
DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO. 20 - Thursday 08/08/2013

CALENDAR

AUGUST

Mon 12th – Circus Skills workshop 2 Yandoit 9-12:30
Wed 14th - Classroom Cooking
Thur 15th: Final Day To Return Parent Surveys
Sun 18th: Words In Winter 10.00am – 4.00pm
Mon 19th: School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tue 27th: Dress Up day + Book Swap
Thur 29th: Author Illustrator Workshop @ Kyneton Museum
Fri 30th - Circus Skills workshop 3

SEPTEMBER

Wed 4th: Marimba Workshop, BBQ – Social Event
Thur 5th: Open Morning 9.00am-11.00am
Tues 10th: 9.30am Gr.6 Dinner Meeting @ DPS
Mon 16th Circus Skills workshop 4 Yandoit 9-12:30

PUPIL FREE DAYS:

Wed 20th Nov, Fri 6th Dec

TERM DATES 2013

TERM 3	16 th Jul – 20 th Sep
TERM 4	7 th Oct – 20 Dec

in the following areas; Words Their Way and Soundwaves books and teaching charts, Touchscreen TV, CAFE and Daily 5 Literacy teacher resources and staff Professional Development in the area of explicit teaching of writing. Again I must acknowledge the dedication by members of the Book Fair committee for the vision, dedication and efforts to bring about such positive outcomes. With Trefor John our School Council President's time coming to an end at DPS, I must call for other parents to become involved in this annual event. If you are interested in becoming a part of this highly successful event then please approach Trefor, Merrilyn or myself.

Thank you to parents who have responded to my call and stopped using the staff car park and basketball court.

Thank you to the parents who have returned the parent opinion surveys (final date for return is Thursday 15th August).

Finally, I am taking two weeks LSL. During my absence Mr T and Ms McHugh will be sharing the role of Acting Principal.

Peter Burke.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On behalf of all the children and staff of DPS, I would likely to pass on our sincere thanks to everyone involved in the highly successful Book Fair. Due the hard work by the members of the Book Fair committee, Merrilyn Sim, Trefor John and Nel Staite and the wonderful support by a strong number of parents and staff who volunteered their time from Friday, through to Sunday, a grand total of \$5511.75 was raised. This is a terrific effort and these funds go towards supporting the teaching of Literacy throughout our school, so every child will benefit.

As this is the third year that the Book Fair has raised significant funds it has allowed expenditure to occur

Current Focus

RESPECT by 34C

Respect at our school includes the community, the oval, the gardens, the classrooms, the buildings and the playground. It should be shown by all of the students, teachers, parents and visitors.

It means not kicking balls on the buildings, over the fence, on the gardens or near windows.
It means we walk on the paths, instead of the garden, and take care of equipment so that it doesn't get lost. We should put rubbish in the bin, not litter, and use equipment and materials properly.

Respect makes our school feel like a happy and friendly place

be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen

Tree Planting Bee

Thank you so much to our fabulous band of parent helpers. Especially Ant and Claire for all your organisation and support, and Bush Co. for their donations.

Thanks to Jai, Mark, Caroline, Allison, Luke, Sharon, Possum and Tamara for your planting and gardening assistance.

What a successful event due to the enthusiasm and help from our parents and the willingness of our students to get involved.



Lots of willing workers



Parents give a helping hand



Donated stakes, plants & guards from BUSH & Co.



Ant gives a planting demo

Recipe for Muff's Soup

Due to popular demand, we have included this recipe for you. This is courtesy of Stephanie Alexander's Cookbook.

Ingredients:

1 Cauliflower – chopped including stem
1 Litre fat free Chicken Stock
1 teaspoon Vegemite
Salt
Freshly ground Black Pepper
Freshly chopped Parsley
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Method:

Cook cauliflower in stock until tender. Add vegemite and stir until dissolved. Puree cauliflower and stock, then check seasoning. Stir in parsley. Serve, and pass the grated parmesan – be generous with it.

Investigations



Our Hairdresser is very busy with lots of appointments



Preparing "Bush Tucker"

Nude Food

NUDE FOOD WEEK!

