Current Focus

Listening

With all classes now underway, one of the most important skills any child or adult can develop is the skill of listening. Listening involves a lot more than simply hearing. Listening means concentrating on what the other person is saying, showing that you are listening by looking at the speaker and responding in some way; perhaps by nodding your head and certainly by responding to what they say with a question or statement.

Things to remember:

- look at the person who is speaking
- stand/or sit still while you’re listening
- keep your hands free of objects
- give a response to the speaker

David Garner

EASTER RAFFLE

Our school will be conducting our Easter Hamper Raffle and we are asking if each family could please donate one Easter egg/item etc. Raffle tickets will be forwarded home to all families soon.

GRADE 6 DINNER MEETING

9.00am Weds 26th March, Meeting Room,
All Welcome
Parent Newsletter Week 7

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Parent/Teacher interviews during the week. Education is a partnership between home and school, therefore communication with the school and the classroom teacher is vital.

The breakfast program last week was a huge success, highlighting the importance of a good healthy breakfast to start the day. The next breakfast program will be in week 2 of next term.

A number of the classes have started regular running to build stamina ready for the House XC sports on Friday 4th April at Victoria Park.

Grade 2TW, presentation at assembly highlighted so many ways in which we can achieve our personal best. It was a terrific way to reinforce our ‘focus of the fortnight’ and I will endeavour to have the video clip placed on our website.

Grade 5/6 students have started thinking around their writing about ANZAC Day. Once again this age group will be asked to create a piece of writing about ANZAC Day. There are a number of choices for example it might be ‘a letter home’ or a ‘diary entry’. These pieces of writing will be passed onto the Local RSL, who will judge them. Presentations will be a part of our ANZAC assembly which will be held in the second week of term 2 just after ANZAC Day, on Tuesday 29th April.

CRE/Buddhism, kitchen garden and choir have all started and are value adding to the already wonderful programs that we offer across the school.

We are calling for help with our first fund raiser, the Easter Raffle. The first step is asking families to donate a small item for our Easter Hamper. The second step is asking for parents to sell a few raffle tickets and then finally a number of prizes will be drawn at our final term 1 assembly.

A Book Fair meeting was conducted on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to a number of parents who attended the first Book Fair meeting. Merrilyn Sim outlined how parents can get behind the Book Fair, our major fund raiser for the year.

All proceeds from the Book Fair go towards Literacy across the school, so all children benefits. Already this year, staff Professional Development and resources for ‘Daily 5’ have been supported by the funds that have been raised through the Book Fair.

Peter Burke.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK 17-21 March

Cultural Diversity Week provides an opportunity for Victorians of all ages to acknowledge the benefits that social, religious and linguistic diversity bring to our state. It is a time to celebrate multiculturalism, denounce racism and promote social harmony and mutual respect.

During this week at Daylesford Primary School, activities that celebrate cultural diversity will be a major focus. Students will be involved in literacy, maths, family group, LOTE, Art and Music activities which emphasise harmony.

How can you support this learning?

- If your child’s class has ‘show and share’, encourage your child to bring something culturally diverse.
- Explore your family history with your child.
- Have conversations with your child about harmony and mutual respect.
- Cook culturally diverse food (and talk about it).

We will have our annual CULTURAL DAY (with rotational activities and a cultural performance) in May.

Our goal for 2014 is to have all classrooms with access to a range of different IT tools, such as laptops, Interactive Whiteboards and iPads.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!
Laps for Laptops... Coming soon...
Kitchen Garden – MARCH

Donations of any of the following items for our pantry are always needed. If you can help by sending a bottle or packet of something, that would be fantastic.

Olive / vegetable oils  Plain flour  Castor sugar
Dijon mustard  Maple syrup  Balsamic/white vinegars,
Eggs are also always useful if your chooks are laying well and you have any to spare.

Needed for the garden: packets of seeds, manure, poly pipe offcuts 1.5m and longer - 1 ½ inch diameter.

CANTEEN DUTY TERM 1 2014

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Canteen - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

Please contact our Canteen Manager, Bev Adkins, on 5348 1839 or 0423 357 191 if you can assist. Thank you

➢ PLEASE NOTE: TOASTED SANDWICHES ARE 30C EXTRA.
➢ PLEASE HAVE NAME, CLASS AND ORDER WRITTEN ON A PAPER BAG/REUSABLE LUNCHBAG.
➢ AN ADDITION TO OUR CANTEEN MENU
   BASIC SALAD WRAP $3.50
➢ RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS.
   Available via the Canteen – order through your lunch order or directly through the Canteen. Available only in Black with blue trim.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS TERM 1 2014

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STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We need your help: We are searching for past students, teachers, parents to join in celebrating 150 years of education at Hepburn P.S. Also searching for photos, memorabilia for display on the day.

