

Daylesford Primary School Newsletter

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➤ "SEMPER MELIORA" (Always better things)



*Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen*

DIARY DATES

AUGUST

Friday 2nd Final day for new applications
for Education Maintenance
Allowance

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th **BOOK FAIR**

Monday 12th Jump Rope for Heart (in Family
Groups)

Mon 26th - Fri 30th Book Week

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 10th 9.30am Gr.6 Dinner Meeting
Staff Room – All Welcome.

PUPIL FREE DAYS:

Weds 20th Nov, Fri 6th Dec.

School Term Dates 2013:

Term 2 15th 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

Current Focus

Respect Property, School, Environment

Property

We use many things at home and school to make life more enjoyable: TV, CD players, computers, sports equipment, class materials, play equipment, etc. These items need to be looked after for everyone's benefit!

If the owners of toys/games share, we must not abuse the privilege: look after these things as if they were your own, return them to the owner in good condition and thank them for letting us use them. If we use classroom materials return them to where they are stored. It is the same with things at home: look after your own possessions and those are shared by family. Show respect for property at all times!

Our School

Our school means different things to different people. Everyone has their favourite place. Some people enjoy a book in a quiet corner of the classroom and others enjoy the computer in their room. Some children prefer to sit under the trees; others play footy on the oval or climb on play equipment. It is important that we look after our school so that it remains a pleasant place to be. Respecting our school means working together as a team to keep it clean, free from litter and ensuring that no-one damages buildings, furniture or equipment. Trees and gardens need to be respected too. They make our school grounds look better, provide shade and shelter.

Respecting all play areas means everyone benefits: our school values are there to keep school a safe, happy place. Be proud of our school.

The Environment

We are very fortunate to live in a wonderful town like Daylesford. There are many natural features near our school – the lake, the springs, parks and gardens, fascinating walking trails, wonderful old trees, natural birdlife and so many other unique and special places around us.

We need to look after all of these places and be respectful of them, not just for their own sake but because they are important to people both now and in the future.

Remember to always treat our environment with respect. This can be done in many ways – never leave rubbish around, be sensitive to the natural environment and wildlife, remember it is their home we are visiting. Always walk or ride on designated paths. Respecting and caring for our environment will mean it will be there for everyone to appreciate and enjoy for many years.

Chris Tsiplakis ☺

'NEWS FLASH'

The staff car park and basketball court are closed to all parents for drop off and parking.

See Principal Report for reasons and alternatives

**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2013
ARE NOW BEING TAKEN
CLOSING END OF SEPTEMBER 2013**

If you already have a child attending this school and intend enrolling a sibling for next year please pick up an enrolment form at the front office and return as soon as possible.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Newsletter Week 3 T3

- News Flash- concerns over dropping off children
- Book Fair
- A parent prospective
- Words in Winter
- School Photos
- Goal Setting
- Website -update

For some time now I have been concerned about the increasing number of parents who are dropping off/parking in the staff car park or on the basketball court behind the school, before and after school. It is not appropriate to have vehicles entering the school property whilst children are in the yard.

Therefore as of MONDAY 29th JULY the staff car park will be closed to all parents for drop off or parking.

To assist parents, I have opened the single gate on our Central Springs Rd boundary and encourage parents to park just below the P.O. (leaving a number of parking bays free for kinder parents directly in front of the Daylesford Pre-School) and access the school via our side gate, walking into school past the OLC.

I am sure you understand that this request is about children safety and I thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

We are all looking forward to the Book Fair this weekend. Are you dropping in? Or are you helping?

I would like to thank Kareena Hodgson for her lovely letter that she wrote to me, giving us a parent's perspective, on the professionalism of our staff. I believe teachers do not get enough recognition for their expertise and ability to work with a wide range of children in a variety of ways and I therefore have decided to include Kareena's letter in my report. Thank you Kareena for taking the time to acknowledge our staff and on how they are making a difference in our students lives on a daily basis.

..... I was one of the very lucky parents that got the opportunity to go on the school excursion to the Aquarium.

I didn't really think too much about it until I was on a bus full of grade one kids, it was noisy, very noisy, and the responsibility of all these children suddenly hit me. I felt
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slightly overwhelmed but glanced at Kathy Watt, with her mega 'Watt' smile, she didn't seem stressed. I decided to not stress but follow her lead instead. Have fun!