As a part of the older student's projects about sustainability, we had to organise a sustainable practise at home or at school. I'm going to organise a nude food week. All the students will attempt to bring food without any packaging for a week so we can reduce the amount of waste we make.

When: 19th
to the 23rd
of August,
2013

Where:
Drummond
Primary
School.



THE STUDENT WITH THE LEAST
RUBBISH WILL GET A CERTIFICATE
AND A RIBBON.

BY: ZOE TURNER

Red Clown

Our 1st clown workshop went very well this week and we look forward to the 2nd workshop on Monday. The children from both Annexes especially enjoyed playing together and reforming friendships made on camp.

Many thanks to all our parents for volunteering to drive these workshops. Once again your support has meant these extracurricular activities are possible.

Drivers are as follows:

Date	Driver 1	Driver 2	Driver 3	Driver 4
Aug 12 th	Dianne	Ross	Possum	Bee

Sept 16th	Dianne	Claire	Annette	Ross
Nov 1st	Meg	Alli?	Liz	Possum

My goal is to be able to easily spin a plate by the end of the workshop.

Please Note: Children less than 144cm MUST supply a booster seat to travel to the excursion.

Please be at school by 8.45am for a 9.00am sharp departure.

Yandoit have invited us to stay and have lunch with them so if our drivers are happy to stay a little longer, we will depart at approximately 1.00pm to return to Drummond at approx. 1.30pm.

ALLERGIES:

As Yandoit has a child with a nut and dairy allergy, all children need to wash their hands on arrival and let Dianne know if their food contains any nuts. It would be preferable NOT to bring food containing nuts on the day if possible.

Circus Workshop Recount

By Rio

On the fifth of August from 9:30-1:00 the children from Yandoit came here to see Red the Clown and learn circus tricks at the hall.

First the grade 3-6's from Yandoit and Drummond went to the art room. We drew faces of ourselves and a friend. My "friend" looked like this.



Then we drew the inside or the outside of a circus tent. Somebody was vomiting in mine. Then the little kids came back and we had recess. After recess the older kids went to the hall to do circus skills with Red. Red performed a whole lot of his skills to us, then we performed.

Finally we got to have a go at some equipment. I had a go at plate spinning, it was so hard! I only got it going once, and then Damon knocked it off.

Today was really fun. I especially loved seeing my friends Rufus and Corey. I can't wait until next week.

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

YANDOIT PS & THE BOITE MASSED SCHOOLS' CHORUS

Some of the children from Yandoit Primary School are preparing to perform as part of the Boite massed schools chorus. They have been learning songs and attending rehearsals in Ballarat in preparation for this exciting event. The music and dance for this performance comes from the Seychelles (they have even been singing in Creole). This promises to be a wonderful experience for both the participants and members of the audience. On behalf of the students at Yandoit PS you are invited to this event on **Sunday 11th August at 2pm** (about one hour in duration) at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts.

AUSSIE HOOPS BEGINNERS BASKETBALL

5-9 YO children are invited to try basketball through the Daylesford Springers Aussie Hoops program. **The program is recommencing in Term 3, now on Thursday nights.**

Special Offer: Only \$25 per child for the entire Term 3 program.

When: Aussie Hoops will run at The ARC from **Thursday 15 August, 4 - 5 pm**, and each Thursday thereafter.

Enquiries: Jan Maree Yanner 5348 3446

EARLY YEARS PLAN

Hepburn Shire Council is developing an **early years plan**. This local area plan will provide a strategic direction for the development and coordination of programs, activities and services for children between **0 - 8 years**, and their families.

Why is Council developing the plan?

The early years are crucial in setting the stage for later life. Young children develop through their relationships with others. Children's development is shaped by the balance between risk and protective factors.

Children's health, social and emotional wellbeing and their intellectual development is the business of all early years service providers

What can you do?

We want the local community to get involved in developing the plan. Together we can agree to work towards some positive early years outcomes for children and families in our Shire.

If you would like more information about the early years plan contact Robyn Clark on 0414 601 609 or rcassociates@bigpond.com.

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