

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

FEBRUARY

- Fri 12th Gr3-6 swimming - Aquatic Centre Ballarat
Mon 15th Gr3-6 House Swimming Sports
Tues 16th Early Years Picnic-5pm at Jubilee Lake
Thurs 18th Prep Parent Information Session
4.30pm in Foundation classroom
Fri 19th *Gr3-6 swimming - Aquatic Centre Ballarat
*Final day for Book Club Orders
Mon 22nd Family Groups commence
Tues 23rd Parent-Teacher Interviews 4pm-6pm
Wed 24th Parent-Teacher Interviews 4pm-6pm
Fri 26th *Gr3-6 swimming - Aquatic Centre Ballarat
*Eureka combined Swimming

MARCH

- Thurs 4th Emergency Lockdown Drill
Fri 5th Gr3-6 swimming - Aquatic Centre Ballarat
Mon 8th Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 10th Foundation students begin full time
Fri 12th Gr3-6 swimming - Aquatic Centre Ballarat
Fri 19th Gr3-6 swimming - Aquatic Centre Ballarat
Mon 22nd Fun Run
Tues 23rd School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 26th Gr3-6 swimming - Aquatic Centre Ballarat
Wed 31st Emergency Evacuation Drill

APRIL

- Thurs 1st House X Country
End of Term 1, Dismissal at 2.30pm

TERM 2

- April 21st to April 23rd Gr3/4 Camp**
May 3rd – May 5th Gr5/6 Camp

Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm

Students' School Banking Day: Fridays

2021 TERM DATES

- Term 1: Thurs 1st April Term 1 Ends
Term 2: 19th April to 25th June
Term 3: 12th July to 17th September
Term 4: 4th October to 17th December

2021 Pupil free days:

Friday 11th June & Mon Aug 9th

School hours/bell times:

- School commences: 9.00am
Morning recess: 11.00am – 11.30am
Lunch: 1.30pm – 2.20pm
School Dismissal: 3.20pm

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

Good Manners – (Be respectful)



BUS CAPTAINS 2021



Back Row L-R Curtis, Levi, Zac

Front Row L-R Ella, Ethan, Martha, Ginger, Nina

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The first full week of term and we are at the stage where all our usual programs are kicking into gear. Swimming, Buddies, Choir, Sport are underway with some lunchtime activities set to kick in this week. Fantastic feedback from the Ballarat Aquatic Pool who thought our 3-6 students were one of the best groups that they had welcomed to the facility.

A special School council update will be sent home tomorrow with your child in yellow hardcopy.

A quick note about School Council elections.

Nomination forms will be available from the office from February 11th, they must be returned by February 18th. There is a notice of election on the office window that outlines all the vacant positions and their period of tenure

Below is information about how School Council operates, its structure and purpose.

Appendix A

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- **A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must abide by the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** - be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** - work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** - consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- **use information appropriately** - respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** - accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- **use the position appropriately** - not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** - observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** - know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** - set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to participate in and vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual timeline has been varied by the Minister for Education.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the parent member category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal for further information.

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents/carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely that the Department is liable for negligent acts or omissions of its staff or volunteers. More information about the claims process is available below.

Where there is no whole-of-school policy in place, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to look into their preferred options in this regard. The Department cannot provide advice to parents/carers on the purchase of individual student accident policy or ambulance cover.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged

from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT – Primary Schools Information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy

including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

Remember

- If parents wish to arrange a meeting time with a classroom or specialist teacher this can be easily done through the School office 53482460
- If there are any Student Welfare issues or concerns do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or Karen McHugh our Assistant Principal
- If you would like to raise an idea or suggestion for School Council then an email to our School address with Attention School Council President in the subject line and it will get there.
- If you are unsure who to contact just drop me a line through the school office.

Brett Millott,
Principal

CAMPS

5/6 Camp 2021 - Camp Norval, Halls Gap. Monday, May 3rd - Wednesday, May 5th.

We are returning to the wonderful Grampians region in Term 2 2021. Students will be able to experience activities such as the high-ropes course, bush cooking, abseiling and taking in the view from Chatauqua Peak.

Alex Parsons G5/6 Team Leader

3/4 Camp 2021 – Cave Hill Creek Camp Wednesday April 21st – Friday April 23rd

The 3/4s will be returning to the exciting Cave Hill Creek Camp, Beaufort, at the beginning of Term 2 2021. Students will be able to experience activities such as crate stacking, bushwalking, Birds of Prey, low ropes, archery and bush cooking.

Emma Wells Gr3/4 Team Leader

More info and pricing will be communicated to families soon. Please start having conversations with your children about camp. We encourage all children to attend this valuable learning experience. Camps are held every two years.

Term 1 2021 No. 1 Thursday 11th February

Dear School Community

The School Council would like to welcome you to the 2021 school year. For families new to the school, welcome, it's great to have you on board! For those returning, welcome back and we hope you enjoyed the summer break.

