**Current Focus**

*Play by the Rules* - “Playing Fairly” “Being a good Winner” “Being a good Loser”

Through playing games we learn about ourselves and others. Playing games provides opportunities where children will be expected to play fairly, play by the rules, co-operate with others, get along with others and handle both winning and losing. Having rules in games ensures a level playing field making it fair for all.

Playing together does not just mean playing happily with our friends, although that is important. ‘Playing together’ means sharing space both in the classroom and the playground. Demonstrating sharing in our games ensures that everyone will enjoy their playtime. We have to think about other people, the games they are playing and playing sensibly. We want everyone to enjoy themselves. Whenever you are playing remember to:

- play in sensible areas.
- check to see if others are involved in a game or an area before setting up your game
- play safe games, particularly in small areas
- walk around other people’s games.

Chris Tsiplakis ☺

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**** Please find with this Newsletter the Parent/Teacher/Student Interview forms for 12th & 13th March. Please fill in and return as soon as possible.****

**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.

**DIARY DATES**

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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

**LATE ARRIVALS**

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

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The objectives of ‘Families’

- To promote student wellbeing through the development of caring relationships between students
- To provide and promote pastoral care beyond the normal classroom setting
- To enable young students to identify with familiar faces in the playground
- To provide older students with a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership skills
- To enhance communication skills between different age groups
- To allow teachers to form relationships with students from all grade levels within the school
- To encourage a sense of connectedness to the school community
- To allow students to value the input from a range of students

‘Families’ will begin next week. We look forward to positive interactions between students within their ‘Family Groups’.

Kind Regards, Chris Tsiplakis, Assistant Principal.

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Last week the school practiced the emergency procedure called a ‘Lockdown’. This procedure would be put in place if an external threat to the school was identified, such as bush fire. All staff and children are now aware of what to do in a Lockdown Code Black Emergency.

The improvement shown in the grade 3-6 children in the swimming program is very good. The water temperature and good weather have certainly assisted, but I am very pleased with the effort by the students and the way they are striving for their ‘Personal Best’, which is a very important element of our school Mission Statement.

We must also acknowledge the commitment of our staff, who have worked very hard, in and out of the water.

Four students are representing the school in the Zone Swimming Sports at Eureka Pool this Sunday. Good luck Sophie John, Ashleigh McKay, Leigh Lovig and Jonas Paar.

Thank you in advance to the parents supporting these students. We will have full report next week.

House meeting will take place this Friday to select events for the House Swimming Sports. All parents/carers are invited to attend our House Swimming Sports on Friday 1st March, starting at 10.30 with the U12 Boys 50m freestyle. A program will be available at the front office if parent wish to check times.

Congratulations to Ben Levens who has been selected to try out for the State Country Cricket Club. Good luck Ben, keep us informed as to how you go!

You would have received a school invoice this week, for such things as class materials etc. Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated as the school has pre-purchased all the class materials and has settled the account in full, thus incurring considerable debt on behalf of parents. A reminder to all grade 3-6 families, that this invoice needs to be settled in full prior to your child being eligible to attend camp next term, unless you have negotiated a payment plan with our business manager, Deborah.

There has been a confirmed case of whooping cough diagnosed within the school. Can parents please monitor their children’s health accordingly.

Peter Burke

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**PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS**
Term 1 Duty Term 1

Weds 27th Feb
Thurs 28th Feb
Friday 29th Feb

Current Focus: Play by the Rules

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

Kitchen Garden – FEBRUARY

Kitchen Garden classes begin in week 5 (beginning Monday, Feb. 26)

If you are able to help with classes in either the kitchen (2 hour sessions on Thursdays & Fridays) or the garden (1 hour sessions on Thursdays) please contact Jenni Thompson or Gill Carron at the school.

Requests:

For the pantry:
- dry yeast
- castor sugar
- brown sugar
- coriander seeds
- cumin seeds
- mustard seeds
- chick pea flour
- tahini
- currants

For the garden: Manure for the compost

SCHOOL HATS NOW $12
(Price increase as of Feb 1st 2013)
Karate Training:
Learn traditional karate and self defence skills in a supportive environment at the Daylesford Primary School Hall. Every Thursday 6.00-7.00pm.
The Chief Instructor has 34 years experience and holds a 4th Degree Master’s Rank Black Belt.

Daylesford Karate Club is a branch of the Ballarat Karate Club Incorporated (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

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

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

Looking For Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013.
Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information packet for your family.

Sylvia Kelly, Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Daylesford Junior Basketball at the ARC on Tuesdays

Daylesford Junior Basketball
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

KIDS FIRST AID
Daylesford Saturday 2 March 9am-1pm
More children die of injury versus cancer, asthma and infectious disease combined. In conjunction with Kidsafe Victoria, this course provides you with information and guidance to prevent injuries, and the knowledge and skills to provide basic First Aid to children age 0-12.

COURSE CONTENT
The legal aspects of providing First Aid and aspects of infection control Manage a First Aid scenario including the management of:
- Unconscious breathing child and an Unconscious non-breathing child - CPR
- Recognition and management of: Choking / Shock / Wounds / Bleeding / Common illnesses - fever and diarrhoea / Common injuries / Burns / Poisons / Common bites and stings

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Location: The Paddock Room, Neighbourhood House
13 Camp St Daylesford Cost: $130
Bookings essential: confirmation and deposit required by Sat 23 February jacinta@cellula.com.au

CAMPBELLS CREEK SWIM, LEARN, SURVIVE
NOW OPEN- PRE SCHOOL & SCHOOL AGE SWIMMING LESSONS NEW TERM BEGINS Mon 15th April. Infant classes Tues & Thurs morning Bookings essential, reserve your place now. Call Kerry on 5470 5865.

Daylesford Junior Football 2013
Registration night for U12’s, U15’s & U18’s

When: Friday 1st March 2013
Where: Junior Club rooms, Victoria Park, Daylesford
Time: 5.30 – 6.30 pm Free BBQ.

2013 Registration Fees
$70 per player or $120 for two players from the same family.
Cash payment on the night is preferred. Increase in fees due to upgrade of insurance.

Club Membership $15.00
New players welcome.
Any enquiries please contact Jan on 53481761.