Current Focus - **Celebrate Community**

56M

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

This is about saying thank you to Daylesford Primary School for being such a great community of people.

Thank you to all the Teachers, Office People, The Principal, friends, parents and students that have helped me from prep up to grade six.

I would not be who I am now if I didn’t have you in my life. You guys have helped me a lot. For example Carol has helped me through quick smart and Mr Burke has taught me how to believe in myself.

Thanks to ALL the teachers during my seven years at Daylesford Primary School.

“You guys are amazing because you do so much extra for all the children at this school.”

Thank you

By Juliette Scanlan 5/6M!!!

---

**LIBRARY IS CLOSED FROM 8TH DEC (EXCEPT FOR THE RETURNING OF BOOKS)**

**ALL** books were due back on 8th December.
Fine letters will be sent out in the next week.
A reminder that **ANY STUDENT STILL HAVING AN OVERDUE BOOK HAS THEIR BORROWING SUSPENDED UNTIL ITEM/S ARE RETURNED OR PAID FOR**. **THIS INCLUDES BORROWING FOR 2015.**

**N.B.** Library shelves will have been checked before final notices are sent home.
So, please have a search at home and encourage your child to return item/s please.
See Gill if there are any issues (Mon., Tues & Thurs only). Thank you.

---

Presenting Christmas gifts to Daylesford Family Services from each of our Families Groups.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

• P-2 Performances
• Art Exhibition at Daylesford Health Services
• Fortnightly Focus – Celebrate Community
• Assembly
• Gifts to Daylesford Family Services
• 2015 Transition Process
• Yandoit Concert
• Drummond Concert
• Volunteer’s Morning Tea
• Presentation Evening

Our final meeting for the year of our Family groups was held in the gym on Monday. Our Preps, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students performed for us. It was a lovely way to conclude the Family Groups program. The variety and level of performance by the Early Years students was wonderful. Well done Suzanne and thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

Last Friday, Nicole took 24 grade 5/6 students to the Daylesford Medical Centre to the launch of the children’s art work. The opportunity to exhibit in a very public place within our community has given the students the authentic experience of creating with a particular audience in mind and a chance to see and hear that audience’s response and feedback first hand.
Lewin Judd played a beautiful recorder piece at assembly this week.

Our Grade 5Mc students reinforced our Focus of the Fortnight ‘Celebrate Community’ as assembly this week. Their message was an excellent one.

Our Family Groups all purchased a Christmas Gift during the past week and then presented them to Daylesford Family Services at assembly. Ray from DFS, was very appreciative and thanked the children for their act of kindness. We believe this act of giving reinforces the notion of community and that when you are a part of a community then helping others and offering to help others is a very important element. It was wonderful to see the look on the children faces, as a shopping trolley full of Christmas gifts was wheeled out the door.

The Grade 6 students spent a day at the Secondary College as a part of their transition into 2015. This allowed our school to transition up into next year’s classes. It has been a complex process to prepare class structures and class lists for 2015, but I am very pleased and confident that we have done a good job and will be able to yet again offer a high quality teaching and learning program across the school in 2015.

Well done to the Yandoit PS community on what was a terrific night at the Yandoit Concert. The sense of community is very strong and it was a lovely concert. Well done to the staff of Yandoit, Deb Rauber, Josie Berto, Robyn Stickland, Dave Lewis and Michelle Quinn. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robyn Stickland for her work at Yandoit. We have transferred Robyn to Drummond next year due to rising enrolments. We therefore welcome Nicole Wassell who will be joining the Yandoit staff next year.

Thank you also to the Drummond School community for their concert during the week. They too have teamed together very well this year.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of the staff in Dianne van Baalen, Nadine Jankowski and Michelle throughout the year. The growth in enrolments makes for a very exciting time at Drummond in 2015. In response to the increase in enrolments, Robyn Stickland will be joining the Drummond Team next year, along with Leah Stevens.

Our volunteer’s morning tea was well attended on Wednesday. It was our small way of saying thank you to all our volunteers for their work throughout the year. We also took the opportunity to present the Catherine King Community Award to Trefor John and Merrilyn Sim for their outstanding contribution to our school.

Finally, our Grade 5/6 presentation evening on Thursday night was an outstanding success. (A full report of academic awards and photos of performances will be in next week’s newsletter). The night allows the school to stop and celebrate how successful it has been in offering a quality education to our students. I am very proud of the school and what it offers the students, across the seven years of Primary Schooling. The end result is a wonderfully rounded child who graduates from Primary School, with a wide range of experiences and skills.

Peter Burke

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS</th>
<th>TERM 4  2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FRIDAY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SICK BAY WASHING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12th Dec Kathryn Cooper</td>
<td>Liz Pattinson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19th Dec Justine Wilkinson</td>
<td>END OF TERM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NO BANKING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Kitchen Garden – December

Thank you to everyone who donated items and time for our KG raffle.

Gill Carron

A DPS wine combined with the “Grow Cook Eat” recipe book would make a terrific Christmas present.

$29.95

Easy Recipes for Cooking with Kids from Daylesford Primary School Kitchen and Garden.

Goodwill Wines will pass back to the school 50% of profits for wines purchased under our school label. Please take a look at the website and next time you are ordering wine, consider this option.


PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CANTEEN DUTY TERM 1 2015</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 5th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Suzanne Newman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 6th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Helen Murphy, Julie Russell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weds 11th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michelle Clifford</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 12th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Catherine Meadows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 13th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samantha Harris, Anna Parsons</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FRIDAY  SICK BAY  BANKING  
6th February  Katrina Allen  Liz Pattinson  
13th February  Kerry Haby  June Cooper  
20th February  Rebecca McCahon  Liz Pattinson  

Term 4 2014  No. 39  12th December, 2014

Current Focus: Celebrate Community (Be a good citizen)