Current Focus

Good Organisation

Good organisational skills are important in our lives. These skills assist us greatly with setting goals and time management when we plan in/for our learning at school and other aspects of our daily life. Being organised assists us with our daily routines at home and at school. Good organisation allows us to manage our time more effectively. We can plan to get things done and work other things around our commitments. Good organisation helps us and others around us to plan and get things completed. Schoolwork, sports practice, music commitments, jobs around home, etc can be better managed through the use of schedules/timetables, marking things on the calendar or in a diary. This way we can ensure that things get done!

Some good organisational skills may include:

- Getting things completed on time
- Planning for particular events
- Allowing enough time to complete things
- Setting goals for yourself (short term/long term)
- Knowing where to find things and keeping things in an orderly manner (school locker, bag, room, personal belongings)
- Prioritising things that need to be done at home/school/recreation activities
- Keeping to a time schedule and being prepared for upcoming events or work commitments

Good organisation assists all of us with our daily routines: we plan for things, manage routines, keep commitments, complete things on a daily basis and achieve balance in our life.

David Garner

GRADE 6 DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY
9AM MEETING ROOM
ALL PARENTS WELCOME
Parent Newsletter Week 3

Our assembly started this week with a lovely performance by our Junior Choir. Well done to all the children involved and thank you Suzanne.

An excellent message was given by 2S about our focus of the fortnight ‘RESPECT’. Thank you 2S, very well done.

The Respect that the children showed in our ANZAC assembly, in this week’s assembly, during wet weather timetables and across the school is very pleasing.

Welcome to Jo Manning who is filling in for Trudi who has taken some LSL. Also welcome to Kerry Carman who will continue to teach 1W whilst Kathy is on sick leave.

Well done to all the children who competed in the Goldfields Cross Country this week at Clunes. A full report will appear next week.

Grade 2 students are heading to Melbourne for an exciting excursion on Friday. More details next week.

New yard equipment has been placed into the rooms, thanks to funds raised from the Easter Raffle.

Grade 3 & 5 students are scheduled for NAPLAN tests next week.

Thank you to parents who have circulated our OPEN Day flier to kinder parents.

Finally, a call for HELP! We are very lucky that we have a number of very community minded people within our school community. Funds are needed to support needs in Literacy, to fund the KG and to improve our grounds for the children. Can you help support one of the following actions;

Firstly, Book Fair – sorting of books will begin on Sunday 25th in our gym at 10.00 (see flier)
Secondly, Working Bee to construct an external stage outside our music room – three Saturdays dates TBA soon.
Thirdly, Mega Garage Sale – the Lake House are selling a lot of excellent quality items and proceeds will go to our KG program. HELP IS NEEDED on Saturday 31st May to set up stalls in the gym and on Sunday 1st June with the mega sale (more details in the near future)

If you can help, please ring the front office and leave your details.

Peter Burke

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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.

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

PLEASE NOTE: TOASTED SANDWICHES ARE 30C EXTRA. CRUNCHERS NOT AVAILABLE TERM 3 & 4

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.

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PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

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LIBRARY NEWS
HELP URGENTLY NEEDED FOR BOOK COVERING
Please remind your child/ren to return or re-borrow their library books. Any students who have overdue item/s have their borrowing suspended until the item/s are returned or paid for.

Premier’s Reading Challenge News
Permission forms were given to students the last week of term. Please sign and fill out required information and return to school ASAP.

Certificates will not be received if permission forms are not returned.

Dear Parents/Carers
I am encouraging children to think about Italy and Italian outside of school hours and would like students, if possible, to occasionally bring in Italian “Show and Tell” on the day that they have their Italian class. This can be anything at all that has an Italian connection eg. Pinocchio, a photo of Italy, a postcard, a drawing they have done about Italy, a drawing of the flag, Italian food, some pasta to show, a travel brochure on Italy, a book about Italy, a cookbook with an Italian food recipe in it, something from the newspaper, a picture from a magazine, a CD with an Italian song, a picture or info from the internet ……anything at all that’s Italian or about Italy.

Thanking you for your support. See below for the timetable.

Grazie, Signora Trudi

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ITALIAN WORDS OF THE WEEK…..
La mamma - mum
Ho - I have

BLOSSOM CONNECT
Blossom Connect is a new online hub for busy parents in Ballarat & surrounding areas. This community service provides the latest information, news and events for children in the area through the web, social media and email newsletters. Membership is free and also includes special offers from local businesses working with children and regular competitions and giveaways. For more information to help your little buds blossom, or to sign up visit http://www.blossomconnect.com.au

ANZAC WRITING
I skipped down the path that led to home, as I walked through the door, I stopped. Mummy was there, sobbing. Her delicate fingers were gripped around a letter; Daddy was there with his arms around her.

“Oh, Rosie”
I was speechless; the only thing I could do was ask.

“Mummy, what’s wrong?”
She didn’t answer, just pulled me in for a hug.
There was a pause, a huge pause, finally Daddy spoke.

“Sweetheart, why don’t you go and make your mother a nice cup of tea”

“sure” I said, walking off to the kitchen, as I did I caught a glimpse of my mother’s face; her eyes were puffy and red and strands of her hair was stuck to her face from the tears, as I put the kettle on, I could hear mummy sobbing

“how did this happen” she sobbed “I-I don’t want you to go”

“go? Where was daddy going?”