Sat 29th March 2014  12-4pm. 156 Main Rd. Hepburn Springs.

6.30pm Dinner ($35 per person – tickets for the dinner will be pre-sold only)

Contacts: email: 150years@hepburnps.vic.edu.au, Ph: 5348 2531.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As detailed in our Newsletter No.4 of 21st February, new laws have come into effect concerning regular school attendance.

From 1 March 2014, these new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

INSTRUMENT ADOPTION

After a mighty big TIDY, we have found a number of percussion instruments, guitars and an organ that need a new home. Most of these instruments are a little old and weary, but would be brought back to life with some TLC.

If you/your child would like to adopt an instrument, please come to the music room at the following times, or ring me to make a time (53 48 2480)

Between 8.30 and 9.00am OR 2pm and 5pm, Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th March.

Cost: A gold coin donation for percussion instruments. Guitars $10. The organ is free (if you can take it...It’s big)

Visual artists may be interested in recycling some of the older instruments into an artwork.

All proceeds to the Performing Arts dept.
Sprung Circus Classes –
Acrobatics, tumbling, all things circus term 1 2014
Mondays 8yrs - 12 yrs 4pm
Wednesdays prep - 8 yrs 4pm; 12 yrs -adults 5.30pm
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 041988006

Daylesford Jnr Football 2014

2014 Registration Fees $85 per player or $65 for two players from same family. Club membership $15.
Training Sessions Tues/Thurs U/12 5.00-6.30pm & U/15 4.30-5.30pm, U18 Tues & Fri 5.30-7.00pm
Jumper Presentation
Thurs 3rd April 6pm (Snr Club Rooms) Free BBQ
First Game Sat 5th April D’ford vs Ballan (at Daylesford)  Enquiries: Jan 5348 176

AUSKICK
Daylesford Auskick 2014 will change from a Sunday morning to a Monday evening timeslot this year and as such will commence on Monday 21st April from 5.00pm at Daylesford Junior Oval, Victoria Park, Daylesford and run for 10 to 12 weeks. A Free BBQ and Drinks will be on offer for all kids and Families. Please note that all registrations have to be done online at aflauskick.com.au
For all information just go to AFL Auskick website or contact Stephen Walsh, AFL Auskick coordinator for Daylesford Auskick. on 0417 573 517.

Daylesford and Hepburn Soccer Club Training:
Socceroos here we come! Come and be a part of Australia’s fastest growing sport, you can learn new skills and train with talented coaches, under the skilful oversight of European champion Marcus McIntosh. Girls and boys all ages welcome, come and try out – our training is 4 to 6pm each Wednesday at Victoria Park. The Daylesford and Hepburn Soccer Club is preparing for its biggest year yet, fielding multiple teams of all ages. For information contact John Mayger, Junior Club Manager on 0412230536. Check out our club at http://www.daylesfordsoccerclub.com or just turn up Wednesday at 4pm.

CENTACARE – Family Relationship Services
Program: Parenting Programs
Tuning in to Kids: 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.

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.

Drama classes at INSIDE OUT DANCE
Acting Skills, Drama Games, Create your own show, Performance!
Prep - Gr 2  Tue 3.45 - 4.45pm
Gr 3 - 5  Thur 3.45 - 4.45pm
Gr 6 - Yr 8  Fri 3.45 - 4.45pm
With qualified Drama Teacher, Jen Bray
For Details contact: 0428 330 640

Boys Dance Class with Paul Walsh
For primary aged boys, Tue 4.45 - 5.45pm
Contact Joanne Tsakoumagos: 0417 592 522
INSIDE OUT DANCE, East St, Daylesford

For attention of Art Teachers, Librarians & School Community
Leigh Hobbs is an established artist and author best known for his children’s book characters Old Tom, Horrible Harriet, Mr Chicken and Mr Badger. His books have been shortlisted for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year Awards. A highly successful animated TV series based on Leigh’s Old Tom series of books has also been screened in Australia and Europe. Gallery on Sturt in Ballarat are hosting free events that may be of interest to librarians, art teachers and the school community.

Tuesday 18th March
3.30 – 5 pm Book signing with Leigh Hobbs 6-8 pm ‘Meet the Artist’ night 6-8 pm, free event, please RSVP by 16/3 for catering
Venue: Gallery on Sturt 421 Sturt St, Ballarat

(03)5331 7011 info@galleryonsturt.com.au
More details: www.galleryonsturt.com.au