PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The positive start to the year continues. I am seeing very settled classes across the school and students focused on learning. The focus of the fortnight ‘good manners’ was presented at assembly by members of 5/6B in a most interesting and thorough way.

P-2 staff have started ‘checking in’ with their students and are conducting English and Maths online testing.

In assembly this week at Daylesford, I reinforced the first element of our school mission statement, how DPS and annexes are committed to assisting the students to reach their full potential. I spoke of the importance of focusing on personal best achievements, giving many examples of the way students can do this. A good example is goal setting. Goal setting does work and is a very valuable way of remaining focused on achieving your personal best.

It is camp year with grades 3/4 travelling to Cave Hill Creek, grades 5/6 travelling to Camp Wilkin and Drummond and Yandoit Annexes travelling to Camp Burnside at Anglesea.

Clearly some close budgeting will be required early in the year by parents who have children in grades 3-6, as it is a requirement that student class material payments will need to be paid this term in order for the grade 3-6 students to be eligible to attend camp.
Full payment for the camp is also required prior to the commencement of the camp.

Our business manager will send out invoices next week to assist families with this important aspect of partnership with the school. Appointments should be made with Deb, if parents are unable to meet these payments within the scheduled time line for a payment plan to be arranged.

Peter Burke

**GOOD MANNERS**

We would like to thank all students and families for being such a support to Charlie as she settles into Yandoit Primary School. Students are being particularly helpful by:

- Keeping their food containers/lunch boxes closed until they are seated at the outside table.
- Sitting close to Charlie when they have food that is safe for Charlie.
- Sitting further away if they have nuts, tree nuts or dairy, which are the most dangerous foods for Charlie.
- Remembering the list of allergic foods, so that students keep those away from Charlie too.
- Washing their hands if they have eaten any foods that Charlie is anaphylactic or allergic to.

We have included a list of all foods that Charlie is anaphylactic and allergic to. Please keep this close to your lunch preparation area, so that you are reminded to limit the inclusion of these foods OR to tell your child that they have something in their lunch that is not healthy for Charlie.

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We have included a copy of these foods for each family to be able to refer to.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

A copy of the agenda and November minutes have been included for all school councillors with this Newsletter. Please bring these with you to the meeting on Wednesday.

If you are an apology for the meeting, could you please contact our Secretary, Sharon Treloar.

**CURRENT FOCUS**

**GOOD MANNERS**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS/CARERS IN 2013**

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low income families to help with education-related costs. 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. Any balances 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 16 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 the 29th January 2013 and applications must be submitted to the school before 22nd February 2013.

Late applications cannot be accepted. Please see Jose or Deb for a for an application form.

**Are you eligible for CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:

- Be aged over five by 30th April
- Live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest bus stop, and
- Be enrolled at the nearest government school.

Parents who applied last year will need to reapply for 2012 by Fri 22nd February, 2013.
Please see Jose or Deb for an application form

PHOTO GALLERY

Santiago

Charlie

Harry

Milla
GUITAR LESSONS
Beginner Guitar Lessons  Please call Shane 5348 7716 or 0423 039 580

Guitar Lessons available at the school. Qualified and experienced teacher. Phone: Ian Hill, 5331 9138 or 0447 776 642.

Want to Learn Guitar?
Lessons available every WEDNESDAY afternoon from 1.40 -6.00pm and are for all grade levels. For a great introduction to guitar - half hour lessons at $20.

Guitar tuition by experienced local performer currently studying at the Victorian College of The Arts.
For enquiries and bookings please contact Lewis Ingham on 0400182252 or email lewisingham@live.com.au

PIANO
Simply Music Piano Lessons: A revolutionary, Australian-developed piano learning method that offers a breakthrough in music education. This remarkable approach has students of all ages playing great-sounding contemporary, classical, gospel, blues and accompaniment pieces - immediately - from their very first lessons. Also, new Play-a-Story piano classes for 4-6 year olds start 2013. Please contact Georgina Williams at Bridport Studios for more information, 53481575.

VIOLIN LESSONS are available at Daylesford Primary with Adam Menegazzo.
Learn from an experienced and professional teacher with lessons that are designed to be fun and rewarding. Instruments are available for hire.

Lessons are 15 minutes ($16) or 30 minutes ($32) with discounts available for term payments.
For more information contact Adam at adjustviolin@live.com.au or phone 53487930.

 BALLET/DANCE

Daylesford & Hepburn United Soccer Club. 2013 Registration & BBQ
Boys & Girls 5-15 yrs. Welcome.
4.30pm-6.00pm Weds 27th Feb.
For more information contact 0412 230 536.

Karate Training:
Learn traditional karate and self defence skills in a supportive environment at the Daylesford Primary School Hall held every Thursday from 6 to 7pm. The Chief Instructor has 34 years experience and holds a 4th Degree Master's Rank Black Belt.
The Daylesford Karate Club is a branch of the Ballarat Karate Club Incorporated which is a non-profit organisation. Fees are kept to a minimum and family discounts also apply.
Contact Danny on 0428 444943 for more details.

YOGA FOR KIDS Term 1 (5-12 yrs)
Tues 4-5 pm
A fun filled hour of yoga jumping, stretching, balancing and being upside down. Kids can loosen up and calm down. Daylesford Yoga 5348 3888
shayna@daylesfordyoga.com

FREE HOMEWORK GROUP Come along an Tuesdays from 3.45 to 6.00pm. Start with a snack, which we will provide. Then registered teacher Eric will assist you with any problems you may have with your homework. Computers are available if
Good Manners – Showing respect

VOLLEYBALL AT THE ARC
The new Volleyball season commences at The ARC Smith St Daylesford, on Monday 18th February with the social division games at 6.30 pm and open division at 7.30 pm.
Teachers, parents and grade 6 students all welcome, so come along and have some fun.
Contact Colin Priest 53487674

Daylesford Girl Guides (Grade 1 to 18 yrs old)
Duke Street-Opposite MS Shop
Meet every Tuesday evening 6pm - 7.30pm (except School/Public holidays) Various activities, outings & Camps.
Enquiries: Please call Nerida Nelson 0409 973 290 or Kiera Melen 0434 322 779

Daylesford Junior Basketball at the ARC on Tuesdays
Clinic Times
4 - 5 pm: Aussie Hoops & U12 boys and girls
5 - 6 pm: U16 boys and girls

Term 1 Player Fees
Aussie Hoops: $35 per player (no separate Springers membership required)

U12 boys & girls: $50
U16 boys & girls: $50
Springers Membership (lasts 12 months, includes compulsory Basketball Victoria player insurance): $35 but only if not already a current member.

We look forward to seeing you all.
For any information please call Jan Maree Yanner on 5348 3446 or email us on springersbasketball@gmail.com

Outdoor group fitness classes beginning next week and continuing over the next 6 - 8 weeks, with a 7am and a 9.15am class on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings. These will be held down at the Lake (weather permitting). Call Tania 0401 399 990.