
DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

February

Friday 22nd: Closing date for EMA and Conveyance Allowance

March

Friday 1st: Swimming House Sports

Monday 11th: Labour Day Holiday

Wed 13th: Parent Teacher Interviews

Thur 14th: from 3.45 - 5.00pm

Tues 26th: School Council (AGM & Elections)

Thur 28th: House Cross Country
End of Term – 2.30pm Finish

TERM DATES 2013

TERM 1	30 th Jan – 28 th Mar
TERM 2	16 th Apr – 28 th Jun
TERM 3	16 th Jul – 20 th Sep
TERM 4	7 th Oct – 20 Dec

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The positive start to the year continues. I am seeing very settled classes across the school and students focused on learning.

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

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.

You will be receiving a school invoice next 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, unless you have negotiated a payment plan with our business manager, Deborah.

There have been confirmed cases of head lice in the school. Parents need to regularly monitor students and treat accordingly.

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

School Council

Our council consists of 2 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) members. They are Chris Tsiplakis – the Vice Principal of Daylesford and Dianne van Baalen. There are also 5 positions available for parent representatives.

Our parent positions run for two years. Jenny Turner and Possum Sullivan will have another year on council as their positions run until 2014. School council meets 8 times a year on the third Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Meetings generally run up to a maximum of 1.5hrs. Our

council makes decisions on finance, excursions, camps etc and provides a forum for discussion, contribution and feedback from a parents perspective.

We currently have 3 vacancies and must fill at least 2 of these at our next AGM so a quorum can be maintained.

Please give this your serious consideration. We are a very small community and need your support with this matter.

For more information please see Dianne, Jenny or Possum.

Home Reading & Library

Many thanks to all our parents for supporting this program. We had a fabulous response on Tuesday, so we are off to a great start with our home reading. All parents are welcome to borrow library books to read to and with your children at any time.

Our reading goal for the term is 30 nights of home reading.

Swimming Sports Day G3-6 @ DPS

On Friday march 1st, our children in grades 3-6 shall be participating in the House Swimming Sports at the Daylesford Pool. Our P-1-2 s shall be spending the day at Daylesford Primary School.

Meg shall be supervising the 3-6s while Robyn Stickland (Yandoit) and Michelle Quinn (Drummond & Yandoit) shall be running the P-1-2 program for the day.

This is a great opportunity for our P-1-2s to get familiar with Daylesford Primary School on a quiet day.

The school bus is available to all our students or students can be transported by their parents. We need to be notified if children are traveling by bus so a bus list can be drawn up. For more information please see Dianne.



Taylor “The Vet” tending a stray cat (Anouk)



Damon investigating

Electrical Circuits



Rio constructing his Solar

Boat

Our Star Of The Week

RIO WRIGHT



My name is Rio. I am 10 years old. I live at 39, Nalya Court, Drummond. My favourite colour is green and my favourite number is 22.

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I live with my brother, sister, mum and dad. My brother Marley is 15 years old and he goes to Daylesford secondary college. My sister Sunny is 7 years old and she goes to the same school as me. My grandma lives in Portarlington so the beach is just a hop, skip and a jump away! Last Christmas I got a new pair of snorkels and when I go to the beach I see lots of amazing things. I love and am awesome at playing video games especially one called ‘Realm of the Mad God’. My best friend is called Gianni. He plays it too.

I go to Drummond Primary School. I like cooking and playing card games like Black Jack and Speed. I love swimming and surfing and going to the school athletics because I get to see my friends Adam, Jo and Finn.



**be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen**

Parent Helpers

As a small school we rely heavily on the generosity of our parents to support the school in many varied ways. This helps create a great community spirit and great programs for your children. Some of the ways you can support the school are:

- Classroom helpers
- Running special clinics for investigations
- Running book club
- Canteen, making lunch at school
- Covering books
- Assisting with our classroom cooking program
- Library assistance
- Vegetable garden maintenance & planting
- Working bees
- Recycling
- Driving on excursions
- Member of school council

We would like all parents to consider how they can support the school this year.

Please add your name to the volunteer column attached and how often you are able to be involved (eg. weekly, monthly, each term etc). When we have gathered all the information we will draw up a roster.

OUR NEW STAFF

Hello

My name is Michelle Quinn. I am 43yrs old and live in Hepburn springs. I have been working in early Childhood since 2007. I ran the Hepburn Kindergarten Playgroup for three years. I was also a committed parent helper and committee member (general and fundraiser) for the duration of my two children's (Elyse 8 and Sam 6) kinder experience. For the last year and a half I have been a Kinder Additional Assistant Aide at Hepburn and Trentham Kindergartens working with children with special needs. Towards the end of last year I have been working at Drummond P.S. and this year I am continuing my time at Drummond and am also at Yandoit P.S. I am currently studying my Child Care Certificate III.



Kitchen – Garden Cooking

Last week's cooking program was run by our Grade 5/6s. The zucchini fritters were the most popular closely followed by the zucchini patties – even though we forgot to add the Parmesan!

Some of our students requested we include the recipe in our newsletter. It's a really simple healthy that children can do independently.

Next week's cooking program – Wed 27th will feature zucchini and tomato pasta for Wednesday's lunch. Please remember to only pack play lunch and some fruit for lunch.



Zucchini Fritters in action



Mia – The mix is ready for frying



Georgia prepares Circuit diagram



Mia plans for investigation



Portia and Taylor weighing ingredients



Zoe working on Solar boat Display