Diversity and Inclusion School Council Sub-committee

At the December 2020 School Council meeting, it was agreed that a Diversity and Inclusion sub-committee would be established in 2021. This is a wonderful step for our school to build on and add to the ways we can support the school to be a place that welcomes a wide range of people and respects and values their personal identities, including socioeconomics, ethnicity, religion, nationality, culture, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and family composition. If you are interested in being part of the sub-committee or would like to find out more please contact Renee Smith on 0481 108 357.

Raising the Rainbow Flag

As you walk onto the school grounds through the front gates you will see the rainbow flag proudly flying next to the Australian Aboriginal flag and the national flag. As mentioned in newsletters and updates last year, the flag was funded by Raising Rainbows, an initiative of the Chill Out Festival to empower young LGBTIQ youth in regional Victoria to be proud of who they are and feel safe in their community. Due to COVID restrictions last December a limited gathering was held to watch the flag be raised. This term we would like to welcome all of the school community to celebrate the raising of the flag. Look out for further details in next week's newsletter.

Thank you
Renee Smith
School Council committee member



**Chill Out Festival Parade Entry 2021
Meet at DPS school flagpoles
directly after school on Monday 15th
February 2021**

Last year was DPS inaugural entry in the chill Out parade and with over 50 students and families celebrating it was a fantastic success. Due to COVID restrictions this year, the annual Chill Out Parade cannot go ahead, however the festival is putting together a virtual parade and are looking for filmed entries (30-60 seconds long). If you would like to be a part of this year's DPS entry meet at the flag poles **after school on Monday 15 February** and we will film our entry. For further information please contact Renee Smith on 0481108357

Current Focus 'Good Manners'



RRRR - RESILIENCE, RIGHTS AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

is all about **SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING** and is taught in every class at Daylesford Primary School. Below is a brief outline of the topics and content that is taught.

TOPIC 1: Emotional Literacy

Students develop the ability to be aware of, understand, and use information about the emotional states of themselves and others with competence.

TOPIC 2: Personal Strengths

Students develop a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand various strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. They identify strengths they admire in others and those they need to draw on to engage with the challenges and opportunities that life presents.

Topic 3: Positive coping

Students develop language around coping, critically reflect on their coping strategies and extend their repertoire of positive coping strategies.

TOPIC 4: Problem-solving

Students learn a range of problem-solving techniques that can be applied when confronting personal, social, and ethical dilemmas. They engage in applied learning tasks in which they apply their problem-solving skills to realistic scenarios.

TOPIC 5: Stress management

Students consider the causes of stress and develop a range of coping strategies to manage stressful situations.

TOPIC 6: Help-seeking

Students develop skills for peer support, peer referral and help-seeking.

TOPIC 7: Gender and Identity

Students engage in age-appropriate learning activities which help them to learn about gender equity and human rights

TOPIC 8: Positive Gender Relations

Students engage in age-appropriate learning activities which help them to:

- Build positive gender relationships
- Respect difference and diversity

Snippets from around the school



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The students in 5/6S are SO happy to be back in our wonderful school library. Check out the books Lucy, Amelie, Felix, Ella & Matilda recommended to their classmates.



Demonstrating our place value knowledge in 56S



Gracie using counters to represent a melody in Performing Arts

BUDDIES







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. Catalogues will be distributed to students at the beginning of each term.

Forms were distributed earlier this week to students. Alternatively, you can view the catalogue via the link below:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5791/bc121.pdf>

The final date for return is **Friday 19th February 2021.**

Items can be ordered online via “the Loop” or through the school office. Please ensure form has child’s name, and correct money for items ordered enclosed, if returning to the school.



Birthday wishes to the following students & staff who have their birthdays in February.

Students

Alex	34K	Miles	OFK
Bei Bel	OFK	Ryder	34W
Katelyn	56T	Maya	34W
Liam	56T	Kennedy	12A
Jocelyn	56S	Wen	12M
TomV	34E	Liana	34E
Tom F	34E	Ludo	56P
Tom	34W	Chaz	56R
Chevy	34K	Isobel	56S
Mi'Laya	YPS	Alexander	YPS

Staff

Bev ES

LIBRARY A reminder that any student that still has outstanding items not returned from last year will not be able to borrow in 2020 until item/s are returned or paid for. Library sessions have not started yet, however there is still a lot of overdue items out. Please have a look at home and for any overdue books and return to the office, so your child may borrow in 2021. Thank you Sherilee

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Remember it is important to get House points for your Team by putting in your best effort and best attitude. It means you care about your team working together to achieve success. The house points for last week are:

Corinella	27
Wyuna	26
Sutton	22
Tipperary	21

The Healthy Lunch Kitchen starts next week!

The Healthy Lunch Kitchen starts next week, on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th February.

Order lunches via the Healthy Lunch Kitchen website www.healthylunchkitchen.com.au

Ordering opens on Monday each week and you can order up until 10pm the night prior to the lunch day. To cancel or modify and order please do so by 9am on the actual lunch day. Contact the Healthy Lunch Kitchen team (details below) for cancellations and modifications.

