DIARY DATES

February

Mon 9th – Fri 20th Gr 3-6 Swimming Program
Friday 13th Final day for Book Club
Monday 16th Breakfast in the Gym 8.30am Gr 3-6
Tuesday 17th * Prep Parent’s Morning Tea
* Practice Emergency Lockdown Procedure, 2.30pm
Friday 20th Breakfast in the Gym 8.30am Gr Prep-2
Tuesday 24th 6.30pm School Council
Friday 27th * Gr 3-6 House Swimming Sports
* Closing date for Conveyance Allowance

March

Monday 9th Labour Day Holiday
Tues 10th & Wed 11th Parent/Teacher Interviews (4pm-6pm)
Friday 27th Term finishes at 2.30pm

Preps do not attend School Wednesdays during Term 1.

Term Dates 2015
TERM 1 30th Jan - 27th March
TERM 2 13th April - 26th June
TERM 3 13th July - 18th September
TERM 4 5th October -18th December

Current Focus

Good Manners – (Be respectful)

By 2TW

Good manners are:
• saying please, thank you, hello and goodbye.  
  **Zak and Imogen**
• when someone accidentally hurts someone and they say sorry to them. 
  By Mehdi & Sophia
• helping people.  **Sam and John**
• waiting for others when you go somewhere and saying please and thank you. 
  **Mackenzie & Flynn**
• helping at home and holding the door open.  **Erin and Dylan**
• cleaning up after yourself.  **Jessica and Heidi**
• sharing and holding the door open.  **Zara & Lincoln**
• opening the door for others and being polite every day.  **Lena & Noah**
• saying please and thank you.  **Matthew and Lily**

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Are you eligible?
For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:
• Be aged over five by 30th April 2015
• Live more than 4.8km by the **shortest practicable** route from the nearest bus stop, and
• Be enrolled at the nearest government school.
• Parents who applied last year will need to reapply for 2015 by **Friday 27th February, 2015**

PREP PARENTS

You are invited to morning tea.
**TUESDAY 17** FEB
9.30am in the GYM following assembly.

Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Prep Parent’s Morning Tea
- Lockdown practice & Code RED
- Sponsorship KG
- 3-6 Swimming program
- Early Years Picnic
- Grade 6 Buddies and Preps
- Focus of the Fortnight

I would like to invite all Prep parents to our Prep Parent’s Morning Tea, next Tuesday after assembly. This will be a chance to catch up with the Assistant Principal, David Garner and myself to have an informal chat and an opportunity to network with other Prep parents.

I would like to give you prior warning that the school is conducting a practice Lockdown procedure next Tuesday afternoon. It is important that everyone in the school community is clear on our procedures if the school comes under an external threat such as fire.

I therefore wish to outline in full our emergency procedures surrounding an external threat such as fire. Our response will be in two stages.

FIRE: EXTERNAL (eg Bushfire) ➔ LOCKDOWN

STAGE 1  ASSESSMENT OF THREAT – MEDIUM – CONTACT APPLICABLE EMERGENCY SERVICE

1. Lockdown - Return to Classrooms

STAGE 2  ASSESSMENT OF THREAT – EXTREME – MOVE TO ‘LOCKDOWN RELOCATE’

1. Relocate whole school to main building
2. Contact Emergency Services
4. Check CFA Website for more information

Can I also refer you to a detailed explanation surrounding Code RED procedures according to the Department of Education on the back page of this newsletter.

I would like to thank Scott and Elizabeth Scopel for their kind donation to our KG program. Scopel Electrical Services have donated $1,000 to our KG program. In recognition of this donation a large plaque will be placed in our garden bed. Thanks to the ongoing support of David Dawson and his business Overwrought, we have a lovely template. If any other businesses would like to sponsor a garden bed, we will also advertise their business in this way.

