Current Focus

Celebrate Community

Celebrating Community means taking the time to reflect on all of our achievements: it is important to do this regularly to ensure that we acknowledge everyone in our community. As students you can reflect on what you’ve achieved: individually, in a small group, as part of a class, as part of a sporting group or community group.

Being part of a community means that we can reflect on the different aspects of daily life: how we may have contributed to the school and wider community in the achievement of goals. Just as you share achievements with family and friends it is important to share achievements within your school community and the wider community too. Be sure to celebrate personal achievements in a positive and respectful manner.

Reflect on the importance of your values and incorporate these into daily life at home, at school and in the wider community. Our values help us attain benefits both personally and for the wider community!

Through 2014 our fortnightly focus has continued to further develop the personal qualities / skills and values of each and every child. It is hoped that these will become an integral part of our students’ daily lives.

David Garner.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Cultural Clothes Day
- Interviews for School Captain
- Grade 6 interviews
- School Council
- Prep Transition
- Grade 2-3 transition parent information session
- Daylesford Agricultural Society
- Staffing for 2015 KG program
- P-2 swimming program

The Cultural Clothes Day on Monday was a great success. Will Austin-King returned to the school and visited our Family Groups. He was very impressed with the cultural activities and passed on his sincere thanks for supporting the Espera Project. The school raised over $250.

A large number of grade 5 students nominated for School Captain and delivered high quality speeches to the grade 3-6 students. I was very pleased with the number of nominations and the fact the children wish to aspire to leadership roles within the school.

Mr Gooding from the DSC interviewed our grade 6 students earlier in the week as a part of the grade 6 transition process. He gave me some excellent feedback about our students and the way they presented during that interview.

The final School Council meeting for the year was conducted on Tuesday night. I would like to acknowledge the work of our council and thank all the members for their dedication to our wonderful school.

Our final Prep transition morning was a great success with the Pre-School students meeting their grade 5 buddies, who will introduce them to their Family Group early next year.

Thank you to all the Grade 2 parents who attended the Grade 2-3 transition evening. Sharing of information about grade 3 and what to expect next year went extremely well. Thank you to all of our staff who supported the evening and presented in such a professional way.

At the Daylesford Agricultural Society Annual Show our kitchen garden produce featured very strongly, with 5 firsts and 8 seconds, resulting in winning the overall Garden Produce Aggregate. Congratulations to all the children involved in the KG program and thank you to Andrew and Sandra for their dedication.

Sadly, Andrew Stone has given notice and will not continue with us as our Kitchen Specialist next year. At the KG volunteer’s afternoon tea this week, I acknowledged Andrew’s contribution to our KG program over four years. He has been instrumental in setting up our kitchen and has delivered a high quality program. He along with Alla Wolf-Tasker have produced an outstanding KG recipe book and he has created a number of excellent networks across the community who support our program.

So on behalf of the school community I would like to thank Andrew and wish him all the best in the future.

The P-2 swimming program has started. The Bendigo Community Bank is yet again our main sponsor. We are very grateful to the bank for releasing one of their staff members, who is Auswim qualified, to be one of our swimming instructors.

We would like to thank the parents/carers who have returned the student/parent updates sent home with the Newsletter 2 weeks ago. Could we please ask that the remainder be returned to the office as soon as possible in order to keep all records up to date.

Finally, well done to 5/6M and 5/6P who performed beautifully at our assembly this week.

Peter Burke
Quick Smart Certificates
William Glen & Ryan Coleiro are the first Daylesford PS students to fully complete all units within the Quick Smart Program.
A great effort!

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CANTEEN ASSISTANCE
We are seeking volunteers to help 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

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

LIBRARY
As outlined in last week’s Newsletter the total value of overdue books is over $1600. Total books borrowed by students is 270, total overdue 140. Please remember that if any student has an overdue book, their borrowing is suspended until item/s are returned or paid for. Please make an effort to find and return any Daylesford Primary School library books.
Thank you, Gill Pearce

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

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CAN YOU HELP?
We are organising a raffle for the next Farmers’ Market (Saturday, Dec. 6th) as a fundraiser for the Kitchen Garden program.
(To be drawn at the market at approx. 1pm)

We are seeking donations for our hamper, (particularly of nice, edible goodies) to help fund this important program. If you can help in any way - sourcing or donating, please contact Gill Carron
STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Boite Program-Thurs 4th December
The Boite Program will be launched at a Community Breakfast singing session for children and families at Neighbourhood House, and................
There will be a special singing storyline at the Daylesford Library at 11.30am.

Daylesford Community Fair
Celebrating and connecting our community
When: Sunday 30 November 2014, 12noon – 3pm
Where: Daylesford Community Park (skatepark), cnr Stanbridge and Duke St’s.
What: music/entertainment, food, activities and community stalls
Attractions: Mr Ants (quirky comic mime), soccer workshop, clay play, wildflower walk and more
Cost: FREE entry  Contact: Fiona – 0419538920, fionarobson888@gmail.com
http://daylesfordcommunitypark.blogspot.com.au
www.facebook.com/DaylesfordCommunityFair

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