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‘Learning and Growing Together’
Be Respectful  Be a Responsible Learner
Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate  Be a Good Citizen

OUR GOODBYES

Robyn is leaving Yandoit PS to take up a .8 position at Drummond PS in 2015. We all wish her a smooth transition to our other Annexe.
In her time at Yandoit, Robyn has been a dedicated and hardworking member of staff and enthusiastically has taken on our music program, completing professional development in the school holidays.
This term she worked with the class to create the Marimba Spectacular at the Concert. We will greatly miss Robyn, but know that we will see her at Group Annexe Days, on camp and at Group Days at Daylesford PS.
We wish Robyn and her partner Pete and sons Ben and Tom all the best for the future.
Renier (see photo page) is moving to St Michael’s Primary School in 2015, as a stepping stone to secondary school in 2016. We wish him all the best as he starts his Grade 6 year and also for a successful completion of his Primary School Education at St Michael’s.

Thank you Diederik and Tara for your positive support over the past 6 years as well. You have been at many working bees, helped in the classroom and have driven students to swimming and group days many, many times.

We are also very grateful for a generous and kind donation by Diederik and Tara, as a thankyou for Renier’s 6 years at Yandoit PS. They have bought a sound system for us to use at school concerts. That is such a special gift. Thank you!

All the Haneveld Family will be missed (Jan and Warren too – Renier’s Grandparents), but we all know that Renier will have a great year in Grade 6. We wish them all the best and don’t forget to come back and visit!

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Reports were issued this week. Please take the time to read these thoroughly. The staff put a lot of time into the reporting process and they contain a lot of valuable information about your child’s progress.

The Ivor Bowen Cultural Awards were presented by Sam Bowen (Ivor’s son) and Bella Bowen (Ivor’s granddaughter) at assembly at Daylesford PS on Tuesday. The recipients of these awards will be placed on our Ivor Bowen Cultural Awards Sculpture at the front of Daylesford Primary School. Thank you David Dawson from Overwrought, for your ongoing support.

Highlights of 2014. Well where does one start? As I reflect on the year, the first thing I recognise is the outstanding work by our staff across three schools, who have done a wonderful job in delivering a quality teaching and learning program throughout the year. I also think of how we value add so extremely well, programs such as LOTE, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Kitchen Garden, Swimming, House Sports, Excursions, Expos, Family Groups, Social Competency Program are just some of the ways we extend the children and support learning.

All in all a wonderful year. Thank you to all of our School Councils – Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit, thank you to all the families who have supported the school, thank you to all the staff for your dedication and finally thank you to members of our community who support the school in so many ways.

Have a great holiday everyone. Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Peter Burke.

2015

January
Wednesday 28th Pupil Free Day
Thursday 29th Pupil Free Day
Friday 30th Meet and Greet the Teachers and pre Assessment by appointment time

The aim of this day, is to have one-to one time with each student, to assess areas specific to the needs of the student, to discuss the expectations of their next grade level and celebrate their skills and interests.

Deb will contact parents, on Wed 28th January to confirm appointment times for Friday.

This is the first time that we have been able to include such a day before the start of the school year. We see the opportunity to have an informal
chat with each student, as being a very positive start to the year.
Grade P-4 students will also spend time in the PB classroom with our Teachers-Aides, as well as their time with the teachers.

9-10.30 Byron, Cooper, Paige and Zoe
11-12.30 Lila, Lily, Santiago & Isa
1.00-2.30 Andy, Kate, Lenny & Archie
2.30-3.30 Charlie, Isaac, Priya, Rufus & Harry

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Newstead Xmas Day

Community Lunch

Newstead Community Hall, $5.00 per person, bookings Denise Stolfa 0488 186 797

New Year’s Eve Parade and Gala
31st December 2014

Just wanting to remind everyone about the New Years Eve Parade - This year we are hoping that lots of families will come to Vincent Street to celebrate the night from 6.30 onwards. We will be having fun activities, food and entertainment for all the family. So make a night of it and celebrate the New Year as only Daylesford knows how!

Kids don’t forget that there is a section in the parade for the best decorated bike so get out the glitter and get decorating! There are fabulous prizes to be won.

Parents we are also looking for volunteers to help out in the street for a couple of hours before the parade. There is a lot to do in the 6-8pm time slot so if you have some time we would love your help.

Floats and bikes for the parade will start to assemble from 7.30pm onwards in Duke Street and the parade heads off at 8 pm.

We hope you can attend this fun community event

With thanks for your anticipated support, if you would like to contact us about this event please call

Anne E Stewart 0408550945 or Catherine Davies 0434353149

The community bus travels four days a week, 2 return trips a day.

Mornings: leaves Daylesford after 9am* and returns to Daylesford at 10.30am
Afternoons: leaves Daylesford at 1pm and returns before 2.30pm*
It travels between Daylesford and Musk/ Bullarto/ Trentham on Mondays and Wednesdays, between Daylesford and Wheatsheaf/Glenlyon/Denver on Tuesdays and Fridays.
The bus will come to you – picking you up and dropping you off anywhere along the way.
Children 12 years and over can travel without an adult.
Child seats and hoist are available.
Donations accepted with thanks.
Call Jordon on 1300 44 35 34 to plan your trip. Book before 12 noon the day before travelling.
The actual bus stop locations and times will change depending on bookings. Everyone is welcome!