There will be updated info posted regularly on the DPS facebook page and the Healthy Lunch Kitchen facebook page.

For more info, and if you have any questions, contact the Healthy Lunch Kitchen team at

kitchen@healthfutures.org.au or phone Melissa on 0408 523 716

Please keep an eye out for an important survey to complete prior to the Healthy Lunch Kitchen starting.

This survey is very important for our feedback and baseline assessment of this project. Thank you in advance for your support!

Hats are to be worn at all times in the playground during Terms 1 & 4 and on high UV days
Hats can be purchased from the office for \$12



Please ensure sunscreen is applied each morning before school!

SCHOOL TOURS

for prospective parents
WILL BE HELD EVERY THURSDAY
10-11AM
COMMENCING TERM 2
PHONE 5348 2480 TO BOOK

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The Skoolbag App is an important tool in communication from our school!

Please download if you haven't already done so!



IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL PLEASE NOTIFY US ASAP VIA SKOOLBAG

OR RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE (53482480) ON OR BEFORE THE DAY.

Skoolbag instructions for notifying Absence:

Open Skoolbag App

Tap on DPS Logo

Tap on 'E Form' tab

Tap on 'Absentee form', complete & Submit!

For your Information - Excursion permission

Verbal permission cannot be received to attend excursions. Permission to attend excursions must be received by returning a signed form, a handwritten permission note or electronic permission as per DEET policy.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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 (27th Jan 2021) or term two (19th April 2021). 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 25th June, 2021

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Are you eligible?

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

- Be aged over five by 30th April 2021.
- Live more than 4.8km by the **shortest practicable** route from the nearest bus stop, and be enrolled at the nearest government school

Current Focus 'Good Manners'

Late Arrival and Early Departure

Students being dropped off late to school must be signed in at the office under parent 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. We will then organise for your child to come to the office.



Daylesford Primary School Accreditation

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Daylesford Library
is back to regular opening hours!

9.30-5.30 Monday to Friday
10.00 to 1.00 Saturdays

Drop in and say Hi!

Building number caps, social distancing and mask rules apply.



Drama and Dance are back!

We are so excited to be back in the studio at Inside Out Dance Theatre.

Enrol now for Term 1:

- Creative Dance from Kinder to Teens
- Contemporary Dance Gr 3 – Yr 12
- Drama Prep – Yr 12
- Ballet Prep – Yr7

For full schedule and online enrolment

go to: insideoutdancetheatre.com.au

Enquiries: admin@insideoutdancetheatre.com.au

0428 330 640

Violin lessons at Daylesford Primary
Start the year with some music!

Adam Menegazzo is a talented and passionate player with more than 12 years of teaching experience.

His aim is to nurture confidence in his students and to make learning and playing music a joy.

contact
m. 0409133437
adjustviolin@live.com.au

DAYLESFORD JUNIOR TENNIS

Daylesford Junior Tennis is back on Saturdays.

Competition for more experienced juniors begins at 9.15am.

Hot Shot beginners start at 9.45am.

Look forward to seeing existing and new players, weather permitting. Any changes due to weather will be posted

Daylesford Lawn Tennis Club's facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/DaylesfordLawnTennisClub>

NB. The planned presentation and BBQ has been deferred until end of season presentation day on 27th March.



MUSIC LESSONS 2021 ENROLMENTS

PIANO | DRUMS
GUITAR | BASS | UKULELE
SINGING | WOODWIND | BRASS
STRINGS | BANJO | MANDOLIN
MARIMBA | HARMONICA



Contact us today to enrol for lessons

www.dtmaustralia.com.au

office.dtmaustralia@gmail.com

0407 502 438



COME & TRY SCOUTS!

1ST CRESWICK SCOUT GROUP are recruiting 5 - 14 year old boys & girls to become Joeys, Cubs & Scouts.

Do you want to get your kids off the computer and back outside. Why not look at Scouting. Your children can **try anytime** throughout the year for 3 sessions without you paying any money, so if they don't like it, then you don't pay.

Your children learn leadership skills, resilience, confidence, by youth leading youth and adults supporting while having fun. Scouting worldwide is run by parents just like us.

THINGS WE LIKE TO DO:

GAMES, CRAFTS, COOKING, FISHING
COMMUNITY SERVICE
CAMP FIRE FUN, CAVING, KNOTS, SWIMMING
CAMPS, MOVIE NIGHTS, BUSHCRAFT
COMPASS WORK, CANOEING, BUSHCARE
FIRST AID, BIKE RIDING, ABSEILING
RAFTING, CONSTRUCTING

Contact Simon - gl.1stcreswick@scoutsvictoria.com.au

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/location/1st-creswick/>

Joeys 5-7 yo Thurs 4.30 to 5:30pm Cubs 8-10 yo Thurs 6 to 7.30pm

Scouts 11-14yo Mon 6-8pm

****We are also seeking volunteers for leadership and administration****