PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thank you to our parents who attended the parent/teacher interviews during the week. Partnership between the school and home is vitally important for positive outcomes in education of children. Well done to our staff, who worked extra hours in order to see every parent of every student in their classroom.

Well done to 3/4K who presented a video clip at assembly on ‘Personal Best’, our fortnightly focus. They talked about many things, including ‘persisting’. There are many great examples whereby persistence is very valuable at school and in life eg. Persisting with friendship, giving people a second chance and sticking at a task like writing.

What did you think of the Michael Grose article ‘Teach children to persist’ in last week’s newsletter? If you have not read it yet make sure you do – it gives practical strategies you can use to promote persistence in your children.

This is a final call for nominations for School Council. If any parent is interested to know more about the role of School Council, please give me a call.

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**CALENDAR**

**March**

Tuesday 19th
- DPS and Annexes Cultural Day
- Excursion to DPS with Jose and Dave

Wednesday 20th
- School Council 6pm Child Care available. AGM and first meeting of new council.

Wednesday 27th

Thursday 28th
- Final day of term One. Early Dismissal 2.30pm

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**School Term Dates 2013**

Term 1 Wed 30th Jan – Thur 28th March
Term 2 Tue 16th Apr – Fri 28th June
Term 3 Tue 16th July – Fri 20th Sept
Term 4 Mon 7th Oct – Fri 20th Dec
We are looking forward to our Cultural Day, which is next Tuesday. A lot of planning has gone into the day, which promises to be a very valuable and engaging one.

The hot weather over the past couple of weeks has been challenging for the delivery of quality education. Thank you to parents who have worked hard with the children on simple things like extra fruit and water and trying to maintain sleeping patterns.

I have been impressed by the number of students who have such a positive outlook to the upcoming House XC event. Many have been training. This is another example of 'Personal Best'. Trying to achieve improvement by practicing is such a positive way to approach life. This attitude will most certainly flow into many other aspects of learning and life.

Peter Burke

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**CURRENT FOCUS**

**Personal Best**

**WANTED** Plastic shopping bags for Cultural Day – Tues 19th March.
Thankyou, Trudi Blick.

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**CULTURAL DAY EXCURSION**

Next Tuesday we shall be spending the day at Daylesford Primary School celebrating Harmony Day.
The children will stay in their Annexe family group (Drummond and Yandoit) and participate in rotation of different cultural activities. They will be based in the library.
Please wear school uniform and bring lunch and a water bottle in a named school bag.
Jose will take the school hats for all the children.
Jose will be at the school meeting point (four trees between the art room and library opposite main gate) at 8.50a.m.
There is no cost for this excursion.

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Could you please let Jose know on Monday, if your child/children will be catching the bus on Tuesday?

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**STUDENT REQUISITES**

Thank you to those parents who have paid for their class materials.
We would like these accounts to be finalized by the end of term.
If you are experiencing financial difficulties, a payment plan can be arranged with Deborah Cowan at the Daylesford Primary School office. Phone 5348 2480 for an appointment.

Please note that student requisites for EMA recipients will be paid directly to the school.

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**STUDENT REQUISITES**

DreamFest 2013
16th March – Family Fun Day @ Calembeen Park, Creswick 12-5pm. Local DJ’s, rock climbing, face painting puppet workshop, jumping castle and MORE!
23rd March – Music event at Daylesford Community Park (Skate Park) 12-6.30pm X Factor’s Declan Sykes PLUS Mother and Son and Battle of Bands feat. Eyes Wide
Open, Persist Prevail, Jade and Jenny PLUS Skate Comp, jumping castle, face painting and MORE!
Gold coin donation only! All ages, drug, alcohol and smoking free fully supervised events funded by the Hepburn Shire Council and the State of Victoria - www.freeza.vic.gov.au

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**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

Fri 22 March
Daylesford Town Hall
6.00-9.00pm – Cost $5

Theme PIRATES !!!! ARRGHHH
Parents please make sure you pick up your children from INSIDE the hall as they will not be allowed out without a parent or guardian.
NO PASS OUTS.
Water will be on sale on the night.