As our bus pulled into the city, the ooohhs and arrrrs of our innocent country kids made me smile. They all piled off the bus and sat to have their lunch. The teachers seemed to have this amazing way with the kids. They hardly had to raise their voices, the students listened and behaved beautifully. I was trying to pick up some tips to take home to my kids.

After play lunch we spent 2 hours walking through the aquarium, looking at penguins, learning about sea jellies and sea stars. Again the kids stayed as a group, asked intelligent questions and continued to make me proud. I was starting to feel a bit delirious, is it just me? Why does Ms. Watt still look energised? Is there any coffee? How do they do it?

On the bus trip home I had to close my eyes. Headache had kicked in, oh and I couldn't cope with another round of paper, scissors, rock. As I looked around I saw the teachers on our bus were still laughing and chatting with the kids about the day, I overheard Ms Thompson telling a student about the Pink concert she'd seen the night before. They all looked completely un-frazzled by our outing. Amazing!

My hat goes off to our teachers, they showed such patience, tolerance, confidence, kindness and fun! If you ever get a chance to go on an excursion, I thoroughly recommend it. You may just learn a thing or two, and I'm not talking about the sea jellies.

Kareena Hodgson.

Words in Winter starts this weekend, the school has certainly got behind this community event. See page 4.

School Photos were distributed on Tuesday.

Thank you to 1W who reinforced the value of goal setting in our assembly this week, by demonstrating the steps you need to take in order to achieve your goals.

Have you seen my Term 3 Blog on the school website? Also the current price list for the canteen is available on the school website, under parents.

Peter

SCHOOL CAPTAINS/JNR SCHOOL COUNCIL **PHOTOS (25CM X 20CM)**

MSP Photography Pre-Pay Order Forms for School Captains 2013 & Jnr School \$18 each are available at front office, to be returned complete with payment by FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST, 2013.

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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.

CANTEEN DUTY TERM 3 2013

Weds 7 th Aug	Michelle Clifford
Thurs 8 th Aug	Mary Love
Friday 9 th Aug	Leah Schuter, Lisa Dinning

CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

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

\$10.00

Available via the Canteen – order through your lunch order OR directly through the Canteen. Available only in Black with blue trim

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

TERM 3 2013

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
2 nd August	Samantha Masic	Michelle Cowan
9 th August	Kathryn Earley	Leah Schuter
16 th August	Kirsten Wilken	Sally Armstrong
23 rd August	Kelly Shea	Leah Schuter
30 th August	Maria Hajisava-Wade	Helen Murphy
6 th Sept	Melissa Rose	Leah Schuter
13 th Sept	Lesley Dwyer	Sally Armstrong
20 th Sept	Catherine Meadows	NO BANKING – LAST DAY OF TERM

Overdue Library Books

A reminder that if any student has overdue item/s borrowing is suspended until item/s returned or paid for.

BOOK WEEK

Daylesford Primary School celebrates Book Week during **26th – 30th AUGUST.**

On Tuesday 27th August, dress up as your favourite book character with a parade at Assembly.

Friday 30th August – Presentation of grades' chosen Book Week book.
Winners and prizes for story writing, poster competition.

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Daylesford Primary School 3rd Annual BookFair

When: 2nd & 3rd of August

Times: 9am - 5pm Sat, 10am - 3pm Sun

Where: Daylesford Primary School Gym

Quality second hand and new books available for purchase.

and on Sunday from 11am....

Super Hero Stories and Comic Writing Workshop

Garry Fay is an author, educator and huge comic book fan with over 30 years experience working with children. He is passionate about involving young people in the writing process and uses Super Hero characters to engage people of all ages. Garry will give children some tips on developing their own story ideas in written or comic form, working on character, dialogue and setting the scene.

DAYLESFORD & HEPBURN UNITED SOCCER CLUB.

Life is Fun.... Soccer is serious!

Saturday Indoor Soccer at the ARC

Smith St. Daylesford

Every Sat. from 10am-noon until November, ages 3-9.

\$5 charge – all proceeds go to expenses and the Club

KIDS DRAMA WORKSHOP

Saturday 10th August, 10.30am – 4.00pm

\$20 only, bring your lunch & pencil case.

Marg Murphy - Qualified/registered teacher
0418 120460 for information/bookings.

YANDOIT PS & THE BOITE MASSED SCHOOLS' CHORUS

Some of the children from Yandoit Primary School are preparing to perform as part of the Boite massed schools chorus. They have been learning songs and attending rehearsals in Ballarat in preparation for this exciting event. The music and dance for this performance comes from the Seychelles (they have even been singing in Creole). This promises to be a wonderful experience for both the participants and members of the audience.

