

**Tickets \$6 (\$12 families)**

With all proceeds to the Daylesford Primary School Kitchen Garden Project.

[dairyflatfarmdaylesford.com.au](http://dairyflatfarmdaylesford.com.au)

### DAYLESFORD FARMERS MARKET

Growers: Makers: Producers. Eat make bake grow & shop local - Beautiful range of local producers of plants fruit cheese organic fruit & Vegies eggs plants herbs oils cheeses breads pastries coffee honey wine beer sweet treats nuts delicious food & drink and music Proudly partnered with Rotary - a family & community event. Dogs most welcome.

**First Saturday of every month – rain hail or shine  
9am to 1pm. @ Daylesford Primary School.**

**Find us & like us on Facebook**

### Canteen 2019 Thursday & Friday Only

**A new canteen list was sent home with the last newsletter of Term 3!**

(Available from school office if you did not receive)

**\*Herbal teas (Chamomile, Chai & Rooibos) \$2.20 ea.**

\*To be ordered with lunch orders



**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

### TERM 4 PARENT VOLUNTEERS

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Melanie Fraser	Jo Steiner
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christine Gilligan	Shelley Sandow

### CANTEEN DUTY

Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Justine Russell
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Shelley Sandow
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>



Daylesford Primary School Accreditation



**Patrons please note:**  
All of Hepburn Shires Libraries and Hubs will be closing at 1pm on Friday 13th December

Apologies for any inconvenience  
After hours return chutes are available at all our Libraries  
Items can be renewed at  
[www.centralhighlandslibraries.org.au](http://www.centralhighlandslibraries.org.au)



**Christmas Closing**  
Daylesford Library will be closing  
3pm Tuesday 24th December  
and re-opening  
9.30am Thursday 2nd January

After hours return chutes are available at all our Libraries and will be cleared periodically  
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