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

PRINCIPALS REPORT

I would like to start by informing you that Chris Tsiplakis our Assistant Principal is transitioning into retirement and will reduce his time fraction to 0.5 from Friday 17th May, week 5 of this term. Ms McHugh will be stepping into the role of 0.5 Acting Assistant Principal from week 6 and Mr Comber will teaching 5/6C full time from Monday 20th May.

Our students at all Annexes had a memorial for ANZAC Day and this was pleasing to observe and hear of. We are very proud of our students growing understanding and respect of historical events that have affected Australia, our neighbours and the global community.

NAPLAN tests are scheduled for grades 3 & 5 in week 5, Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th. If any parents have any concerns about their child sitting these tests they should contact me early next week.

Education Week activities are being planned for Mon 20th- Fri 24th May. All our schools are planning Open Days during this week. If you know of any families that are interested in attending Yandoit Annexes’s Open Morning (Thursday 23rd May 9-10.30), please let Deb, Jose or Robyn know. Peter Burke

CALENDAR

May
Friday 3rd
• Camp full/part payment due
Friday 10th
• Camp full/part payment due
• Goldfields X Country
• Good Luck Lizzie
Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th
• NAPLAN Grades 3 and 5
Wednesday 15th
• School Council Meeting 6pm
Friday 17th
• Camp full/part payment due
Mon 20th – Fri 24th EDUCATION WEEK
Thursday 23rd
• Education Week Open Morning 9-10.30
Friday 24th
• Camp full/part payment due
Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th
• School camp

June
Saturday 1st
• BOITE Schools Choir Rehearsal
• Wendouree 2-4 pm
Tuesday 4th June – Wed 12th June
• Somers Camp Grade Lizzie & Otto
Monday 10th
• Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 19th
• School council meeting 6pm
Friday 28th
• Last Day Term 2 2.30 Dismissal
Thankyou to all families who have sent in their deposit, part or full payment over the past week. The office will provide a receipt that we will attach to your next week’s Newsletter. Permission notes have been arriving too, so thankyou.

Apologies that Medical form was not included with last Newsletter (Mrs R filed it in her Camp folder !!) It is attached with this Newsletter as well as the ‘What to Bring to Camp List’. Some families need to complete an Asthma form as well. Please let Debbie know if you need this form.

On Thursday mornings we have a Q and A (Question and Answer) start to the day and many questions were about camp. Our students appeared to have all their questions answered. But if parents also have any questions, please see Jose Mon –Wed and Deb or Robyn (Thurs-Fri)

**SOMERS CAMP**

Lizzie and Otto will be attending Somers Camp but we are still hoping for an email for an extra place for Corey. Otto was the winner of the ballot, which we sadly had to have. Maybe with a ‘United Yandoit PS Crossed Fingers’…we may bring Corey some good luck.

A parent letter, permission, medical and ‘what to bring forms’ are attached to this Newsletter for Lizzie and Otto. These forms need to be returned as soon as possible. Cost is $185. This can be paid in full or several part payments. Please contact Deborah Cowen at DPS, if you wish to organise a payment plan.

**CLUNES CROSS COUNTRY**

Lizzie has been training every morning with a different ‘Running Buddy’. It has been great to see how enthusiastic Lizzie’s classmates are to support her with this training.

We wish he all the best and know that she will try her hardest. Wishing Lizzie a Personal Best at Clunes!

**CURRENT FOCUS**

**Good Organisation**

**NAPLAN –GRADES 3 & 5**

If you are the parent of a Grade 3 student and have not yet discussed the NAPLAN tests, please have a chat with Deb, Jose or Robyn in the coming week. We want to ensure that all parents are fully informed.

**BOITE SCHOOLS’ CHOIR**

Thank you and welcome on board to those students who have indicated they will be a part of the Boite Schools Chorus. We are participating in this exciting event for the first time – hooray!

