‘Learning and Growing Together’
Be Respectful    Be a Responsible Learner
Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate    Be a Good Citizen

CALENDAR

December
Yandoit Annexe Swimming Program
  • Mon 2\textsuperscript{nd} – Thurs 5\textsuperscript{th} and Mon 9\textsuperscript{th}
  • DPS Swimming Pool
  • Depart 1.30
Friday 6\textsuperscript{th}
  • MAV Maths Conference
  • Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th}
  • Yandoit PS Concert 7pm
Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th}
  • Daylesford PS Presentation Night
  • Corey and Teachers
Monday 16\textsuperscript{th}
  • Grade 6 Dinner at DPS Gym
  • Corey and Teachers
Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th}
  • Last day T4
  • 3.30 Dismissal

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

School Term Dates 2013

Term 4 Mon 7\textsuperscript{th} Oct – Thursday 19th Dec
CURRENT FOCUS

Celebrate Community

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

After thirteen years at this school and over 30 years in education, Mr T has announced his retirement. A small function was held last week to acknowledge Chris’ contribution to education. As DPS Assistant Principal he has worked tirelessly supporting staff, students and families. He will be remembered for many things such as his excellent teaching ability, starting the circus elective, working with special needs students and reading recovery, but one of his greatest contributions has been his leadership around our Social Competency Program, including the focus of the fortnight and our Family Groups program. On behalf of our School Council, staff, families and students of DPS and Annexes, I would like to say thank you to Chris. Thank you for your passion, your patience and professionalism. We wish you and your family all the very best now and into the future.

Yandoit Annexe’s swimming program will commence on Monday 2nd December. We are very fortunate as a school to be able to offer this program. I would like to acknowledge Bendigo Community Bank who is sponsoring the program which is off setting some of the large overheads.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be attending a Maths Conference in Melbourne. This will build on teacher capacity to teach Mathematics, which has been a significant focus in our school for the past two years. Our Maths Specialists, Frances Glasson, Karen McHugh and Mellissa Stevens have done a terrific job in supporting the learning of staff in the area of maths. This initiative comes to an end this year and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the excellent work by this team.

Peter Burke

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our swimming program is confirmed for the week Mon 2nd Dec – Thurs 5th Dec and Mon 9th Dec at Daylesford Primary School Swimming Pool. Depart Yandoit 1.30 for DPS. Students can be picked up from the pool after the lesson or at 3.20.

Please ensure that bathers and towels are brought in a strong carry bag.

Parent Drivers

Monday 2nd Teacher, Meg, George, Dave, Tara, Lisa

Tuesday 3rd Teacher, Dave, Phillip, Michelle, Anna, Lisa
Wed 4th Teacher, Meg, Michelle, Lisa

Thursday 5th Teacher, George, Judy, Michelle, Tara, Chitra

Monday 6th Teacher, Meg, George, Dave, Phillip, Jacinta.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

It’s that time again when we need a few small jobs done for the School Concert. All school families are asked to bring a plate of food to share for supper after the concert. Also we will have a basket in the kitchen for the Christmas Hamper. If you could donate a few items (that you would LOVE to win) then that would be great but not any pre loved items please. All families will be given a raffle book of 10 tickets to sell with week’s Newsletter. If you can sell more tickets, please see Deb.

As usual with any school fundraiser, the money raised goes to support our students by subsiding excursions and school programs eg swimming and purchasing equipment.

Please see Deb if you are able to do any of the jobs still to be filled.

Purchase Hamper basket Deb
Raffle tickets Concert night (Jacinta)
Wrapping Presentations Sharon
Christmas Tree Rich?
Sound Cam?
Supper Co-ordinator
Serving teas/kitchen duty
Pack up morning after (Jacinta, Geoffrey)
Firetruck to pick up Santa Gerry

Costumes
Brightly coloured clothes for Circus Skills
Hawaiian style/ shirt  Floral dress/skirt
Christmas T-shirt

WHOOPING COUGH

We have had a few students who have been recently tested for Whooping Cough. Both students are clear of whooping cough.

STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Tang Soo Karate Kids are raising money for Darwin Tournament, 2014.

Renier, Otto, Rennie and Rufus along with children from local primary schools, are having a Fair and Silent Auction on Sat December 14 to raise money towards flying the class to Darwin to participate in the Australian Tang Soo Tournament, 2014. We are looking for donations for the silent auction, stalls, volunteers or entertainment. For more information email Jacinta on jacinta@cellula.com.au or call 0434 199 205. Tang Soo is beneficial to develop strength, dexterity, self discipline, and have fun in a safe, positive environment. Built on buddhist principles it enhances respect, confidence, awareness and care for others. Girls and boys are welcome to join on a Monday after school. Contact Bodhidharma on 5476 4280 for more information.

We have included some information from the Department of Health about Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
"Black and White".
A Theatrical Extravaganza not to be missed!
Saturday 30 November, 7pm
Daylesford Town Hall
Tickets at the Door

TENNIS IS FINALLY HERE...
At last winter is over and the grass tennis courts at West St Daylesford are ready for the start of junior tennis. Daylesford junior tennis is for all ages and abilities and happens every Saturday morning. Tennis is a great summer sport and a fun way to get fit and learn new skills. For primary aged children, the club hosts a special beginner clinic to assist children to develop the necessary tennis skills to join the junior competition. The clinic starts promptly at 10.00am – 11.00am and it’s OK if you can’t make it every week. Membership for beginner players is $50 and includes the use of the courts over the whole season. For further information visit the website www.daylesfordtennis.com or call Vicki Horrigan on 5348 3894 or just come along before 10.00am on Saturdays.
Tennis is also for adults and there are lots of opportunities at the tennis club to have either a social or competitive hit of tennis – so don’t just let your kids have all the fun... visit the website for further details.

Inside Out Dance Showcase Performance
Inside Out Dance studio presents a showcase of creative dance and drama from Pre-school, Primary, Secondary and Adult classes inspired by the theme "Black and White".

AUSSIEHOOPS PROGRAM - 2014
Aussie Hoops entry level program for children aged 5-9 yrs.
In conjunction with Basketball Victoria Country Basketball Australia.
A great way to learn and develop new skills. Most important make new friends and have FUN.
CAN COME AND JOIN NOW.
Venue: ARC, Smith St. Daylesford. Cost $25 which covers 2 terms. Money is needed to cover court hire costs only.

Dates to register on now, for Terms 1 & 2, 2014 are:
21/11, 28/11, 5/12, 12/12 between 4.00-5.00pm.

Further info contact Jan-Maree Yanner 5348 3446.

The activities will be held at the All Saints Anglican Church Hall in Panmure Street, Newstead. Water and fruit will be available as a snack. All welcome.
If interested please contact Sue Culvenor 5476 2335 for catering purposes.
Newstead All Saints Church Guild.

‘Christmas is Coming’
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Free pre-Christmas after-school activities for primary school-aged children are to be held on Tuesdays for four weeks, starting from Tuesday 26th November to Tuesday 17th December, 3:40pm to 5:00pm.
The activities will be held at the All Saints Anglican Church Hall in Panmure Street, Newstead. Water and fruit will be available as a snack. All welcome.
If interested please contact Sue Culvenor 5476 2335 for catering purposes.
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Ballet classes for boys and girls aged 3 and up. Classes held Mon, Wed, & Thurs after school. For information please contact Glenn Harwood or Sue Davis 5348 4532 or 0400 669 200 info@daylesforddance.com.au