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CURRENT FOCUS

Listening

21-3-2014

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

CALENDAR

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| Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} |
| Family Working Bee and BBQ |

| Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} |
| First day of term 2 |
| NOTE Easter falls on last weekend of school holidays |

| Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} |
| Preps first Wednesday |
| NOTE –There is no April School Council Meeting |

| Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} |
| ANZAC DAY |

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| Tuesday 27\textsuperscript{th} |
| Cultural Day and Performance at DPS |

Pupil Free Days – Jan 28, 29, July 14 & Nov 19

School Term Dates 2014

Term 1 Thurs 30\textsuperscript{th} Jan – Fri 4\textsuperscript{th} April
Term 2 Tue 22nd Apr – Fri 27\textsuperscript{th} June
Term 3 Tue 15\textsuperscript{th} July – Fri 19\textsuperscript{th} Sept
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We have placed a rock in front of our Cultural Award sculpture at Daylesford Primary School, which will have a plaque placed onto it, in memory of Ivor Bowen and his significant contribution to DPS and Annexes.

Harmony Day was recognised in our school this week and a Cultural Diversity Day has been put in place in May. The performance that we have booked for the children was only available in May, more about this in coming weeks.

Daily 5 is continuing to build across all three schools, with some very good outcomes surrounding reading.

The Daily 5 is more than just a way to teach reading and writing, it is an approach to teaching and learning that fosters independence, trust, making good choices, becoming a learning community, establishing routines, having a sense of purpose and the building of stamina. These are the foundational elements.

I would like to explain the foundational elements of Daily 5, so parents understand what our focus at school is on a daily basis;

• Trust students -- It is imperative that we believe our students CAN do it and we set high expectations for them. Children will rise to the expectations we set.
• Provide choice -- Would you prefer being told what to read, where to sit, and what task you have to complete first? Or, would you rather have a choice? Children are no different! Giving children the ability to choose empowers them and helps to create a self-motivated learner.
• Nurture community -- A positive classroom environment enhances student ownership, confidence, and pride. It creates the "we can do it" attitude!
• Create a sense of urgency – we always provide students with a purpose for what they are learning. This helps them understand the why, which leads to viewing the task as important and worthy of time and effort.
• Build stamina -- Regardless of their age, students must gradually build their stamina before being released to full independence.

Finally, the Department of Education is having a big push on school attendance, which I thoroughly agree with and support. Can I therefore refer you to the letter and information attached to this Newsletter and ask you to strongly support the notion that ‘Every Day Counts’.

Peter Burke.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher Interviews that were held last Wednesday were 15 mins, to ensure that we were able to fit all of the interviews into one day. Some families may have had a longer interview due to the following family not arriving. If any family has anything that they need to further discuss with the teachers, then please make an appointment time with the teacher.

BOOKCLUB

Final day for orders is Friday 28th March.
Payment must be made at the time of ordering, either by credit card, cheque made out to Yandoit Primary School, or cash.

UNAPPROVED ABSENCES

Thankyou to Parents who have contacted the school on the first day of their child’s absence from school, as this helps us immensely by saving a great deal of administration time for Mrs R and the office staff at DPS. Written notes to explain the absence/s can also be brought to school on the return of their child. Included with this newsletter are absence notes generated from the Education Department. These notes are being sent home, as we do not have a reason for your child’s absence. Hence the absence is unapproved.
Please complete the form, including your signature, so that we can update the 'unapproved absence of your child/children and return to school.

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**KITCHEN - GARDEN
NAPOLI SAUCE**

Thankyou Judy for co-ordinating teams of 4 students to harvest and then prepare a Napoli sauce.
This was then frozen to be used for our next Kitchen-Garden Shared lunch on Wednesday 2nd April.
As well as preparing the meal for everyone, the students will be preparing the garden bed for Winter planting.
Chitra and Judy will be working in the kitchen with the children but we will need some strong helpers for the vegie garden, as the students will need some assistance to dig over, fertilise and mulch the garden.
Please see Mrs R next week if you could help on the day.
Or maybe you loove doing the dishes and could assist the children after lunch with this very important job!
This event will be held on the last day of term at Victoria Park in Daylesford between 11 and 1 pm. (Arrangements to be confirmed with DPS). We will need parent drivers on this day to transport the students.

