Current Focus
Persistence 5/6C

You might find something that you don’t think you can do, but if you keep on trying you’ll find that you can do it. Nellie Ferguson

If you persist, it’s not certain you’ll succeed, but at least you gave it your best shot. Lizzie Lewis

Never give up and never look down. The door will never close and your chance is always there. Blake Harris

Persistence is when we try and work together. Nioka Newton

Be persistent and you will get far in life! Alex Gervasoni

When I was younger, I was playing tennis. I couldn’t get any of my serves in. I really felt like dropping my racket and giving up, but my Mum encouraged me and said “don’t give up. If you keep persisting you will surely get it in.” So I persisted and in the end I got it in and I won my game. Kaiah McCahon

We need persistence! If we all gave up we would still be living like cavemen. Caitlin Robertson

Persistence is like a set of stairs, the more steps you take to get to the top, the better you feel when you get there. Conor Malone

If you try to do something but you keep failing, turn that urge to give up into determination. Hugo Horvat

My very first day at the skate park I was terrible. I keep falling down and I was embarrassed. After a week or so I got better. Now the skate park feels like home! Adam Pasahidis

Persistence is when you never give up on the task at hand, and strive to do your personal best. Lachlan Sim

A reminder to parents that we are a SunSmart School and school hats are to be worn at recess, lunchtime and sport during terms 1 & 4. Hats can be purchased from the Office for $12.
A warm welcome to our latest new student Vivien Hemming, who started in 2TW this week. Welcome also to her parents, I know the Daylesford community will open their arms to our new family.

Our assembly this week started with a beautiful performance by our Junior Choir. They sang the two songs that they performed at the Rotary Concert. It was a beautiful way to start our assembly. Thank you and well done to the Junior Choir.

This Friday, seven of our senior students will be competing in the Divisional Athletics at the Llanberris Athletics track in Ballarat. At assembly this week, we wished these children all the best for Friday. A full report will appear next week.

Also in assembly this week we had a presentation by 5/6C on the focus of the fortnight ‘Persistence’. It was an excellent multimedia presentation and I invite you to take a look at it on our school website. Well done 5/6C.

The Absolutely Fabulous Fresh Food Festival was held at the Town Hall on Thursday. Our student’s art work was on display. Well done to our Preps and Grade 1 students and thank you to Nicole for enabling this to happen.

It continues to be a very positive start to Term 4. The students have settled back into the learning routines very well after the break. Children have checked back in with their learning goals and a strong engagement in work across the school is very evident.

Can I acknowledge the excellent work by parents in preparing the children for school. Despite the variable weather, the school uniform remains at a high standard and despite daylight saving, punctuality remains at a high standard. Well done parents and thank you for this commitment. It does make a difference to the start of the day and the tone throughout and around the school.

Can I make a call out to assist with the upcoming working bee on 25th & 26th of October. The purpose of the working bee is to construct a small stage immediately outside our Performing Arts room. Ross Redwin is a member of school council and he has done a great job in out sourcing all the necessary timber, we just need some helpers. No expertise is required as that will be on hand. Can I draw your attention to the information below. I know the children are very excited about having a small stage that they can perform on at playtime. Can you help?

Finally, please make a note in your calendars, that Wednesday 19th November is a student free day. Staff will be involved in planning for 2015. This is my first and final call to parents who wish to put in writing requests surrounding friendship groups and staffing for 2015. This information will be considered when we are formulating class lists and staffing of grades for 2015.

Peter Burke

Anyone who is interested in helping out should contact Ross Redwin on 0438 077 620, or 5348 6772, or leave their information with the office.

The School Council is planning to construct an outdoor stage to be used by the students as both a play area and for staging formal or informal performances. Materials have been generously donated by Daylesford Timber and Hardware and Tony Cochrane, one of our parents. The finished stage will be approximately 3m deep and 6m long, located at the North end of the auditorium/gym, just behind the music room. Hepburn Shire Council have been involved in the planning process and have given advice and guidance and now we are ready to start the construction phase of this project.

The council intends to hold working bees to carry out the construction, and are currently seeking volunteers to support this project. Experience in building is not necessary, so anyone can volunteer, from professional builders to compete novices. All that is required is a willingness to help our children have a full and creative school life at Daylesford Primary School. Tools will be available, although if volunteers have tools they wish to use they can feel free to bring them along. There will be experienced builders assisting, so if you haven’t had much building experience but want to learn this could be a golden opportunity. We are also happy to have older students from grades 5 & 6 participate with their parents supervision, so if you want to bring them along this would again be a great learning opportunity for them. We anticipate starting construction in mid Sept, and would like to have it finished over 2 weekends, depending on the number of volunteers. We are hoping to have a B-B-Q lunch supplied on the days of the working bee, and it promises to be a really fun day.
**PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS**

**TERM 4 2014**

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**Reminders around Early Departure and Late Arrival**

Students being dropped off late to school must be signed in at the office under parent supervision. We ask that where possible parents accompany their child to class to ensure constant supervision. In the case of early departure from school a reminder that a blue early departure form must be collected and completed at the office. This must then be taken and given to your child’s teacher before they can release the child from their care. No student will be released early without receipt of the blue slip.

