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# DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 19 - Thursday 25/07/2013

### CALENDAR

#### JULY

Wed 31<sup>st</sup>: Classroom Cooking

#### AUGUST

Thur 1<sup>st</sup>: Planet Ark Schools Tree Day

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>: Final day for NEW applications for Education Maintenance Allowance

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 4<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair @ DPS Gym

Sun 18<sup>th</sup>: Words In Winter 10.00am – 4.00pm

Tue 27<sup>th</sup>: Dress Up day + Book Swap

Thur 29<sup>th</sup>: Author Illustrator Workshop @ Kyneton Museum

#### SEPTEMBER

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: Marimba Workshop, BBQ – Social Event

Thur 5<sup>th</sup>: Open Morning 9.00am-11.00am

#### PUPIL FREE DAYS:

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### TERM DATES 2013

TERM 3 16<sup>th</sup> Jul – 20<sup>th</sup> Sep

TERM 4 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – 20 Dec

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to all families for participating in our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews on Wednesday. The partnership between home and school is so important. I am very pleased with the thinking that has gone into discussions around the progress and learning of our students. We know that goal setting works and can assist students with drive and purpose. The reports are very thorough and have a lot of information that can be used to set realistic goals for learning. A number of the students have shared with me their goals for the second half of the year and I believe the students on the whole are getting better at setting goals. The children will however need support from parents and staff over the semester in order to maximise the benefits that can be achieved through goal setting.

The Book Fair is here! We are very excited about the Book Fair weekend and hope to see you there. Please see attached flyer for details.

Book Week is only four weeks away. It is a part of our Literacy and Numeracy Week. An early reminder, that we invite the children to dress up on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August as a favourite book character. Some early planning maybe helpful.

Finally, the Parent Opinion Surveys are attached to this newsletter. We appreciate you completing this and getting it back to the school. It is confidential. Parent feedback is important to me and assists me in my planning and administration of the school.

I would like to welcome our two new students and their families to Drummond Primary School – Alexander Foster ( Grade 2 ) and Saxon Pearce (Prep ).

Peter

### Dianne's Report

Welcome back to Term 3. Many thanks for all the warm greetings and yes I did have a lovely break.

We are in for a busy term with lots of exciting events planned. These are: National Tree Day; Words in Winter; Book week, with a Great Book Swap, Dress Up Day and an Author Illustrator Workshop; A Marimba Workshop with a family concert and BBQ; Open Morning; World of Maths Workshop at Daylesford PS and Athletics in Ballarat.

We will keep you informed on all the details as these events arise, so please make sure you read the newsletter and keep it posted in a prominent place.

### National Tree Day

Working Bee : Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August @ 2.30 – 4.30pm

We are participating along with 1,000's of other schools in National School Tree Day. Claire Rawlinson has kindly organised a donation of 50 native plants and tree guards for the school. These plants have been selected to attract birds to our school ground.

We would like to involve the community in this event and welcome all our parents to attend the 2 hour working bee.

If we have enough helpers and time, we hope to also get a few other gardening jobs done such as pruning, weeding and mulching.

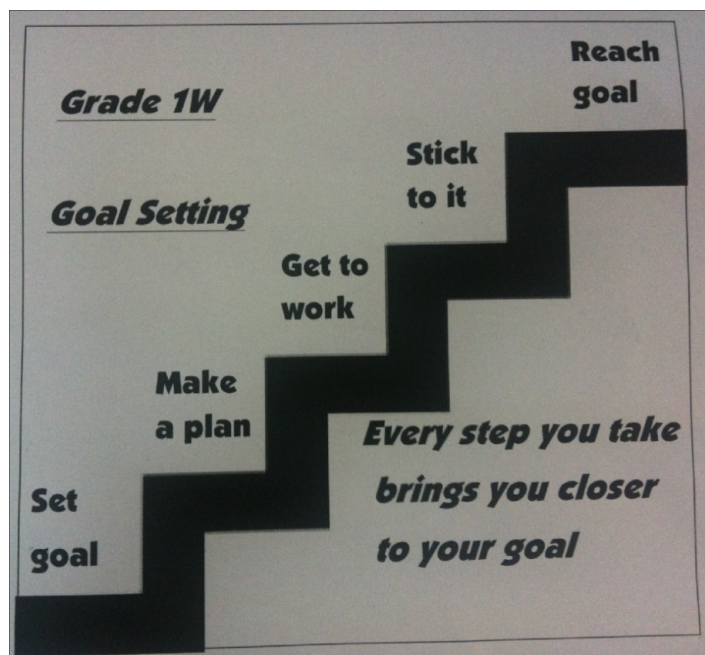
BYO favourite garden tools, old clothes and boots and warm smiles.

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## Current Focus

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### Goal Setting



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## Education Maintenance Allowance

### EMA 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## Parent - Teacher - Student Interviews

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It was a pleasure to be part of these interviews yesterday. Many thanks to our parents for showing such a strong interest in your child's education and to Meg for planning the presentation of the children's work with the children.



Archie shares his portfolio with his parents

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## Words In Winter

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Many of our children are writing stories for the Words in Winter Children's Writing Award. We are also producing a Big Book about our school camp for Class Book Exhibition.

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## Great Book Swap + Dress Up Day

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As part of book week, we shall be hosting a Great book Swap to raise money to provide books and literacy resources to kids in remote communities.

Students and community members bring in a book that they love but can bear to part with. On our dress up day, students bring a gold coin donation for the right to choose a "new" book. We would also like to involve parents and community members to this event. So have a

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look in your bookshelves for some books you love and would like to swap.

I thank all the children for making me feel so welcome and part of their school community.

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## Maths 300 Workshop

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Tomorrow Meg and myself will be participating in a Maths Professional Development Day at Bachus Marsh Primary School. Kerry Carmen shall be attending Drummond in our absence.

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## Grade 2 News

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We welcome Alexander and his parents Mark & Caroline to Dummond Primary School community.



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## Classroom Cooking

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Next Wednesday - July 31<sup>st</sup>, we shall be making Cauliflower Soup and Broccoli Fritata from our beautiful fresh produce.

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## Michelle Pasahidis

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I am Michelle and live in Denver since 2000. We moved from Melbourne and settled here. I have 3 children, two of whom attend DPS.

I work in the office on a Thursday afternoon and mainly on the newsletter.

### 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](http://www.wordsinwinter.com)

Bookings for workshops:

[wordsinwinter@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wordsinwinter@gmail.com)

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# **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.**