NEWSLETTER NO. 34  – Thursday 28/11/2013

CALENDAR

DECEMBER
Wed 4th: Drummond School Concert @ 6.00pm
Fri 6th: Pupil Free Day Maths MAV Conference
Tues 10th: Gr 6 Dinner Meeting @ DPS – Last Before the Event
Tues 10th: Year 7 Orientation Day
Thur 12th: Gr 5-6 Presentation Evening
Mon 16th: Grade 6 Dinner @ DPS Gym
Thur 19th: Students finish Term 4 @ 3.30pm Finish

PUPIL FREE DAYS:
Fri 6th Dec: Maths (MAV) Conference

TERM DATES 2013
TERM 4 7th Oct – 20 Dec

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

After thirteen years at this school and over 30 years in education, Mr T has announced his retirement. A small function was held last week to acknowledge Chris’ contribution to education. As DPS Assistant Principal he has worked tirelessly supporting staff, students and families. He will be remembered for many things such as his excellent teaching ability, starting the circus elective, working with special needs students and reading recovery, but one of his greatest contributions has been his leadership around our Social Competency Program, including the focus of the fortnight and our Family Groups program. On behalf of our School Council, staff, families and students of DPS and Annexes, I would like to say thank you to Chris. Thank you for your passion, your patience and professionalism. We wish you and your family all the very best now and into the future.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be attending a Maths Conference in Melbourne. This will build on teacher capacity to teach Mathematics, which has been a significant focus in our school for the past two years. Our Maths Specialists, Frances Glasson, Karen McHugh and Mellissa Stevens have done a terrific job in supporting the learning of staff in the area of maths. This initiative comes to an end this year and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the excellent work by this team.

Peter Burke

Family Service X’mas Gifts

Many thanks for the gold coin donations for a children’s gift. We have raised $18.40. Would a family like to volunteer to purchase a child’s gift with the donated money. If so, please see Dianne by Monday 2nd December
Concert News

Excitement is mounting as the big day approaches. Many thanks to all our parents for assisting with costumes. Thanks to Jenny for coordinating gifts and drinks, and to Claire and Ant for volunteering to help with the supper table.

More helpers are still needed to assist with:

1- Setting up Art Display
2- Setting up and removing Bins and recycling
3- Set up of Sound System
4- Clean up and Pack up on the Night

Please put your name on The Job List on the Main Notice board if you can help with any of these jobs.

Our program is longer this year as we are including a Marimba performance with Jon Madin.

To avoid a very late night with our young children, we are starting earlier. I hope that this is not too much of an inconvenience to any families.

Please be at the hall at 6.00pm, for a 6.15pm start.

A supper table will be set up at the entrance for your contributions.

Costumes & Make Up

Most students appear to be organised with costumes. Students can arrive dressed for their first item. They will take home these items on Wednesday. Some children will require Clown Make up prior to arrival, while others will put face paint on during the performance.

Zoe, Buzz, Saxon and Kyah will all need to apply clown face make up prior to arrival at the school. They will need to take home make up kits on Wednesday.

NOW AVAILABLE

Easy Recipes for Cooking with Kids from Daylesford Primary School Kitchen and Garden.

Over 80 simple, fun recipes with additional recipes from Stephanie Alexander

All proceeds go to Daylesford Primary School Kitchen Garden Project

We need to sell 2,500 books to secure the KG program for the next two years, so please help by promoting the book! Any family business who would be prepared to sell our book, please contact the school.

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen