DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY
Mon 11th-Fri 22nd Grades 3-6 Swimming Program
Friday 15th Final day for Book Club Orders
Friday 22nd Closing date for EMA and Conveyance Allowance
Tuesday 26th School Council Meeting

MARCH
Friday 1st House Swimming Sports
Mon 11th Labour Day Holiday
Tues 12th & Wed 13th Parent Teacher Interviews from 4.00-6.00pm.
Tues 26th School Council(AGM & Elections)
Thurs 28th House Cross Country End of Term. 2.30pm finish.

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1

School Term Dates 2013:
Term 1 30th Jan – 28th March
Term 2 16th April – 28th June
Term 3 16th July – 20th Sep
Term 4 7th Oct - 20th December
Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm
School Banking every Friday

ABSENCES
If your child is absent please notify the office by telephone, and we will let the teacher know, or send a written note with your child on their return. These written records are required for audit purposes.

LATE ARRIVALS
If arriving after 9.00am can parents please sign in students at office first, before attending class. Thank you.

Current Focus

Good Manners – 56B
Speaking when it’s your turn
Oh! Pardon me!
Cooperation
Independence
Asking if you can join in
Listening

By Jaida Berridge

My name’s Rohan and on my birthday we went out for dinner, my mum, dad and me. While we were there I used good manners but a man at a table across from us was rude. He was talking on his phone really loudly and he burped and didn’t care! He used bad manners. When the waiter came with his food, he didn’t say, “Thank you.” Then he put on music really loud and it was a song I hated!

By Rohan Clay

Are you eligible for 
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:
• Be aged over five by 30th April
• 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 2013 by Fri 22nd February, 2013.

School Hats are now $12.00
(Price increase as of Feb 1st 2013)
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The positive start to the year continues. I am seeing very settled classes across the school and students focused on learning. The focus of the fortnight ‘good manners’ was presented at assembly by members of 5/6B in a most interesting and thorough way.

P-2 staff have started ‘checking in’ with their students and are conducting English and Maths online testing.

The grade 3-6 swimming program has also started very well, thank you to parents who are preparing the children so well for each swimming session.

In assembly this week I reinforced the first element of our school mission statement, how DPS and annexes are committed to assisting the students to reach their full potential. I spoke of the importance of focusing on personal best achievements, giving many examples of the way students can do this. A good example is goal setting. Goal setting does work and is a very valuable way of remaining focused on achieving your personal best.

Jenni Thompson has started calling for volunteers to assist in our KG program, which commences on Thursday 28th February. If you can help please give her a call on 0415145402.

It is camp year with grades 3/4 travelling to Cave Hill Creek and grades 5/6 travelling to Camp Wilken.

Clearly some close budgeting will be required early in the year by parents who have children in grades 3-6, as it is a requirement that student class material payments will need to be paid this term in order for the grade 3-6 students to be eligible to attend camp. Full payment for the camp is also required prior to the commencement of the camp.

Our business manager will send out invoices next week to assist families with this important aspect of partnership with the school. Appointments should be made with Deborah, if parents are unable to meet these payments within the scheduled time line.

Peter Burke

Kitchen Garden – FEBRUARY

Requests from our specialists

WANTED for the garden: manure for the compost – horse, cow, sheep, chook, alpaca, etc. Please contact Sandra/Gill if you are able to help.

WANTED for the kitchen:
Scales- the balance type          Dijon mustard
Olive oil                           Vegetable oil
Balsamic vinegar                    White wine vinegar
Apple cider vinegar                Plain and self-raising flours

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs. Previously the government has assisted schools with a payment to the school for EMA families to cover the cost of classroom requisites. This assistance is no longer available. The EMA payment to parents has been increased to compensate. Parents on health care cards now need to be responsible for their payments and can elect on their Application form to have the EMA paid directly to the school. Any balances will be refunded by the school unless otherwise advised, e.g. to pay for excursions etc.

To be eligible to claim EMA you must be the parent/guardian of a student up to the age of 16 and receive a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit or be a veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent. Your card must be current on the 29th January 2013 and applications must be submitted to the school before 22nd February 2013. Late applications cannot be accepted. Please apply at the office before this date.
LIBRARY NEWS

NEEDED:
- Regular Library helpers to shelve books.
- Helper to enter students onto Premiers Challenge site.

BOOKS NOT RETURNED FROM 2012:
All overdue books from 2012 have been searched for on our shelves. Any student that has outstanding books will not be able to borrow for 2013 until book/s are returned or paid for. Fine letters have been sent out this week, please attend to this as soon as possible.

OVERDUE BOOK POLICY FOR 2013:
If a student has overdue book/s, borrowing will be suspended until items are returned or full replacement cost is paid.

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Please contact our Canteen Manager, Bev Adkins, on 5348 1839 or 0423 357 191 if you can assist. Thank you.

RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS
Now available $10

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS TERM 1 2012

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STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

GUITAR LESSONS
Beginner Guitar Lessons Please call Shane 5348 7716 or 0423 039 580

Guitar Lessons available at the school. Qualified and experienced teacher. Phone: Ian Hill, 5331 9138 or 0447 776 642.

