Term 1 finished on such a positive note with our House XC.

At our first assembly for the term we recognised the 36 students who have won their way through to the Goldfields XC event, which will be held at Clunes GC on Thursday 8th May.

Peter Burke

Current Focus

Respect Self and Others
(Be Respectful)

Respect is when we recognise the worth, quality and importance of others. It is also important to have the same recognition of one’s self and have a self belief. Respecting self is an appreciation of and valuing yourself physically, socially, mentally and emotionally: knowing, understanding and valuing one’s strengths and traits.

There are many people who influence our opinions and the choices we make: friends, parents, family members, teachers, sporting coaches and other significant adults in our lives. We have conversations with them about many issues in life, we spend time/or associate with them and they are often people who are our role models.

At times we will agree with them or we may even disagree on some things but the way we do so is important in keeping the lines of communication open: respectful of self and others’ opinions. One way to show people that we hear what they are saying is to respond and say things like, “That is an interesting idea … but I believe we could approach it in this way” or “I think we are just going to have to agree to disagree on that point”. Even if we disagree we should make every effort to be a good listener and be prepared to justify our opinions. This is what we do as learners. We make room for new ideas by talking and listening to others with respect. That means no interruptions and using positive body language, nodding and smiling when we agree or looking puzzled/or shaking our head to indicate we disagree.

We all want people to respect us and our ideas. We certainly expect people to be respectful of the adults we trust: parents, other family members, teachers, sporting coaches, etc. Respect for self and others can be displayed when we talk, play, work and learn at school, within the community or at home.
Respecting others shows everyone that we are friendly, responsible and thoughtful students at Daylesford Primary.

David Garner

**NGV German Excursion**

Next Friday we will be heading off to Melbourne by train to visit The National Gallery of Victoria for a European Language Festival. **Please be at Kyneton train Station by 8.10am for an 8.25am Departure.**

**We will return to Kyneton Station at 3.15pm.**

Children will need to dress in school uniform and carry a small backpack with their fruit snack, lunch and water bottle. Please check the weather forecast and pack a coat if necessary. Please make sure all items are named. Both Nadine and Dianne shall be attending with help of Ali Hadfield and Annette Fellows. Thank you to all our parents who volunteered. It is so nice to have such enthusiastic parents. Unfortunately we could not have everyone.

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**Classroom Cooking**

Our Pumpkin Risotto was a big hit. Many children asked for the recipe, so we have attached it to the newsletter. Why not let your child show you how to make it?

**A Message from Nadine**

Please remember to send High Frequency Words back to school on Thursday and Friday for testing. On Monday and Tuesday children are participating in the Words Their Way Program. This is a phonics based approach to spelling. On occasions the children will take home a word list for practice. These can be stored at home for future use. We use small resealable bags which are ideal for the purpose.

**Pumpkin Risotto was enjoyed all round**

**Lunch orders & Cooking Days**

Just a reminder as there seems to be some confusion about cooking times.
Children’s Work on Writing

Sunny’s Persuasive Text: Pet Dogs Are Great

Dogs are cute animals. There are lots of different types of dogs. I believe all children should have a dog.

Firstly, pet dogs are fun. They play lots of games.
Secondly, pet dogs guard you because they bark when they hear a car.
Lastly, pet dogs learn lots of different tricks. You can teach them fetch, catch and sit.
Dogs are fun, they guard and you can teach them tricks.

Kyah’s Recount: Easter
On Easter I got lots of chocolate.

My aunt came to my house.

I got to go to my nanny and poppy’s houses.

Me and Wolf got to watch “The Octonauts” and “The Manana Trench Adventure”.