Congratulations to Sutton on winning the House Swimming Sports last Friday.

Well done also to Fin and Anna our boy and girl champions. It was wonderful to see so many children participating in events. It was also great to see acts of sportsmanship by shaking hands after the events. I was pleased to see so many parents, grandparents and friends in attendance. A very pleasing day all round. Well done to all the 3-6 staff and a BIG thank you to Mr Kiellerup for his excellent organisation before and on the day as Sports Co-ordinator. A number of excellent photos are now on our website, thanks to the expertise of Sophie Loft (thanks Sophie)

Thanks to some wonderful voluntary help our P-3 Daylesford breakfast program on Monday was highly successful and we are pleased to be able to offer it to the grade 4-6 students on Friday. The reason for offering this program is to send a very strong message that breakfast is an important meal for young learners. Good healthy choices are also important. We talk to the children about brain food and how that makes a difference with concentration and the ability to learn.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have booked an interview time with the classroom teachers.

Peter Burke.

Classroom Cooking

This week the children were treated to Rhubarb pancakes as part of Pancake Tuesday. The children also participated in making corn and zucchini fritters from our fresh produce. Many thanks to Jodie, Laura & Tanya for their assistance.

Next Tuesday, the children shall be making Pizzas. Please remember not to send lunch on Tuesday.

Fresh Fruit Break

Between our Investigations and our Daily 5 program, the children are encouraged to eat a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables. A carrot, a piece of celery, a small apple, a banana or a
be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen

Current Focus

Personal Best

Cultural Diversity Week

17th – 21st March 2014

Cultural Diversity Week provides an opportunity for Victorians of all ages to acknowledge the benefits that social, religious and linguistic diversity bring to our state. It is a time to celebrate multiculturalism, denounce racism and promote social harmony and mutual respect.

During this week at Daylesford Primary School and Annexes, activities that celebrate cultural diversity will be a focus. Students will be involved in activities which emphasise harmony.

How can you support this learning?

• If your child’s class has ‘show and share’, encourage your child to bring something culturally diverse.
• Explore your family history with your child.
• Have conversations with your child about harmony and mutual respect.
  
  • Cook culturally diverse food (and talk about it).

We will have our annual CULTURAL DAY at Daylesford (with rotational activities and a cultural performance) in May.

Swimming Sports

On a beautiful sunny day the Grade Three to Six students arrived at the Daylesford Swimming Pool I’m sure full of anticipation, nerves and excitement. The meet which held 87 different races started with 50m freestyle races for all age groups and moved through a variety of swimming strokes. This also included modified races for those students still developing their swimming skills and confidence. Finally at the end of the meet, the running of the Championship races for the fastest finalist for both girls and boys 50 m freestyle was run.

Congratulations to Finlay Loft and Anna Santurini for winning their respective ‘Open Championship Race’.

Congratulations also to Sutton on winning this year’s swimming sports. It was close however I think that all students who participated whether they won a race or not were winners. A further congratulations again to all the students who participated in their events because on countless occasions it was great to see students doing their best, achieving their personal goals and challenging themselves in events that perhaps they had never been in before.

It was also great to see all students who were either on the sidelines or in a particular race support each other throughout the day. Well done.

On a personal note I would like to pass on a big thankyou to the staff of the school and also to the parent helpers who enabled the day to be a success and more importantly an enjoyable experience for all the students.

Andrew Kiellerup

DAYLESFORD INSTRUMENT ADOPTION

After a mighty big TIDY, we have found a number of percussion instruments, guitars and an organ that need a new home. Most of these instruments are a little old and weary, but would be brought back to life with some TLC.

If you/your child would like to adopt an instrument, please come to the music room at the following times, or ring me to make a time (53 48 2480).

Between 8.30 and 9.00am OR 2pm and 5pm, Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th March.

Cost: A gold coin donation for percussion instruments. Guitars $10. The organ is free (if you can take it...it’s big)
Visual artists may be interested in recycling some of the older instruments into an artwork. All proceeds to the Performing Arts dept.