Want to Learn Guitar?
Lessons available every WEDNESDAY afternoon from 1.40 -6.00pm and are for all grade levels. For a great introduction to guitar - half hour lessons at $20.
Guitar tuition by experienced local performer currently studying at the Victorian College of The Arts.
For enquiries and bookings please contact Lewis Ingham on 0400182252 or email lewisingham@live.com.au

SINGING LESSONS
tailored to individuals available during school hours at the school. Individual tuition includes using vocal potential to its best advantage, confidence, & skills.
Possible exploration of performance, if suitable, also.
Contact Anni Coyne 0418358075 53481524 or anni@cloudsongmusic.com.au

PIANO
Simply Music Piano Lessons: A revolutionary, Australian-developed piano learning method that offers a breakthrough in music education. This remarkable approach has students of all ages playing great-sounding contemporary, classical, gospel, blues and accompaniment pieces - immediately - from their very first lessons. Also, new Play-a-Story piano classes for 4-6 year olds start 2013. Please contact Georgina Williams at Bridport Studios for more information, 53481575.

VIOLIN LESSONS are available at Daylesford Primary with Adam Menegazzo.
Learn from an experienced and professional teacher with lessons that are designed to be fun and rewarding. Instruments are available for hire.
Lessons are 15 minutes ($16) or 30 minutes ($32) with discounts available for term payments.
For more information contact Adam at adjustviolin@live.com.au or phone 53487930.

BALLET/DANCE
Ballet classes for boys and girls aged 3 and up. Classes held Mon, Wed, & Thurs after school.
For information please contact Glenn Harwood or Sue Davis 5348 4532 or 0400 669 200 sue@daylesforrdance.com.au

Term 1 No.2 Friday, 15th February, 2013. Current Focus “Good Manners”
**Daylesford & Hepburn United Soccer Club.**
2013 Registration & BBQ
Boys & Girls 5-15 yrs. Welcome.
4.30pm-6.00pm Weds 27th Feb. For more information contact 0412 230 536.

**Karate Training:**
Learn traditional karate and self defence skills in a supportive environment at the Daylesford Primary School Hall held every Thursday from 6 to 7pm. The Chief Instructor has 34 years experience and holds a 4th Degree Master’s Rank Black Belt. The Daylesford Karate Club is a branch of the Ballarat Karate Club Incorporated which is a non-profit organisation. Fees are kept to a minimum and family discounts also apply. Contact Danny on 0428 444943 for more details.

**YOGA FOR KIDS** Term 1 (5-12 yrs)
Tues 4-5 pm
A fun filled hour of yoga jumping, stretching, balancing and being upside down. Kids can loosen up and calm down. Daylesford Yoga 5348 3888 shayna@daylesfordyoga.com

**FREE HOMEWORK GROUP** Come along an Tuesdays from 3.45 to 6.00pm. Start with a snack, which we will provide. Then registered teacher Eric will assist you with any problems you may have with your homework. Computers are available if required.
And it’s free. For Grade 5 - 9 students. Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Camp Street, Daylesford 5348 3569

**VOLLEYBALL AT THE ARC**
The new Volleyball season commences at The ARC Smith St Daylesford, on Monday 18th February with the social division games at 6.30 pm and open division at 7.30 pm.
Teachers, parents and grade 6 students all welcome, so come along and have some fun.
Contact Colin Priest 53487674

**Daylesford Girl Guides** (Grade 1 to 18 yrs old)
Duke Street-Opposite MS Shop
Meet every Tuesday evening 6pm - 7.30pm (except School/Public holidays) Various activities, outings & Camps.
Enquiries: Please call Nerida Nelson 0409 973 290 or Kiera Melen 0434 322 779

**Daylesford Junior Basketball**
at the ARC on Tuesdays

**Clinic Times**
4 - 5 pm: Aussie Hoops & U12 boys and girls
5 - 6 pm: U16 boys and girls

**Term 1 Player Fees**
Aussie Hoops: $35 per player (no separate Springers membership required)
U12 boys & girls: $50
U16 boys & girls: $50
Springers Membership (lasts 12 months, includes compulsory Basketball Victoria player insurance): $35 but only if not already a current member.

We look forward to seeing you all.
For any information please call Jan Maree Yanner on 5348 3446 or email us on springersbasketball@gmail.com

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2013 classes are now underway!

**Calisthenics is a competitive sport that promotes**
- Confidence and deportment
- Teamwork and dedication
- Coordination
- Strength and flexibility
- Performance skills

Currently catering for participants from 3 – 15 years.

More information can be found on our website at www.centralspringscalisthenics.com.au

Or call Karen on 0419 868 026

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Outdoor group fitness classes beginning next week and continuing over the next 6 - 8 weeks, with a 7am and a 9.15am class on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings. These will be held down at the Lake (weather permitting). Call Tania 0401 399 990.