Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY
Friday 28th
- Gr 3-6 House Swimming Sports
- Closing date for EMA & Conveyance Allowance (see this page for info)

MARCH
Monday 3rd 8.30am Breakfast in the Gym Gr.P-3
Monday 7th 8.30am Breakfast in the Gym Gr.4-6
Monday 10th Labour Day Holiday
Tues 11th & Weds 12th Parent-Teacher Interviews from 4.00 – 6.00 pm
Tuesday 25th 6.30pm School Council (AGM & Elections)

JULY
Monday 14th July – Pupil Free Day
Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.

Term Dates 2014
TERM 1 30th January – 4th April
TERM 2 22nd April – 27th June
TERM 3 15th July – 19th September
TERM 4 6th October – 18th December

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School Banking Every Friday


Current Focus

Personal Best

Every day we make decisions and choices. To achieve our personal best it is important that those decisions and choices we make are our “best”.

The following attributes will help us to achieve our personal best:
- Think positively
- Work hard
- Challenging ourselves
- Setting goals
- Planning to achieve our goals

We all have a responsibility to be the best that we can be in our personal relationships, academic, sporting, musical and artistic endeavours.

David Garner

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 and $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.

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Parent Newsletter Week 5

The swimming program finished on such a positive note that we have a large participation rate scheduled by the students in the House Swimming Sports this Friday. A full report will appear next week.

The nine students who participated in the Regional Swimming last Sunday at the Eureka Pool were all recognised in assembly this week. Thank you to the parents for their support and well done to Mr Kiellerup who supported the children on the day. Good luck to Jonas and Fin who advanced through to the next level.

This week our Family Groups started. It was very pleasing to see how the older children took on the responsibility to pick up their Prep buddy from the classroom and take them to their Family group and introduce them to their Family teacher and other students.

The KG program also started this week. We are very pleased to once again to be offering this program, remembering that this program is not funded by the Department of Education or by the Stephanie Alexander Foundation. This program has been totally funded by the fund raising efforts of the school. A small contribution is required by the parents/carers of participating children, but this falls well short of the total money required to run a full program. Some minor changes have been put in place to cater for the growth in the number of classes at 5/6, but we are still able to provide a program which is very pleasing. Due to timetabling restraints in semester two, we are unable to provide this program for the 5/6 students.

There are a number of things that parents can do to help this program remain viable. They include; mediatory payment of the KG levy, volunteer in the KG program, help sell our KG recipe book and write a letter to the Gonski Review, www.igiveagonski.com.au. As a government school it is vital we give a clear message to the Senate Enquiry that we need federal funding over 6 years not 4 years as suggested by the current Federal Education minister.

Thank you to all parents/carers who have booked a time for parent/teacher interviews. Places are filling quickly. Please action on this asap to avoid disappointment.

Thank you to all families that attended the Early Years picnic at Jubilee Lake, it was a very pleasant evening.

Next week we are starting our breakfast program. Monday morning all students in Prep – Grade 3 are invited to attend breakfast before school and on Friday all students in Grade 4-6 are invited to attend. Starting time is 8.30 in the gym.

Finally, a reminder that School Council elections will be conducted over the coming month. If any parents are interested to know more about the workings of School Council, then please give me a call on 53482480.

Peter Burke
Dear Parents

The University of New South Wales is offering an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS:
- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12; assessments are available in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student’s performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students’ results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form which has been sent home with this newsletter.

Dates:
- Science 4th June Yrs 2-6
- Writing 16th June Yrs 3-6
- Spelling 17th June Yrs 3-6
- English 29th July Yrs 2-6
- Maths 12th Aug Yrs 2-6

To book in your pet/s for this event.

PET 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 lifetime 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 your pet/s for this event.

VCTA CENTRAL HIGHLANDS JUNIOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
When: Sunday 02 March 2014
Where: Mt Prospect Tennis Association (Creswick)
Time: 09:00am – Doubles ; 12:30pm – Singles
Cost: Doubles - $16 per pair) & Singles - $16 per player
Ages: 18/U; 16/U; 12/U; 10/U (as at 31 December 2014)
Registration: Forms can be downloaded from Junior page on www.mtprospecttennis.com.au
Queries: Can be directed to Jenny Jolliffe on ph: 0408 735 068 or email: jrj62@hotmail.com

AN ADDITION TO OUR CANTEEN MENU
BASIC SALAD WRAP $3.50
LUNCH ORDER BAGS $10

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

Kitchen Garden – FEBRUARY
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

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

Many thanks to Mal Bray for his fabulous fixing efforts and to Gaynor and Craig for straw and alpaca manure for the compost.
Ballarat Gold Swimming Club
Encouragement Meet: Sun March 2nd 2013.
Warm up from 9.15am. Start 10am.
Eureka Swimming Complex Stawell St. Ballarat.
Cost: $20 ($25) if entering on the day

Daylesford Jnr Football 2014
Registration night for U12’s, U15’s + U18’s
Thurs 6th March 2014 Jnr Clubrooms, Vic Park
Dalesford @ 6.00pm. Free BBQ.
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 (Sr Club Rooms) Free BBQ

First Game Sat 5th April D’ford vs Ballan (at
Dalesford)  Enquiries: Jan-Maree Yanner 5348 1761

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 Dalesford/Castlemaine, once
walked down Daylesford main street on hands, um....
love it
Info and booking call Mara 0477499342, Ivo 0419880067

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

MUMS TENNIS PROGRAM
A tennis club in your area will be running a 5 week
subsidised Mums Tennis Program beginning Monday 24
February – Friday 28 March 2014, and is designed to give
Mums in the local area an opportunity to get active by
playing tennis, meet and socialise with other mums in the
local area. We also coordinate a Tiny Tots program for
children between the ages of 3 - 5 which allows mothers to
participate along with their children and not have to worry
about the burden of childcare.
To register, contact your nearest venue which is
Buninyong Tennis Complex, Forest St. Buninyong. .
Peter Joyce 0417 382 865  ptennis1@bigpond.com
Places are limited, so register early to avoid
disappointment

Sacred Heart College Kyneton
A reminder to all families of Grade 6 students - Year 7
Enrolments for 2015 close on Friday 28th February 2014.
Please contact Denise Lawrence, the College Registrar for
more details on 54221238.
Fax: (03) 54223525
Email: dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

CENTRAL SPRINGS CALISTHENICS
Classes are commencing this week at the
DPS gym.

Timies (Under 7) Sat, 10 – 11am
Sub Juniors (Under 10) Sat, 11 – 12:30
Juniors (Under 13) Mon, 4 – 6pm
For further info, call Karen Brothers on
0419 868 026

RAINBOW STORYTIME @ Daylesford Library
SAT 8th March @ 11.30am. All Ages Welcome!
Also come Chillout with us at the Hepburn
Libraries stand on Carnival day, Sun 9th
March.

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.
Money is needed to cover court hire costs only.
When: Thursdays 4-5pm
Register for Terms 1 & 2, 2014: for further info
contact Jan-Maree Yanner 5348 3446.

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

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

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.