The title for this year’s performance is “Coco de Mer” and the songs are from the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean. Some songs are based on stories and legends of the Seychelles and some are traditional songs of the Seychelles. I now have all the music and there is a CD for each participating child. We will begin this week to learn the songs.

If there are any students in grades three to six who may now feel they would like to participate in the rehearsals and performance then let me know. Also, Debbie is applying for a grant to cover all the costs of this project so we will let you know if we are successful, and hopefully we will be!

In the meantime, please sign a photo/video release form attached and indicate a performance t-shirt size.

Happy singing everyone,
Robyn
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CHESS CHALLENGE
TOURNAMENT
ROUND 2

Scores & Cumulative Scores for Round 2
Win
Renier 3 (6) Otto 1 (4)
Rennie 3 (6) Corey 1 (4)
Harry 3 (4) Rufus 1 (2)
(Draw by Stalemate)
Flint. 2 (3) Lizzie 2 (3)

JOHN’S CHESS NOTES

For hundreds of years puzzles, also referred to as problems, have been a major contributor to the development of chess skills and have also existed in their own right as a pleasant pastime for chess enthusiasts. There are even international competitions for the best problems "composed" by their creators, who are generally professionals and whose mind games can be truly daunting! The chess puzzles that students will be getting each week to take home are designed to strengthen their skills in achieving a checkmate in the shortest number of moves and will often be based on errors that I have observed in their games. Solutions to the puzzles should be written down in algebraic notation (See last week's Chess Notes). If children have difficulty in solving the puzzle on paper, setting the position up on a chessboard will be a great help. I am hoping that solving these puzzles will help the children to master the most difficult part of the game, that of achieving checkmate.

SOME CHESS HOMEWORK
FROM MRS R AND JOHN

It has been decided that we will not provide the solutions to the puzzles until next week’s Newsletter. To encourage our current Chess class students to solve these during Homework time, we will hold back the solutions to the following Newsletter. We expect our Chess students to attempt to solve the puzzles but our younger students may wish to have a go as well, with the support of their parents. Please bring in your solutions by Fri 10th May. John will adjudicate and award prizes for effort and those who solve the puzzle! The results will be announced in the following Newsletter.

NIT BUSTERS

We have had a few families report that they had found live lice this week in their children’s hair. Could we ask all families to check and treat hair, if necessary, this weekend. Thankyou

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Daylesford Hepburn Auskick
AFL introductory program for primary school-aged children and their families
Register online aflauskick.com.au
Victoria Park, Daylesford Oval No. 2 Junior Oval
Sundays @ 10am Enq. Steve Walsh 0417 573 417

YOGA FOR KIDS

What is yoga? It’s fun!
Learn to balance on your hands, stand on your head, touch your toes, bend backwards, forwards – bend which ever way! You’ll even
learn how to tie yourself up in knots!
Booking required.
Contact Daylesford Yoga 5348 3888
or shayna@daylesfordyoga.com
39 East St Daylesford

SPRUNG CIRCUS presents classes for term 2 2013 !!! All classes at Hepburn Primary Hall. Call Mara 0477 499 342.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE/JULY.
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME IN 2013

In June-July we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

School Camps & Excursions: Asthma
If your child has asthma, attending school camps and excursions can introduce them to new asthma triggers especially if they are going into new environments. It is essential that your child can participate fully and safely in all school activities. The following is a list of considerations to make for your child before they go on school camp or an excursion:

- Does your child self-administer their medication? If so, has their technique been checked recently?

Daylesford Kinship Support Group
Kinship Care is when children are cared for by Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles or friends of the family, when the children’s parents are unable to care for them due to mental illness, difficulties managing alcohol & drug use, homelessness or domestic violence.
For further details contact Toni Schiltz (Child & Family Services) 5337 3333.

Exciting weekends coming up at Creswick Woollen Mills
Our celebration of the Lindsays Festival starts May 4th. The Mills will be celebrating the life of one of Creswick’s most famous families. The week-long event will host local artists in our Ryzowy gallery and culminate in the Magic Pudding Weekend on the 11th & 12th May.