CALENDAR

February
Tuesday 19th: School Council meeting
Friday 22nd: Closing date for EMA and Conveyance Allowance

March
Friday 1st: Swimming House Sports
Tuesday 19th: School Council meeting
AGM & Elections

TERM DATES 2013
TERM 1  30th Jan – 26th Mar
TERM 2  16th Apr – 28th Jun
TERM 3  16th Jul – 20th Sep
TERM 4  7th Oct – 20 Dec

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

After a successful year of review last year, we have developed a new School Strategic Plan, which has high priority on developing Social Competencies, Literacy and Numeracy.

Our new school mission statement has been developed. I have included a copy of the mission statement below and ask if you read over it carefully, with the understanding that if we as a school community work together, with a common purpose then this will enhance the educational outcomes for all our students. This year’s grade structure and staffing for our annexes are as follows:

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<td>Marilyn Chaffield, Deanne Cooper, Leonie Naylor.</td>
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“Mission Statement”

Daylesford Primary School and annexes are committed to assisting each child to reach their full academic, creative and social potential. To achieve this we will provide a dynamic learning environment wherein students can develop resilience, manage their own learning and strive for their personal best. We aim to create a social environment in which our students feel part of a strong, respectful, caring and supportive community of staff, family and friends.

LATE ARRIVALS

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

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**CURRENT FOCUS**

*Good Manners*

Daily life provides us with many opportunities to demonstrate our manners. In many ways it is simply extending a courtesy to others. Some examples include the use of saying, “please, excuse me, thank you”. The use of good manners lets other people know that they’re appreciated, respected and valued. We can use good manners in a variety of settings: at school in the classroom /or in the playground, at home, down the street, when visiting family and friends, etc. Waiting for others to pass before we move or holding a door open for someone else are other ways of using our manners. Use your manners with community members of all ages!

**RETURN NOTES**

When we attach coloured notes to the Newsletter we call them "Boomerangs". This means they need to come back. We have a pigeon hole in the library where these notes can be placed. We really appreciate when all notes are returned by the date indicated.

**DON’T FORGET YOUR FAMILY TREE**

Last year each family planted a family tree. These trees need your TLC at this hot dry period. If you could water your tree once a week it would ensure their survival.

**ARRIVAL TIMES**

The most ideal time for children to arrive is 8.50am. This gives them time to meet and greet as well as set up for the day. It helps them to become a responsible learner.

Staff have a duty of care from 8.45am. It is not appreciated for students to arrive prior to 8.45 – this time is very important for staff preparation.

**LOTE**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am encouraging children to think about Italy and Italian outside of school hours and would like students, if possible, to occasionally bring in Italian “Show and Tell” on the day that they have their Italian class. This can be anything at all that has an Italian connection eg. Pinocchio, a photo of Italy, a postcard, a drawing they have done about Italy, a drawing of the flag, Italian food, some pasta to show, a travel brochure on Italy, a book about Italy, a cookbook with an Italian food recipe in it, something from the newspaper, a picture from a magazine, a CD with an Italian song, a picture or info from the internet ………anything at all that’s Italian or about Italy.

Thanking you for your support. See below for the timetable.

Grazie, Signora Trudi

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**LA PAROLA DELLA SETTIMANA**

**PIGEON HOLES**

Each family has a pigeon hole where notes are placed if students are absent when notes go home. Please check this on a weekly basis.

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Take Home Readers

All children will receive new take home book covers and reader record books next week. All children are encouraged to borrow interest books to read at home each week from our library.

Junior grades also borrow 5 “readers’ – one for each night of the week.

We would like all children to bring their book folders and reading record books each Tuesday.

We keep a tally of how many nights of reading the children do and award certificates for every 100 nights.

We really need parents to borrow books with their children.

We have an honesty system. We ask borrowers to write what they have borrowed in our library borrowing book and date it when books are returned.

Bushfire information for parents

Please read the attached note and remember to come into the school on Total Fire Ban Days and write your name, availability and location. The book is located in the library beside the pigeon holes.

Our Star Of The Week

SUNNY WRIGHT

By Sunny

Hi My name is Sunny. I have hazel eyes. I am seven years old. I live at Nalya Court. I am small. My favourite colour is blue. I like playing games. I have two brothers called Marley and Rio. I also have a dog called Mezz. I live in a small tin house.

At school I like investigations.

School Council

Our last school council meeting for the outgoing council is next Tuesday 19th February at 6.30pm. All welcome.

We will have 3 parent vacancies on school council for 2013. Please give this your serious consideration.

Council meets 8 times a year for a maximum of 2 hours.

If you would like more information please speak to Dianne, Jenny (Vice President) or Possum (Secretary).

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.

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CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

For a student attending a mainstream school to be granted a conveyance allowance a number of criteria must be met.

Criterion 1 – The campus of the school attended must
• be located outside the Conveyance Allowance Melbourne Metropolitan Boundary (MMB)
  (Exemptions do apply to some schools within the MMB. Please check with your school)

Criterion 2 – The Student must
• be a Victorian resident
• be of school age
• reside 4.8k or more by the shortest practicable route from the school/campus attended
• attend the nearest appropriate school at which admission is possible

Before completing this form please read the information about the Conveyance Allowance Program at

Application forms are available at our office and must be returned before February 22nd. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Cooking

Next Wednesday the children shall be cooking lunch at school from our produce. Can you guess what is on the menu? You are correct – Zucchini fritters. Cost $1.00. they do not need sandwiches, a piece of fruit would be appropriate.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The EMA is provided to assist low-income families with the cost of essential educational items for their children which they would otherwise be required to purchase. Previously the government has assisted schools with a payment to the school for EMA families to cover the cost of classroom requisites. This assistance is no longer available. The EMA payment to parents has been increased to compensate.

Parents on health care cards now need to be responsible for their payments and can elect on their Application Form to have the EMA paid directly to the school. As previously mentioned this is due in the first week of term 1, please contact Deborah if you wish a payment plan, which can be tailored to your needs.

Any balance will be refunded by the school unless otherwise advised, e.g. to pay for excursions, etc.

To be eligible to claim EMA you must be the parent/guardian of a student up to the age of sixteen and; receive a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Your card must be current on 29 January 2013 and applications must be submitted to the school before 22 February 2013. Late applications cannot be accepted. Please apply at the office before this date.

Needed

We need about 10 empty 1.25Ltr PET bottles for our solar Boat challenge. If you have any in your recycling can you send them to school on Monday for an exciting reuse program.