“Darling I have to go to serve my country”

“but what if you get hurt or die?”

Die! I repeated in my mind

“die?” I ran into the room where my sad mother and a comforting Dad sat, they both looked up

“I don’t want you to die daddy”

“sweetie I’m not going to die” I could feel hot tears running down my face, I ran to my room, I couldn’t think about it anymore.

I awoke to the sound of birds singing, light was leaking through lace curtains, I got up and pulled on a dress and went down to the kitchen, Mummy was there and she looked like she had been crying again

“Mummy what’s wrong?”
she drew in a breath

“it’s your Father, he has been forced to go to war and serve for the ANZAC’s”

“can he get hurt?” I say even though I know the answer

“yes” she replies

“when does he have to go?”

“In three days”

Three days went too quick for Rosie, when the day came for him to go, nearly every family went to say goodbye, Mummy was crying the whole time, Daddy was in his special army uniform, as I realised that this could be the final time that I saw him, hot tears streamed down my cheeks as I hugged him. Then he finally had to let go as he and a lot of other men boarded the train, as he did he yelled

“I’ll come home, I promise”

but as soon as he said that I knew that he could never keep that promise.

And he never did.

By Blossom Izard
YMCA Ballarat/ Ballarat Roller Derby League
FUN SKATE SESSION
Saturday 10th May 2014, Delacombe Stadium
1pm – 4pm. $10 per person includes skate hire and 3 hours of skating. Kiosk Operating. Ages 4 +
Skating lessons available (Bookings essential)
Contact Stacey 0434 743 993

Family Nature Walks
Sat 10th May 2 - 4pm
Fungi Fun at Blackwood. Become Bush Detectives and discover what’s new in the bush this Autumn. Join naturalist, Tanya Loos and nature educator, Jen Bray for a series of short forest walks each season suitable for families with primary-aged children and older. BYO drinks, snacks, weather protective gear and wear sturdy shoes.
Bring Cameras, magnifying glasses or binoculars if you wish.
Meet Garden of St Erth carpark, Blackwood at 2pm.
$10 per family. Bookings and enquiries: bray_jen@hotmail.com
Based on Tanya Loos’ book Daysford Nature Diary: six seasons in the foothills forests

CENTACARE
Family Relationship Services Program: Parenting Programs
Managing Kids with Attitude: Tues 22nd & 29th July
1.00-3.00 pm Cost:$20 p.p
Parenting Solo: Weds 14th May 6-8pm and Sat 18 Oct, 10am-1pm $20 p.p.
All groups will be held at the Family Relationship Centre, 34 Peel St. North, Ballarat.
To register Please Call: 53 277 960.

AUSKICK
Daylesford Auskick 2014 commenced
Monday 21st April from 5.00pm at
Daylesford Junior Oval, Victoria Park, Daylesford and will run for 10 to 12 weeks.
Please note that all registrations have to be done online at aflauskick.com.au
For all information just go to AFL Auskick website or contact
Stephen Walsh, AFL Auskick coordinator for Daylesford Auskick. on 0417 573 517.

Daylesford and Hepburn Soccer Club.
Socceroos here we come! Come and be a part of Australia’s fastest growing sport, you can learn new skills and train with talented coaches, under the skilful oversight of European champion Marcus McIntosh. Girls and boys all ages welcome, come and try out – our training is 4 to 6pm each Wednesday at Victoria Park. The Daylesford and Hepburn Soccer Club is preparing for its biggest year yet, fielding multiple teams of all ages. For information contact John Mayger, Junior Club Manager on 0412230536. Check out our club at http://www.daylesfordsoccerclub.com or just turn up Wednesday at 4pm

BASKETBALL
Term 2 Basketball recommenced Tuesday 22nd April 2014.
10 & Under 4.00-5.00pm, 13 & Under 5.00-6.00pm,
17 & Under 6.00-7.00pm.

Daylesford After School Care is offering two clubs during term 2:
Science Club with various community members and ASC educators every Thursday at 4.15pm and Art Club every Friday at 4.15pm.
There is no extra cost for the clubs, only the normal government subsidised child care fee for the afternoon. The clubs run concurrently with our regular After School Care program. Each club day the children will be collected from their schools and provided with afternoon tea prior to the start of club sessions.
For bookings or more information please contact Julie McLean on 5349 3702.
Daylesford Outside School Hours Care now has a facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/daylesfordoshc

Sprung Circus Classes
Mondays 8yrs - 12 yrs 4pm Wednesdays prep - 8 yrs 4pm; Wednesdays 12 yrs - adults 5.30pm basic training and extended training programs.
2 Coaches per class: both experienced, working performers in their field of practice
Ivo - acrobatics, handstands. Bulgarian National Acrobat Team, silver medal in World Championships, Coached Circus Oz, Nica, FFF, Cirkids and continues to perform
Eric - juggler, unicyclist, all kinds of manipulation including whip cracking - world toured current shows include Eric the Red, and the French Wafer
Term 2 2014 starting Wednesday 22 April
Info and booking call Ivo 0419880067

PIANO TUITION
Exciting, innovative approach with a tuition programme designed to suit the individual needs of each student. A fully qualified and registered professional teacher. Students enjoy learning with correct technique from the start. Exams, eisteddfod and scholarship preparation if required. No obligation interview. Bronislaw Sozanski 5345 7522

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?
Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.
We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:
http://tinyurl.com/childsvq
Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

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