It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to the Daylesford Primary School community as Assistant Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work of Chris T within the school community and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. His impact has been far-reaching, and we will no doubt see Chris around this year. I look forward to getting to know all the students and families over the coming weeks as we settle into the year. Please come and say hello if you see me in the classroom or yard and introduce yourself.

I would also like to take this chance to introduce our Focus of the Fortnight, which is a key component of our social competencies program and Student Engagement and Wellbeing initiative. These foci provide our school with a common focus and language around our social behaviours each fortnight throughout the year. They become part of our everyday language, and are also referred to in each newsletter and at each assembly on Tuesday morning which enables them to become part of your dialogue with your children at home.

Regards,
David Garner

Current Focus

Good Manners – (Be respectful)

Daily life provides us with many opportunities to demonstrate our manners. In many ways it is simply extending a courtesy to others. Some examples include the use of saying, “please, excuse me, thank you”. The use of good manners lets other people know that they’re appreciated, respected and valued. We can use good manners in a variety of settings: at school in the classroom or in the playground, at home, down the street, when visiting family and friends, etc. Waiting for others to pass before we move or holding a door open for someone else are other ways of using our manners. Use your manners with community members of all ages!
Welcome back to school, for what I am sure will be an exciting and eventful year.

I would like to offer a warm welcome, to all our new students and families in Prep and our new students and families across the school.

A lot of work has been completed over the break, including painting, watering (thank you to the parents who assisted), installing of sound systems, work on our grounds, and staff working within their classrooms.

I would like to introduce our new staff. Firstly, David Garner has been appointed into the position of Assistant Principal and his main roles will be Student Wellbeing and Curriculum across the school. We welcome David and I ask parents to introduce themselves to David over the course of the term. Also we welcome Emily Joyce who will be teaching in Grade 1 and Tom Powell who will be teaching Grade 5/6. Nadine Jankowski has joined the team at Drummond PS and we welcome her.

Below is a list of the class structures for 2014.

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The school community was shocked and saddened by the news of Ivor Bowen’s death. Ivor a member of U3A, volunteered his time to all three schools for over a decade. Ivor will be remembered for his gentle approach with the children, for his mentoring and as the Grandfather of DPS, as we so affectionately referred to him. Our sincere condolences and a tribute of his contribution have been passed onto his family.

Due to lower numbers of enrolments in Prep than we were expecting, we are calling for enrolments into that level. Also due to the spread of children across the school we have put a thirteen class structure in place. This however places considerable strain on our funding and therefore a few adjustments are required. Firstly, LOTE will not be delivered by a specialist teacher at Yandoit and Drummond and choir is under review and may not be able to be offered this year. We await the outcome of our Census at the end of February and funding model that we will receive for 2014.

Finally, a reminder to parents that the grade 3-6 swimming program starts on Monday 10th Feb. A parent letter will have been sent home today outlining costs etc.

Peter Burke.

School Hats $12.00
(available at front office)
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.

CANTEEN RECOMMENCES WEDS
5TH FEB 2014

CANTEEN PRICE LIST SENT HOME TODAY WITH NEWSLETTER

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

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS TERM 1 2014

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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.

BOOKCLUB

Book club is an important fundraiser for our school. Every time a family purchases books through Book Club the school receives books for our school library. Over the years Book Club has been operating, hundreds of books have been received and our school library would not be the wonderful resource it is for our children’s learning.

Book Club occurs at the beginning of each term and it would be great if every family could purchase from at least one Book Club per year as the benefits go directly to developing our children’s literacy.

Order forms for Term 1 will be distributed Monday 3rd February to all children and are due back at school by FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2014. Please remember that if you are paying by cheque then make it payable to Daylesford Primary School. Please check that you have marked which books are being ordered, and that your child’s name, grade and cash are correct.

Gill Pearce, Librarian

Current Focus: Good Manners (Be Respectful)
GUIDE TO ORDERING FROM BOOK CLUB
Please keep this guide handy for future reference.

1. ORDER FORMS ARE SENT OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH TERM;

2. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL WITHIN 1 - 2 WEEKS OF BEING RECEIVED – SO MAKE SURE YOU CHOOSE AS SOON AS THE FORMS ARRIVE;

3. YOU WILL USUALLY RECEIVE A NUMBER OF ORDER FORMS EG "ARROW", "WOMBAT", "FAMILY FAVOURITES". PLEASE COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM THAT CORRESPONDS WITH THE BOOK/S BEING PURCHASED. YOU CAN USE MORE THAN ONE FORM;

4. WHEN COMPLETING THE FORM MAKE SURE THAT YOU MARK THE QUANTITY AND PRICE FOR EACH ITEM;

5. MAKE SURE THAT YOU WRITE YOUR CHILD’S NAME AND GRADE ON THE TOP OF EACH ORDER FORM;

6. TOTAL EACH ORDER FORM THAT IS COMPLETED AND STAPLE OR PIN THEM TOGETHER;

7. CHECK AGAIN THAT THE ORDER & TOTAL IS CORRECT. IT IS GOOD FOR PARENTS TO CHECK THEIR CHILD’S ARITHMETIC!!

8. ONLY ONE PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE EVEN IF YOU HAVE USED A NUMBER OF FORMS

9. PAYMENT FOR BOOK CLUB: COMPLETE YOUR ORDER FORM/S AND PLACE IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME, GRADE & BOOK CLUB WRITTEN ON THE OUTSIDE.

   PLEASE INCLUDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PAYMENT METHODS:
   A. Cash;
   B. A Cheque made payable to "Daylesford Primary School" not Scholastic Book Club
   C. A Credit Card payment that must be completed by telephoning the number on the order form, provide your credit card details and receive a receipt number which must then be included on your order form.

10. OCCASIONALLY A PARTICULAR ITEM MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE & BOOK CLUB WILL PROVIDE A CREDIT VOUCHER FOR ANOTHER PURCHASE;

11. IT MAY TAKE UP TO 4 - 6 WEEKS FOR THE ORDERS TO ARRIVE.

12. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOOL BY MAKING A PURCHASE AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR: BOOK CLUB IS A GREAT WAY TO PURCHASE BOOKS AND GIFTS WITHOUT DRIVING TO THE SHOPS!

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School Banking program.
If you would like to get involved in the School Banking program, you can do so by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child make’s their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

School Banking Day
Don’t forget that Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Daylesford Primary School.

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

HOT SHOTS JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAM
The Mt Prospect Tennis Junior Association (Creswick) is proud to offer a 5 week Hot Shots Junior Tennis Program From: Saturday 01 February 2014 through to Saturday 01 March 2014.

Facilitated by: Ashleigh Jolliffe for Primary school aged children between 5-8 years.

Note: Parents must be in attendance for the duration of their child's session.

Registration: Contact Tulsa Andrews on 0400 299 882 to book a place, and pay on Saturday 01 February.

Where: Mt Prospect Courts (Creswick) Bring: Hat, drink bottle, racquet (if you have one) and a smile! Cost: $25 per player

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 $25 which covers 2 terms. Money is needed to cover court hire costs only

Register for Terms 1 & 2, 2014: for further info contact Jan-Maree Yanner 5348 3446.

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.