

# Yandoit Primary School

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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*

## CALENDAR

### May

Friday 3rd

- Camp full/part payment due

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

- Camp full/part payment due
- Goldfields X Country
- Good Luck Lizzie

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

- NAPLAN Grades 3 and 5

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

- School Council Meeting 6pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

- Camp full/part payment due

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> EDUCATION WEEK

Thursday 23rd

- Education Week Open Morning 9-10.30

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

- Camp full/part payment due

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

- School camp

### June

Saturday 1st

- BOITE Schools Choir Rehearsal
- Wendouree 2-4 pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June

- Somers Camp Grade Lizzie & Otto

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 19th

- School council meeting 6pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Last Day Term 2 2.30 Dismissal

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May. All our schools are planning Open Days during this week. If you know of any families that are interested in attending Yandoit Annexe's Open Morning (Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9-10.30), please let Deb, Jose or Robyn know. Peter Burke

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## **DRUMMOND AND YANDOIT GRADES 1-6 ANNEXES 2013 CAMP**

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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)

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### **SOMERS CAMP**

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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.

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### **CLUNES CROSS COUNTRY**

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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!

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### **CURRENT FOCUS**

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#### Good Organisation

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### **NAPLAN –GRADES 3 & 5**

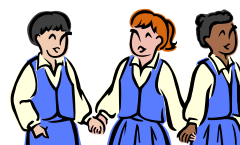
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If you are the parent of a Grade 3 student and have not yet discussed the NAPLAN tests, please have a chat with Deb, Jose or Robyn in the coming week. We want to ensure that all parents are fully informed.

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### **BOITE SCHOOLS' CHOIR**

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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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## **YANDOIT PS CHESS CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT ROUND 2**

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### **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)

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### **JOHN'S CHESS NOTES**

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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.

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## **SOME CHESS HOMEWORK FROM MRS R AND JOHN**

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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 10<sup>th</sup> May. John will adjudicate and award prizes for effort and those who solve the puzzle! The results will be announced in the following Newsletter.

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### **NIT BUSTERS**

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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

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### **STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

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Daylesford Hepburn Auskick  
AFL introductory program for primary school-  
aged children and their families  
Register online [aflauskick.com.au](http://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 every which way! You'll even

learn how to tie yourself up in knots!  
Booking required.  
Contact Daylesford Yoga 5348 3888  
or [shayna@daylesfordyoga.com](mailto: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](http://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:**

- **Is your child's asthma currently well controlled (e.g. no symptoms at night, reliever use less than 3 times per week)?**
- **Has your child had an asthma attack or asthma symptoms recently?**
- **Does the school have an Asthma Action Plan for your child?**
- **Has the school asked you to complete a School Camp and Excursion Medical Update Form?**
- **Does your child have their reliever medication and spacer on hand at all times?**
- **Are they attending with any other medications to be taken on the camp/excursion? If so, are there sufficient instructions to staff for use/dosage?**

- **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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May.