DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Mon 10 to Thurs 20th Gr 3-6 Swimming Program
Friday 14th Final day for Book Club
Friday 28th
• Gr 3-6 House Swimming Sports
• Closing date for EMA & Conveyance Allowance (see last page for info)
Tues 25th 6.30pm School Council

MARCH

Monday 10th Labour Day Holiday
Tues 11th & Weds 12th Parent-Teacher Interviews from 4.00 – 6.00 pm
Tues 18th Cultural Diversity Festival.
Tuesday 25th 6.30pm School Council (AGM & Elections)

JULY

Monday 14th July – Pupil Free Day

Prep do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.

Current Focus

Good Manners – (Be respectful)

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If you use good manners you will get a good reputation with adults and your friends. (Andromeda & Eleanor)

Using good manners will help you go through life much easier, if everyone always used good manners the world would be a better place. (Yemaya)

If you use your manners when speaking to adults they might take you out more! (Rohan)

If you always use good manners, your parents might give you more pocket money. (Lachlan)

Good manners are important, you will always benefit from using good manners. (Kira)

Here are some examples of where to use good manners; restaurants, school & classroom, home, shops, friend’s houses and really everywhere!!! (Thomas & Franki)

If everyone used good manners the world would be a kinder, more respectful place. (Sean)

If you don’t use good manners you may lose your friends and you won’t get what you asked for. (Carly & Tayah)

When I was at a festival, I asked for a drink for nothing, the shop keeper said, “Yes, if you had said please,” but I hadn’t so I learnt my lesson… (Ochre)

If you use good manners and be a good sport when playing games with others, you will have more fun. (Eric & Liam M)

Good manners is being respectful they should be used anywhere anytime, people appreciate it, others are more friendly to you if you use manners. (Josh & Chace)

The more you use good manners the more people will appreciate you. (Otto)

Using good manners will take you a long way throughout your life. (Liam O)

If you use good manners all the time you will get more privileges. (Fin)

Good manners can be rewarding and sometimes get you free stuff. (Tommy)

To be a good role model to younger kids, you should use good manners. (Romy)
Parent Newsletter Week 2 Term 1

An excellent start to the school year continues to unfold. Our Preps are settling in very well as are our new students. Children are presenting well in school uniform and arriving on time, despite our challenging weather patterns. Well done to all our families on such a positive start to the school year.

Bus Captains, House Captains and School Captains all received their badges this week at assembly and have made a good start in their perspective roles.

At assembly this week, I reinforced very strongly, that at DPS we work very hard on showing respect on a daily basis. The fortnightly focus of good manners is one small example of that, but showing respect to others goes well beyond good manners and I have high expectations of ALL members of our school community that we treat each other with respect on every occasion.

School is about learning. Learning behaviours develop over time. Good learning habits require practice and persistence. One way we are receiving this is through our whole school focus on the Daily Five.

The Daily Five is a way of structuring the reading block so every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks. These research based tasks are ones that will have the biggest impact on student reading and writing achievement, as well as help children foster the love of reading and writing. Students receive explicit whole group instruction and then are given independent practice time to read and write independently while the teacher provides focused, intense instruction to individuals and small groups of students.

When it is up and running smoothly, students will be engaged in the Daily Five, which is comprised of:

- Read to Self
- Work on Writing
- Read to Someone
- Listen to Reading
- Word Work

There are very specific behaviour expectations that go with each Daily 5 component. We will spend our first weeks working intensely on building our reading and writing stamina, learning the behaviours of the Daily 5 and fostering our classroom community. The staff will also spend time learning about your child’s strengths and greatest needs as a reader in order to best plan for each student’s instruction.

Your child will be taught to select “Good Fit Books” or books they can read, understand and are interested in, which they will read during Daily 5. They will be spending most of their time actually reading, which research supports as the number one way to improve reading. I anticipate the motivation and enjoyment of reading will skyrocket when this gift of choosing their own books is accompanied by extended practice and specific reading instruction for each individual child. It won’t be long until you hear your child talking about “The Daily Five.” The purpose of this report is to fill you in on what The Daily Five is all about, so you don’t have to nod your head while wondering what in the world your child is referring to.

As you can see, I am excited about giving your child the opportunity to be involved in a structure that will have a positive effect on their education.

A reminder that the grade 3-6 swimming program starts on Monday for the next 9 school days. No swimming on Friday 21st Feb due to DSC swimming sports. Our House Swimming Sports are on Friday 28th Feb. All are welcome. If any parents are able to assist on the day please leave a message for Mr Kiellerup our Sports Coordinator.

Peter Burke

Below is the roster to assist with sales of our Kitchen Garden Recipe Book on Sunday 9th Feb, at Lake House, Daylesford during the Annual Regional Producers Day.

If you can spare one hour of your time between 10am & 4pm please contact me.

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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.

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.

AN ADDITION TO OUR CANTENE MENU

BASIC SALAD WRAP $3.50

RE-USABLE 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.

CANTENE DUTY TERM 1 2014

| Wed 12th Feb | Michelle Clifford |
| Thurs 13th Feb | Catherine Meadows |
| Fri 14th Feb | Ange Izard/Kareena Hodgson |

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.

Term 1 2014 No.2 Friday 7th February, 2014

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**STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**Sprung Circus Classes** –
Acrobatics, tumbling, all things circus term 1 2014
starting Feb 3rd Mondays 8yrs -12 yrs
4pm Wednesdays prep - 8 yrs 4pm;
Wednesday 12 yrs and adults 5.30pm

Basic training and extended training programs. We are now looking for dedicated students in all age groups who would like to train harder and form a performing group.

Coaches: gymnastics qualified
Ivo - Bulgarian National Acrobat Team, silver medal
in World Championships, Coached Circus Oz,
Nica, FFF, Cirkids and continues to perform
Mara - 17 yrs coaching in Daylesford/Castlemaine,
one walked down Daylesford main street on
hands, um.... love it
Info and booking call Mara 0477499342, Ivo 0419880067

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**RATTRAY MUSIC**
Guitar lessons如果 your child
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**CALISTHENICS 2014!**
Classes are commencing this week at the
DPS gym.
Tinies (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

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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.

**Live. laugh. love. Soccer**
Daylesford and Hepburn Soccer Club are in pre-season training each Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm at Victoria Park.

New players in the following age groups are invited to come and see if you like the round ball game and would like to join the club.

Club registration day is Sunday the 16th of February
under 9’s under 11’s under 13’s under 15’s

John Mayger
Daylesford Soccer Junior Manager.
0412 230 536 or http://www.daylesfordsoccerclub.com

Find out more!
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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.**

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