**Current Focus**

**Play by the rules**

“Playing Fairly” “Being a good Winner” “Being a good Loser”

Through playing games we learn about ourselves and others. Playing games provides opportunities where children will be expected to play fairly, play by the rules, co-operate with others, get along with others and handle both winning and losing. Having rules in games ensures a level playing field making it fair for all.

Playing together does not just mean playing happily with our friends, although that is important. ‘Playing together’ means sharing space both in the classroom and the playground. Demonstrating sharing in our games ensures that everyone will enjoy their playtime. We have to think about other people, the games they are playing and playing sensibly. We want everyone to enjoy themselves. Whenever you are playing remember to:

- play in sensible areas.
- check to see if others are involved in a game or an area before setting up your game
- play safe games, particularly in small areas
- walk around other people’s games.

David Garner
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent Newsletter Week 3 T1

We are continuing to build on our positive start to the year. Many of our students were recognised in our assembly for their positive manners and 5/6F role modelled some excellent ways in which we can display good manners.

Grade 5/6F presenting “Good Manners“ at Assembly

In ‘Daily Five’ we are continuing to build stamina in reading and parents can support this by reading to or with their child every night.

The 3-6 swimming program has started, we have small teacher to student ratios, good weather and excellent water temperature, all of which makes for a very positive program. What I am witnessing is the children trying very hard to improve their swimming through persistence and regular practice.

Thank you to the parents and children who assisted at the Regional Produce Day on Sunday, by way of volunteering their time to sell our KG recipe books. The selling of the books supports our KG program and they are still available from our front desk and other outlets around town such as the Visitors Centre, so please continue to promote this beautiful book.

At our next School Council meeting, we will be discussing School Council elections prior to our AGM which is held in March. If you are interested to know more about the role of a school councillor, then please make a time to come and talk to me about it, before I call for School Council nominations early next month.

Peter Burke

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOKS NOT RETURNED FROM 2013:
All overdue books from 2013 have been searched for on our shelves. Any student that has outstanding books will not be able to borrow for 2014 until book/s are returned or paid for. Please attend to this as soon as possible.

OVERDUE BOOK POLICY FOR 2014:
If a student has overdue book/s, borrowing will be suspended until items are returned or full replacement cost is paid.
EMA 1st Instalment Terms 1 & 2

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with the cost of essential educational items for their children, which they would otherwise be required to purchase.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.

Your card must be current on 29th January, 2014 and applications must be submitted to the school before Friday 28th February, 2014. All applications must be in the name of the main card holder. Late applications cannot be accepted. Please contact the school office to obtain an EMA 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 2014 by Friday, 28th February, 2014.

AN ADDITION TO OUR CANTEEN MENU

BASIC SALAD WRAP $3.50

Available via the Canteen – order through your lunch order OR directly through the Canteen. Available only in Black with blue trim.

CANTEEN DUTY TERM 1 2014

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PET NEWS – MICROCHIPPING

Hepburn Shire Council is holding a Microchipping Day on Sunday 2nd March, 2014 between 10.00am and 1.00pm at Council Offices, Cnr Duke & Albert Streets, Daylesford. Microchipping your animals provides a life time identification chip through Central Animal Records. A discounted fee of $30.00 applies per dog or cat. Please contact the Hepburn Shire Council’s Rangers on 5321 6444 or email jbreed@hepburn.vic.gov.au to book in your pet/s for this event.
Sprung Circus Classes –
Acrobatics, tumbling, all things circus term 1 2014 starting Feb 3rd Mondays 8yrs -12 yrs
4pm Wednesdays prep - 8 yrs 4pm;
Wednesdays 12 yrs -adults 5.30pm
Basic training and extended training programs. We are now looking for dedicated students in all age groups who would like to train harder and form a performing group.
Coaches: gymnastics qualified
Ivo - Bulgarian National Acrobat Team, silver medal in World Championships, Coached Circus Oz, Nica, FFF, Cirkids and continues to perform
Mara - 17 yrs coaching in Daylesford/Castlemaine, once walked down Daylesford main street on hands, um.... love it
Info and booking call Mara 0477499342, Ivo 0419880067

Inviting all Netball Enthusiasts!!!
We at Newlyn FNC wish to invite any and all children who would like to come and play junior netball at Newlyn for the 2014 season commencing in April this year. We have openings for children interested in NetSetGo up to Under 17’s.
We are having a meet and greet night at the NFNC Netball Rooms,
Newlyn Recreation Reserve, Midland Highway Newlyn
Tuesday 18th February at 5.00pm.
This evening is for all past, present and new players to meet their relevant coaches, order uniforms, meet team mates and receive all the relevant information for the exciting 2014 season.
If you have any queries then please contact Junior Coordinator - Rebecca McCahon 0409 992 512.
We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday February 18th @ 5pm.

CENTACARE – Family Relationship Services
Program : Parenting Programs:
Bringing up great kids: Sat 22 Feb 10.00-3.30pm
Tuning in to Kids: Tues 11/2, 18/2, 25/2/, 4/3, 11/3, 18/3 10-12 noon
Tuning in to Teens: Sat 15/3 10-3.30pm
Managing Kids with Attitude: Tues 18/3, 25/3 6.00-8.00pm

RATTRAY MUSIC  Guitar lessons if your child is interested please contact us on 538 1068 for private or group lessons.

AUSSIE HOOPS PROGRAM - 2014
Aussie Hoops entry level program for children aged 5-9 yrs. in conjunction with Basketball Victoria Country Basketball Australia. It’s a great way to learn and develop new skills.
Most important make new friends and have FUN.
COME AND JOIN NOW.
Venue:  ARC, Smith St. Daylesford.  Cost: $35 which covers 2 terms.  Money is needed to cover court hire costs only.
When:  Thursdays 4-5pm
Register for Terms 1 & 2, 2014: for further info contact Jan-Marree Yanner 5348 3446.

Daylesford and Hepburn Soccer Club pre-
season training each Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm at Victoria Park. New players in the following age groups are invited to come and see if you like the round ball game and would like to join the club. Registration event at 12 noon - 4pm Sunday 16th at Victoria Park Daylesford. There will be information, registration, Friendly Soccer, BBQ and music. All ages invited. Information 0412 230 536
John Mayger, Daylesford Soccer Junior Manager. 0412 230 536 or http://www.daylesfordsoccerclub.com

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS: Sue Morris will be offering lessons at the school next year on the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone. If your child is interested, please contact Sue on 0429 136 494 for more information.

FUNDRAISER
Panda’s Comedy Night
www.facebook.com/pandasear
http://pandasear.org.au
The Comics Lounge have kindly donated a night for us to support Panda’s Ear. All money raised from ticket sales will go directly to Panda’s Ear. So come along for a Laugh, and see some of Melbourne best tell us a good story or a bad joke.
Comedy Night: 18th Feb 2014
Entry: $10 per person
Location: The Comics Lounge
26 Ermington, North Melbourne
Date: 18th Feb 2014
Time: 5pm (doors open by 7.45pm)
Directors: Sue Morris

Annual Fundraiser