Jose has started training the students for the 2 or 3 km run and students could continue to train on weekends to build their fitness and stamina.

More details will be in next wee’s Newsletter. Please see Jose if you are able to drive on the day or if you have any questions about your child/children participating.

**Student Requisites can be paid by cash or cheque ($130). Please give to a teacher in a named envelope. A receipt will be issued with the following weeks newsletter. Please note that this is for the families who are not EMA recipients. Please see Mrs R if you need to arrange a payment plan. Accounts are attached to this Newsletter.**

**STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

We need your help. We are searching for past students, teachers, parents to join in celebrating 150 years of education at Hepburn P.S.

Also searching for photos, memorabilia for display on the day.

Sat 29th March 2014 12-4pm. 156 Main Rd. Hepburn Springs.

6.30pm Dinner ($35 per person – tickets for the dinner will be pre-sold only)

Contacts: email: 150years@hepburnps.vic.edu.au, Ph: 5348 2531.

**DAYLESFORD JUNIOR BLUELIGHT DISCO**

Where: Daylesford Town Hall
When: FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2014
Time: 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Theme: BLUE!!!!!!!!!! (Come as something blue)
Cost: $5 per student (parents/carers free)

Door Prizes Fully supervised

Students WILL NOT be permitted outside until collected by parent or guardian. (make sure mums and dads know this guys).

“DJ WILL” has heaps of new and old tracks to get down and boogie to, so come and have a blast.

Any questions Ring: Wally 03 5348 2342

**Daylesford Jnr Football 2014**

2014 Registration Fees $85 per player or $65 for two players from same family.

Club membership $15.

Training Sessions Tues/Thurs U/12 5.00-6.30pm & U/15 4.30-5.30pm, U18 Tues & Fri 5.30-7.00pm

Jumper Presentation Thurs 3rd April 6pm (Snr Club Rooms) Free BBQ

First Game Sat 5th April D’ford vs Ballan (at Daylesford)

Enquiries: Jan 5348 176

**AUSKICK**

Daylesford Auskick 2014 will change from a Sunday morning to a Monday evening timeslot this year and as such will commence on Monday 21st April from 5.00pm at Daylesford Junior Oval, Victoria Park, Daylesford and run for 10 to 12 weeks. A Free BBQ and Drinks will be on offer for all kids and Families. 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**

Training: 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 will recommence on Tuesday 22nd April 2014. This is our registration and payment night for all fees. Term Fee $50 and insurance $35 (Annual). All fees must be
paid by 6/5/14. NO PAY, NO PLAY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE ASSOCIATION. Any fees outstanding from Term 1 must be paid immediately.

CLINIC ONLY WILL BE HELD FOR PLAYERS 22/4/14
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:
Drama Club with Marg Murphy every Tuesday at 4.15pm and
Science Club with various community members and ASC educators every Thursday 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 5348 3702.

Daylesford Vacation Program—Please see attached flyer for details.
Daylesford Outside School Hours Care now has a facebook page.
https://www.facebook.com/daylesfordos

CENTACARE – Family Relationship Services
Program: Parenting Programs
Managing Kids with Attitude: Tues 25/3 6.00-8.00pm

Sprung Circus Classes –
Acrobatics, tumbling, all things circus term 1 2014
Mondays 8yrs -12 yrs 4pm
Wednesdays prep - 8 yrs 4pm; 12 yrs -adults 5.30pm
Mara – 17 yrs coaching in Daylesford/Castlemaine, once walked down Daylesford main street on hands, um.... love it
Info and booking call Mara 0477499342, Ivo 041988006

Drama classes at INSIDE OUT DANCE
Acting Skills, Drama Games, Create your own show, Performance!
Prep - Gr 2 Tue 3.45 - 4.45pm
Gr 3 - 5 Thur 3.45 - 4.45pm
Gr 6 - Yr 8 Fri 3.45 - 4.45pm
With qualified Drama Teacher, Jen Bray

For Details contact: 0428 330 640
Boys Dance Class with Paul Walsh

For primary aged boys, Tue 4.45 - 5.45pm
Contact Joanne Tsakoumagos: 0417 592 522
INSIDE OUT DANCE, East St, Daylesford

CARTOONING WORKSHOPS & CAMPS
Ballarat – May/June