Thanks also to David Dawson for his continued support and work surrounding our Cultural Awards. The Ivor Bowen Cultural Award Sculpture at the front of the school is up to date with the 2014 leaves. Overwrought have been very kind to the school and we encourage you to support their business that has relocated out of town opposite the Swiss Mountain Hotel at Eganstown.

Well done to all the parents/carers of 3-6 who have prepared the children so well for the swimming program. The weather came good, the water temperature is up, we have three extra staff involved to reduce ratios and the program is progressing very well.

Thank you to all the Early Years Families that attended the EY Picnic at Jubilee Lake on Tuesday night. It was great to see so many families. I am very pleased with the way the EY students have settled into the school year.

The Grade 6 students meet with their Prep buddies on Monday. We will be starting the Families Program in week 5 on Monday 23rd February, after the 3-6 swimming program has concluded.

Finally, our focus of the fortnight can clearly been seen around the school as the students use good manners on a regular basis. A reminder to parents that our focus of the fortnight articles are placed in our newsletter so that you can reinforce the social values at home.

Peter Burke.

CENTREPAY

Is now available at Daylesford Primary School for eligible families who receive a Centrelink payment. Please contact the office for application forms if you would like to make payments via this method. You will need your Health Care Card to apply.
GRADE 3-6 SWIMMING TIMETABLE
Monday 9th Feb - Friday 20th Feb

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NB: No swimming on Tuesday 17th Feb

Kitchen Garden –February

1. Thank you to Florian Hofinger from Mt Franklin Organics for seedlings, Gary Thomas for seedlings and Leonie Naylor for horse manure and the valuable use of her shredder.

2. We welcome Sandra to her ‘double role’ as both kitchen and garden specialist.

3. The grade 3&4’s are all looking forward to starting KG sessions in week 5, beginning with gardening. If there are any parents or community members who are not on our email list and would like to be involved in this program as volunteers, please contact Jenni Thompson or Gill Carron.

School Banking Program.
If you would like your child to get involved in the School Banking program, you can do so by opening a Commonwealth Bank account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program. When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

School Banking Day
Don’t forget that Friday is School Banking day when students should bring in their deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Daylesford Primary School.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

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CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 27TH FEB FOR PREP – GR2 ONLY

Available via the Canteen – order through your lunch order OR directly through the Canteen. Available only in Black with blue trim.

CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED
Please contact our Canteen Manager, Bev Adkins, on 5348 1839 or 0423 357 191 if you can assist. Thank you.

PIZZA SAUCE IS NOW USED IN OUR FOCACCIAS - NO NUTS

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FRIDAY  SICK BAY  BANKING

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STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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LUNCH ORDER BAGS    $10

DAYLESFORD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
U/12 & U/15 FOOTBALL

The DFNC invites current and new players – boys & girls – to join the 2015 teams.

* U/12’s – Pre-season training starts Monday, 16th February between 5.00pm - 6.15pm (6th Junior oval, then each Monday & Thursday. Contact Carson White, Team Manager: 0409 519 794 or carsonwhite50@gmail.com
Note: Children must be 8 years of age on 31st Dec 2014 to be eligible to play U/12’s

* U/15- Pre-season training starts Wednesday, 11th February, 5.00pm - 6.00pm (6th Senior oval, then each Monday & Wednesday. Contact Jazza Steen, Coach, 0428 791 611.

Note: Auskick will start Monday, 13th April……more information to come.

Come train with AFL Western Bulldogs players at our player Registration Day….

When? Wednesday, 4th March 5:00pm – 6:30 approx.
Where? Victoria Park Football oval (main oval)
What? Registration of both junior U/12, U15 & U/18 football & netball players

Free B.B.Q including vegetarian food & bottled water supplied (soft drink can be purchased). Parents are encouraged to meet the coaches and support staff to discuss the year ahead.
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter [and SMS message]. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- DCS is the bus co-ordinating school, all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and we will be practicing our Lockdown Procedure.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, [by checking our website [insert URL] and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.