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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

TERM 1

FEB

- Tues 6th D&YPS school council meeting 6.00pm
- Thurs 15th DC Swimming sports carnival
Buses depart town pool
- Fri 16th Gr 3-6 house swimming carnival
Town pool
- Tues 20th Early years picnic - Juiblee lake

MARCH

- Fri 1st Eureka divisional swimming carnival
- Mon 4th Yr 3-6 cross country - venue TBC
- Tues 5th & Wed 6th Parent / Teacher interviews
4pm-6pm
- Thurs 7th-11th Chillout Festival
- Wed 13th- Mon 25th NAPLAN
- Mon 11th Labour Day Holiday**
- Tuesdays-Assembly in the Gym 2.30 pm**
- Wednesday-Breakfast Program in SEA 8.30am**

Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm

2024 TERM DATES

- Term 1 29th January to 28th March
- Term 2 15th April to 28th June
- Term 3 15th July to 20th September
- Term 4 7th October to 20th December

2024 Pupil free days:

School hours/bell times:

- School commences: 9.00am
- Morning recess: 11.00am – 11.30am

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.

**Foundation Students do
not attend school on
Wednesdays during Term 1**

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 (29th Jan 2023) or term two (15th April 2023). 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 28th June, 2024

Late Arrival and Early Departure

Students being dropped off late to school must be signed in at the Compass kiosk at the office under parent supervision and a yellow "LATE PASS" is to be taken to hand to the teacher.

In the case of early departure from school a reminder for parent to sign out at the Compass Kiosk at the office and take a blue Early Leavers Pass with you to collect your child.

**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!



Daylesford Primary School Accreditation

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy 2024!

And BAM! It's 2024. We are so excited to have the students back!!! Seeing their smiling faces fills us with joy. The school is looking fantastic thanks to the work of our fabulous maintenance and cleaning crew, Mark Sibbison, Ralph Bosely and Anthony Becker and superstar painter Noel Muscat. Noel, the 'pops' of colour look amazing, thank you!

Developmental Assessment & Rubric Progressions

On Tuesday this week staff engaged in a professional learning day on assessment and learning progressions. The day was facilitated by Michael and Mary Anne Francis who will work with our school throughout 2024 to support us in developing high quality frameworks. The ultimate goal is for students to have a strong understanding of what they are ready to learn next in core curriculum and wellbeing areas and how to achieve this.

Air Conditioners & Bubble Taps

Thanks to the Schools Upgrade Fund we have new air conditioners in the SEA. This also helped pay for the painting mentioned earlier. We have also had all our bubble taps serviced thanks to Nick the plumber!

Ali McHalliwell
Principal

Trudi Blick
Assistant Principal



School Council Elections

School council elections take place in Term 1 of each year.

We ask you to consider nominating for School council.

Nomination forms will be available from the office from Wednesday 7th February, they must be returned by Tuesday 13th February

There will be a notice of election on the office window that outlines all the vacant positions and their period of tenure, from Wednesday 7th February.

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

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 may directly influence the quality of education for 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 providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. 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 experience. 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 skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

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 comply with 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?

By participating in, and voting 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 in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form 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 delivery.

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

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

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>

For your Information – Excursion Permission

Permission to attend excursions must be received by returning a signed form, a handwritten permission note or electronic permission as per DEET policy.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE Are you eligible?

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

- Be aged over five by 30th April 2023.
- Live more than 4.8km by the **shortest practicable** route from the nearest bus stop, and be enrolled at the nearest government school

SCHOLASTIC
BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 1 Out Now!

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



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 have been distributed 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 16th February 2024.**

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON Google play | Download on the App Store

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes to the following students & staff who have their birthdays in **JANUARY,**

Students

Eva	12D	Gwayn	56E
Alice	56H	Maya	0FD
Alexei	0FD	Kora	56K
William	12C	Lottie	0FD
Milly	34P	Hamish	12K
Betty	56K	Griffin	56E
Frankie	12D	Charlotte	56K
Artemis	YAN	Satchin	YAN

STAFF

Emma	56E	Sam	ES
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Birthday wishes to the following students & staff who have their birthdays in **FEBRUARY,**

Students

Joshua	12C	Esther	56K
Alex	56K	Miles	34A
Odette	34S	Felix	56H
Bei Bel	34S	Kennedy	56K
Ruby	56K	Frankie	12K
Wen	56E	Tom	56E
Liana	56K	Tom	56H
Joe	0FD		
Jimmy	YAN	Mi’laya	YAN

STAFF

Pasqualia	LOTE
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STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Daylesford Karate Club

We resume training on 6/2/2024

Training Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Times: **5.30 pm - 6.00 pm** Beginners and ages 5-9 years

6.00 pm - 7.30 pm 10 years - adult

Adults are most welcome to join as well as children. Adults who are unable to attend the 5.30 session are more than welcome to arrive at 6.00pm

If you wish to find out more information about us, please call Heather Wingate on 0417108757

VOLLEYBALL AT THE ARC

Volleyball for Junior, grade 6 students restarts this year on Monday 5th February at 6 pm. This follows on from last years School program and tournament at the ARC Smith St Daylesford (Daylesford College) The competitions are also run by Victorian State Junior Coach Colin Priest and his band of coaches.

Our adult Social Division competition will start on the following Monday 12th February at 7 pm.

So let everyone know and bring along your friends, learn some skills, get a little bit fit and most of all have some great FUN.

Colin Priest
0447487674

DAYLESFORD TENNIS, West St



**JUNIOR TENNIS
BEGINS SATURDAY 14th October
For Beginners
Hot shots aged 5-8 start 9.45am
Hot shots aged 8 and above start 9am
For Junior players
Arrive 9.15 for 9.30am start
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**SUNSET
IN THE
SPRINGS**

**FRIDAY
9TH & 16TH
FEBRUARY**

9TH FEBRUARY FREYA JOSEPHINE HOLLICK SUNFRUITS SKYSCRAPER STAN	16TH FEBRUARY LEAH SENIOR CODA CHROMA PYREX
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5PM UNTIL DARK @ HEPBURN MINERAL SPRINGS RESERVE

This is a free, family friendly event
on Dja Dja Warrung Country

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MPTA
MT. PROSPECT TENNIS ASSOC.

NEW & EXISTING
PLAYERS WELCOME

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Creswick & District
Community Bank @Branch Bendigo Bank

**ENQUIRIES
0422 607 224**

mt prospect tennis

Looking for a great summer outdoor sport for your child to get involved with, then tennis at Mt Prospect is for you. Played across both Term 4 and Term 1 at the same location in Creswick on natural grass courts, tennis provides your child a great chance to be physically active in a safe, multi-gendered sport.

To find out more, please contact
Junior Director - Casey Preston
0417 379 525 or kkenzi@hotmail.com, or visit
www.mtprospecttennis.com.au