
DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 19 - Thursday 25/07/2013

CALENDAR

AUGUST

Thur 1st: Planet Ark Schools Tree Day
Fri 2nd: Final day for NEW applications for Education Maintenance Allowance
Sat 3rd & Sun 4th: Book Fair @ DPS Gym
Mon 5th - Circus Skills workshop 1
Mon 12th - Circus Skills workshop 2 Yandoit 9-12:30
Wed 14th - Classroom Cooking
Sun 18th: Words In Winter 10.00am – 4.00pm
Tue 27th: Dress Up day + Book Swap
Thur 29th: Author Illustrator Workshop @ Kyneton Museum
Fri 30th - Circus Skills workshop 3

SEPTEMBER

Wed 4th: Marimba Workshop, BBQ – Social Event
Thur 5th: Open Morning 9.00am-11.00am
Mon 16th Circus Skills workshop 4 Yandoit 9-12:30

PUPIL FREE DAYS:

Wed 20th Nov, Fri 6th Dec

TERM DATES 2013

TERM 3 16th Jul – 20th Sep
TERM 4 7th Oct – 20 Dec

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 ☺

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Book Fair
- A parent prospective
- Words in Winter
- School Photos
- Website -update

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 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.

School Photos were distributed today.

Have you seen my Term 3 Blog on the Daylesford school website?

Peter

National Tree Day

Working Bee : Thursday 1st August @ 2.30 – 4.30pm

Today we participated along with 1,000's of other schools in National School Tree Day. Thank you to Claire for organising the event and a special thanks to Pat Radi from Bush Co who donated the tube stock for the planting.

Education Maintenance Allowance

EMA 2nd Instalment Terms 3 & 4

(EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)

Parents who are new to the school, or have become eligible for EMA since Semester 1, please note that EMA applications for Semester 2 must be submitted to the school by **Friday 2nd August, 2013.**

Parents who applied and received payment for the first semester and are still in receipt of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit are ***not*** required to reapply for Semester 2.



We welcome Saxon Pearce and his mother Annette. Saxon who has started in prep this term. He is attending our investigation sessions and morning recess each day.

Words In Winter

The children have worked hard on their treasure stories for the Words in Winter children's writing award.

Great Book Swap + Dress Up Day

Don't forget to check your book shelves for a book you love but can bear to part with for our swap day.

Classroom Cooking

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This week we made Cauliflower Soup and Broccoli Fritata from our beautiful fresh produce. Our beautiful cauliflower only made enough soup for a taste it was so delicious everyone wanted more so we look forward to cooking it again when we have some more cauliflowers ready to harvest.



Sharing the eagerly anticipated Broccoli Fritata makes fractions come to life.

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Make a One Minute Movie

Hey kids! Make a One Minute Movie in the holidays and you could enter it in the

"Kids Shorts" Film Festival for Words in Winter.

Screening at Hepburn Libraries Family Day at the Town Hall on Sunday 18th August. Entries close Fri 2nd August. Lego, barbies, plasticine, animation - go wild! Just make it 1 minute long.

For details email: wordsinwinter@gmail.com

Bookwormz

A club for book loving primary school aged children at Kyneton Library on Tuesdays 4-5pm. Starting Tuesday the 6th of August. Bring a book you cherish to share with us all.

Bookings essential, please ring Kyneton Library on 5422 1365.

Image taken from "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore" by William Joyce.

Circus Skills Workshops Term 3&4

Many thanks to the parents who have responded to our circus skills note that went home on Monday. Could all parents who have not returned this please do so by Monday August 5th. We now have three available drivers which is fantastic.

However we will need another for each day we go to Yandoit and I would like to share the load amongst as many families as possible.

A permission note for our Yandoit excursions is also attached to this newsletter.

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