On behalf of the students at Yandoit PS you are invited to this event on **Sunday 11th August at 2pm** (about one hour in duration) at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts.

Daylesford Outside School Hours Care has decided to make greater use of our fantastic facilities and program at the church hall in Central Springs Road by offering a series of clubs for primary age children throughout each week.

We will be starting off with the Clay Club, an hour of ongoing ceramics tuition and projects with local ceramicist Minna Graham each Wednesday at 4.00pm. Our after school program will run as usual each day with our regular educators but with the addition of the clubs. Children attending for just the after school care or the for the clubs will be collected from school by our educators, provided with afternoon tea and will only pay outside school hours government subsidised fees as per usual.

We are intending to start a science club, an animation club, a soccer skills club but also invite suggestions from the community. Clay Club will start Wednesday 7 August. Contact Julie McLean on 5348 3702.

BE PART OF DAYLESFORD'S HISTORY IN THE MAKING:

A new edible garden is just about to happen at the Daylesford Community Park (skate park) cnr Duke and Stanbridge Streets and we want you to be part of it!! Imagine taking the kids to the playground and visiting the fruit trees, planting some herbs or grab an apple. All ages welcome; working bees start:

**Sunday 4th August 2 – 3pm (tree planting),
Thursday 15th August (mulching) and
Saturday 24th Aug 2 – 3pm (perennials).**

Please bring protective footwear and clothing, gardening gloves and shovel! No dogs in the garden for safety please. Community and social groups as well as school groups and individuals are all invited to join in. All plant donations welcome or drop in at St Mel Cyclery & Café and sponsor a tree of your choice for \$20. For ongoing information about this exciting project visit:

www.justfreefood.blogspot.com.au



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
info@daylesforddance.com.au

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Words in Winter now online -

2 - 31 August 2013 Find your treasure at

www.wordsinwinter.com



Family Fun at Words in Winter

Hepburn Libraries Family Day

Sunday 18 August, 10am - 4pm

An all day festival especially for kids.

A fun filled day with performances, storytelling, workshops, drama, circus, music, art, craft, writing workshops, visiting authors and much more.

Special Guests: Mr Antz - Comic Mime performer, and Phil Kettle - Author

Daylesford Town Hall

Entry: \$5 per child (parents free)

Full program details: www.wordsinwinter.com

Bookings for workshops: wordsinwinter@gmail.com

Sustainable House Display for Words in Winter **Grade 3/4 students and families**

Please take your wonderful model Home of the Future

WHERE: to the Rex Gallery (Upstairs), Vincent St
Daylesford

ON: Friday 9 August
between 3.30 - 6pm

to be part of the Daylesford Primary School - Sustainable House Display during the Words in Winter Festival, Sat 10th/Sun 11 Aug at The Rex. For more details: Contact Kerry Carmen 0419 564 452 or Jen Bray 0428 330 640

Daylesford Springers Family Basketball – Letting you know that Aussie Hoops is back (located at ARC, Smith St. Daylesford)

Ages: 5-9 y.o. 15 or more participants needed.

Cost: 1st \$50, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30 more than one in a family.

Dates: Wednesdays 4.00-5.00pm weekly.

Registration/Payment Night: 7TH Aug. 4.00 - 4.30.

Sessions to commence on 13th August all dates below:

Aug. 13, 20, 27. Sep. 3, 10, 17. Holidays No Hoops.

Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30. Nov. 6, 13, 19, 26. Dec. 4, 10.

Last Night Fun Night.

The coaches are Tegan Hawker & Jake Sartori.

Please contact:

Katherine Pedretti Co-ordinator 5348 3076 or Junior Co-ordinator Jan-Maree Yanner 5348 3446 if you require more information.

Inside Out Dance – New Classes!

Mondays 6.00-7.00pm Creative Dance Class for girls & boys in **grades 6-9** is being restarted! Get fit and have fun with this wonderful art form (dance teacher Della).

Friday 10am, Adult and child dance. This is a creative class focusing on improvisation and play using a wide variety of music and props for stimulus, fun and learning. Babies are welcome.

Wednesday 7pm, Highlife dance. Have some fun and warm up this winter with high life dancing from Africa, samba from South America and some Jamaican Dance hall moves. 2, 39 East St. Contact Joanne on 0417592522 for enquiries & enrolments.

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