**Students’ School Banking Volunteers Wanted**

We are seeking interest from volunteers who would be able to assist with the school student banking service on a Friday morning. This is a small job taking approximately 30 minutes with training provided. If you believe you can help, please provide the office with your name and availability.

**STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**CENTACARE**

*Family Relationship Services Program: Parenting Programs*

- **Parenting Solo:** Sat 18 Oct, 10am-1pm $20 p.p.
- **Connecting with Kids:** Tues. 21 & 28 Oct. 10-12 noon.$20 pp
  All groups will be held at the Family Relationship Centre, 34 Peel St. North, Ballarat.
  To register & enquiries about other family relationship programs
  Please Call: 53 277 960.

**RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS.**

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

$10

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**KITCHEN GARDEN – OCTOBER**

**WANTED:** Containers for storage of seeds for the garden. Please send along to Gill C or Sandra any tins or strong plastic containers with lids.

Thank you, Gill Carron

**A Reminder:** for all KG helpers to please sign in at the office. Thanks.

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**CANTEEN DUTY TERM 4 2014**

| Weds 22nd Oct | Tiffany Willis |
| Thurs 23rd Oct | Catherine Meadows |
| Friday 24th Oct | Samantha Mrsic, Lisa Dinning |

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**CANTEEN ASSISTANCE**

We are seeking volunteers to help in Term 4, once or twice a term (particularly Fridays), from approximately 11.00am to 2.30pm.

We are unable to have toddlers in the Canteen for safety reasons.

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.**
- **WE NOW ONLY USE PIZZA SAUCE FOR PESTO ON FOCCACIA’S, HAVING REGARD TO ANY ALLERGY CONCERNS. FOCCACIA’S HOWEVER STILL HAVE SESAME SEEDS ON TOP.**

PLEASE have name, class and order written on a paper bag or school reusable lunchbag.

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**GET INVOLVED**

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DAYLESFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB
Announcing a new season of junior tennis at the Daylesford Lawn Tennis Club, with a Family Open Day on Sunday 19 October 10.30 - 12.30 with free clinics, registration for players and BBQ lunch.

Birdwatching Basics
@ Trentham Neighbourhood Centre
Sat 25th Oct 2014;
9:00am to 10:30am. $15/head.
Ever wondered what those little brown birds are in the bottom of your garden? ... or what kind of ducks they are at the local lake? Come and learn about ways of looking and listening for birds, tips on using binoculars, bird identification, sources of information, and good places to go looking for birds.
All ages and levels welcome. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them - but eyes, ears and curiosity are all you really need.
Tutor: Lawrie Conole
Book @ the TNC by phone 5424 1354 or email admin@trenthamnc.org.au
(Suitable for all ages but children should be accompanied by an adult.)

YMCA FUN SKATE
Nandiriog Drive, Delacombe Stadium, for kids 4 years and older.
Saturdays: 15 Nov & 13 Dec
from 1pm-4pm, Nandiriog Drive, Delacombe.
$10 per person, includes skate hire & 3hrs skating (or BYO skates and blades).
Contact Stacey at YMCA 0434 743 993 or (03) 4333 6400. www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

FREE PASTA DEMONSTRATION
Learn to make Fresh Pasta
Come and meet Hilda and Laurie of the Yarra Valley, authors of Wow! It’s Italian Gourmet Cook Book
First generation Italians who are passionate about their recipes and would love to share them with you
At Daylesford Library, Fri 31st Oct, 2014 from 4.00-5.30pm
Ph. 5348 2800
Please note: This is an Adult event

BUSHFIRE FORUM
Three speakers, three aspects of bushfire: Head/Hands/Heart - facts and the science/practical things we can do/how to keep feeling safe.
Kevin Tolhurst “Firestorm Physics How did the Black Saturday fires burn? Will we be likely to have another like that soon? Will climate change make things worse?”
Joan Webster “Household Fire Planning Is stay and defend or leave early still relevant?”
Joan Webster OAM has campaigned for over 30 years for more effective and easily understood bushfire safety information for the public.
Daryl Taylor “Psychology and Sociology of Resilience How can I face a fire? What happens if I get caught and can’t leave? What do I do afterwards?
Daylesford Town Hall 7pm -10pm
$10pp pre booked $15 at the door.
For more info: HRN@internode.on.net, 53483636