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# DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **NEWSLETTER NO. 05 - Thursday 07<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

### **CALENDAR**

#### **March**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>: Labour Day Holiday

Wed 13<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Interviews

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> : from 3.45 - 5.00pm

Tues 19<sup>th</sup>: Cultural Diversity Day

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> : School Council (AGM & Elections)

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> : House Cross Country

**End of Term – 2.30pm Finish**

#### **TERM DATES 2013**

TERM 1 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

TERM 2 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – 28<sup>th</sup> Jun

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

TERM 4 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – 20 Dec



1<sup>st</sup> Wyuna 329 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sutton 303 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Corinella 274 points and 4<sup>th</sup> Tipperary 250 points.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Last Friday we conducted a very successful House Swimming Sports. Congratulations to all the participating students, thank you to staff, well done to Mr Kiellerup on his organisation, who was well supported by Sherilee and thanks to the parents who were able to attend.

From my prospective, the best outcome was reflected in the high level of participation, which reflects very well on the swimming program. It also fits beautifully with the focus of the fortnight 'personal best'. To watch children swim over a distance they had never competed over was truly satisfying.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to those parents who have chosen a parent teacher interview time for next week's interviews.

If you have not already done so, we would like you to choose a time by the end of this week. If these times do not suit, please see us for an alternative arrangement.

A reminder that parent/teacher interviews are being conducted next Wednesday and Thursday nights. This is a parent/teacher interview; no students are required on this occasion.

A reminder that Monday is a public holiday and that term 1 finishes on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

A final reminder : if you are interested in School Council nomination please see Dianne.

Term 2 does not start with a pupil free day as first communicated at the beginning of the year. In fact all students are required at school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to commence term two.

Could I bring your attention to the excellent article by Michael Grose about "*Persistence*". *This is attached to the Newsletter.*

Peter Burke

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## Home Reading

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Sorry...But a mistake was made in the last weeks newsletter. It should have read:

Our aim is for all children to from Prep to 6 to complete their home reading books and return these to school each **TUESDAY**.

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## CURRENT FOCUS

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### Personal Best

Everyday we make decisions and choices. To achieve our personal best it is important that those decisions and choices we make are our "best".

The following attributes will help us to achieve our personal best:

- Think positively
- Work hard
- Challenging ourselves
- Setting goals
- Planning to achieve our goals

We all have a responsibility to be the best that we can be in our personal relationships , academic, sporting, musical and artistic endeavours.

Chris Tsiplakis

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## HEAD LICE

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The school has several confirmed cases of head lice.

We need to work together to resolve the problem. We would like all parents to check their children weekly. Using the conditioner and comb method every week is the best way to detect head lice early and minimise problems. Tying back hair can prevent the spread of head lice.

We have attached an informative leaflet. We urge you all to read it carefully and follow the recommendations.

If you have received a note confirming your child has head lice please treat them and send a note on their return to school confirming this.

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## Parent Helpers

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Many thanks to all the parents who have indicated how they are willing to help at the school. It appears that we forgot to attach the proformer so we have attached it now for your convenience.

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## Kitchen Garden Cooking

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Next Wednesday we shall be cooking Zucchini and Cheese filled Crepes.

You will not need to pack sandwiches for lunch that day.

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## Excursion Transport

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Last Friday all children travelled home on the school bus. These numbers were unprecedented.

Most parents did not indicate this until the night before, which made planning a little difficult. In the future, we will need to know several days in advance so that an extra bus can be provided.

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## Cultural Diversity Day

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On Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, we shall be attending school at Daylesford Primary School. All children shall rotate through 4 cultural activities in their family groups. The annexes are regarded as a family group. We will spend the whole day at Daylesford. More details will be provided next week. Please indicate on the attached slip if your child will be travelling on a school bus or by private vehicle.

**This needs to be returned by March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**WANTED** Plastic shopping bags for Cultural Day – Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Thankyou, Trudi Blick.