
DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 01 - Thursday 31/01/2013

CALENDAR

February

Tuesday 19th: School Council meeting

March

Friday 1st: Swimming House Sports

Tuesday 19th: School Council meeting
AGM & Elections

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



WELCOME BACK

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families for the 2013 school year. I trust you all had a lovely summer break.

We have had a positive start to the school year, all the children have been very enthusiastic and Megan and I are really looking forward to the year ahead.

I would especially like to welcome our new students and their families – our two new preps, Taylor and Kyah and Anouk in grade 1.

Over the break, Richard and Bee and many parents have gardened, cleaned, and watered throughout the school, which is presenting beautifully. We thank them for their work. If the watering had not occurred, I am sure we would not have had any vegetables. So thank you very much.



SOCIAL COMPETENCIES PROGRAM

Our Social Competencies program will continue in 2012. As part of our Social Competencies program we will feature a specific "social skills" focus over a two week period in all classrooms. This program will support our students' needs in the area of "social skills".

The program is designed to raise the level of awareness of social skills and largely to develop in children appropriate skills and attitudes for them to deal with different social situations.

AIMS

- To make the students aware of specific social skills
- To further enhance the general tone of the school
- To maintain a consistent whole-school approach and expectation of social interaction

The school newsletter publishes the following fortnight's topic with a brief discussion of the topic's rationale and some ideas the children might like to try. The fortnightly topic will be discussed at Tuesday's assembly. Appropriate activities are chosen to explore the topic over the fortnight. Teachers will develop the topic appropriate to the needs of the children in their class.

Positives of the Program

- Raises the awareness of social issues for all children
- Establishes a common and shared language for discussing social issues
- Encourages children to think about and define concepts such as "co-operation and empathy"
- Is consistently applied throughout the school and is a great way to discuss social skills/issues with students, teachers and parents

The program will continue to develop:

- a co-operative environment for all
- a common understanding of what is expected

- skills to deal with different social situation

We look forward to the students, teachers and parents working together to continue to make this a successful program for our school.

We look forward to your support.

Chris Tsiplakis ☺
Assistant Principal

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2013

Unfortunately our swimming program at the Kyneton Aquatic Centre will not take place until term 2. However all children in Grades 3-6 shall be participating in the House Swimming Sports on Friday 1st March at the Daylesford Pool. Our prep, grade 1's and 2's shall attend a special program at Daylesford on that day.

LATE ARRIVALS

If arriving after 9.00am, can parents please sign a late notice located in pigeon holes before attending class. Thank you.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please notify the school by telephone or send a written note with your child on their return. These written records are required for audit purposes.