DIARY DATES

March
- Tues 17th: Cultural Day
- Friday 20th: Final day to return Easter Raffle Tickets
- Tuesday 24th:
  - Easter Raffle drawn at Assembly.
  - School Council (AGM & Elections)
- Thursday 26th: FREE DRESS DAY
  Supporting Good Friday Appeal (Gold Coin Donation)
- Friday 27th:
  - No Canteen or Banking
  - House Cross Country
  - Term finishes at 2.30pm

Preps do not attend School Wednesdays during Term 1.

PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 13TH APRIL

Term Dates 2015
TERM 1 30th Jan - 27th March
TERM 2 14th April - 26th June
TERM 3 13th July - 18th September
TERM 4 5th October - 18th December

Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm
Students' School Banking Day: Fridays

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dates:
- Science: 3rd June, Yrs 2-6
- Writing: 15th June, Yrs 3-6
- Spelling: 16th June, Yrs 3-6
- English: 28th July, Yrs 2-6
- Maths: 11th Aug, Yrs 2-6

CULTURAL DAY 2015
On Tuesday 17th March, we will again embark on a journey around the world! The students will be rotated around cultural activities in their family groups for the morning. We will start with a whole school assembly as normal.

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS IN CULTURAL DRESS from any country. There is no cost for this day. If anyone can assist on the day, please speak to your classroom teacher or one of the specialists.

EASTER RAFFLE
Our school is conducting our Easter Hamper Raffle and we are asking if each family could please donate one Easter egg/item etc. Raffle tickets were sent home with last week's Newsletter. Please return before Friday 20th March. Raffle drawn at Assembly Tuesday 24th March.

Unexplained Absence letters have been distributed with today's newsletter. These will indicate days where unexplained absences have been recorded. If you receive one of these notes please indicate the reason for your child's absence and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Current Focus: Personal Best (Responsible Learner)
Thank you very much to the parents who have responded with parent payments, this positive response is so vital this year to assist the school with the financial challenges that exists.

School funding continues to be a major challenge for State Education. If you missed my report last week outlining our current situation, please take the time to read it and then please action on your school invoice.

A letter to parents of children in grade 3-6 is attached to this newsletter, surveying parents about their willingness to pay a choir levy. Please complete and return to the school by Friday 20th.

The school had some storm damage, but I am pleased to announce the school was very lucky and we have once again made the school yard safe, by removing two trees and some broken branches in a number of trees.

Thank you very much for attending the Parent/Teacher interviews. It is vital that strong relationships between home and school are developed and maintained. I therefore encourage you not to hesitate to call the school and make a further appointment with your child’s teacher, Mr Garner or myself, as the need arises.

Tayah Jack, Viydee Gledhill and Jonas Paar have advanced through to the regional swimming sports, conducted at Eureka Pool this Friday. We wished them all the best at assembly this week and look forward to hearing about their performances next week.

Grade 1W did a wonderful performance at assembly this week, using rhythm sticks. It was a great example of ‘Personal Best’. Many students across the school have been sharing their goal setting with me. Goal setting is a great way to achieve your personal best and it is very pleasing that so many students are using them.

Last year’s school captain Kaiah McCahon, attended our assembly this week. She spoke to the children about her experiences at Secondary School so far. Messages of developing meaningful relationships, being organised and a positive approach in your outlook, were three very strong messages. She also reinforced that DPS is a great school and prepares you very well for secondary school.

We launched the ‘ANZAC writing competition’ with the 4/5/6 students this week. A small presentation on some of the research that our grade 6 students completed last year on the soldiers from our honour board, illustrating some of the very interesting stories that have been uncovered. The students were encouraged to complete some research around the meaning of ANZAC, to inform their writing that will be judged by the RSL.

Our ‘garden club’ that started last Wednesday was a great success. It is giving students an opportunity to take some responsibility for our school ground.

Finally, the KG program has started in a very positive way. Thank you to all our volunteers that are supporting the program. The lunchtime BBQ was a great initiative which allowed all children across the school to sample, roasted vegetables. Thank you Sandra and Samantha Doidge (parent volunteer).
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
LOOPS for Parents

Important Scholastic book club information

Scholastic has introduced a new system called the “LOOP”. Parents/Carers may now choose if they wish, to order and pay online with scholastic. Orders will still be sent to the school and delivered to your child’s grade; the library will also still receive points for books purchased.

Simply go online and follow the prompts. All grades have been entered onto the site by our school, just scroll down if you cannot see your child’s grade, as they are not in any order.

CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS SET BY THE SCHOOL AND ORDERS CANNOT BE PLACED AFTER THE SET DATE (SEE NEWSLETTER OR ONLINE INFORMATION)

ISSUE 2 OUT NOW
Brochures available from the office or Library
Due date for this issue is 16/3/15.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS
TERM 1 2015

CANTEEN DUTY

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Friday 27th – END OF TERM NO CANTEEN

RE-USABLE
LUNCH ORDER BAGS $10

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

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End of Term 1

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In this music program musicians are able to perform a 20-40 minute acoustic set in a safe and relaxing environment. Daylesford Library are particularly keen for children who are learning an instrument to take advantage of the opportunity to perform.

ZELMAN Symphony –
Mark Shiell Artistic Director & Principal Conductor.
Sun 22nd March 2.00pm Daylesford Town Hall. Tickets, General Admission $20. Paradise Bookshop, 46 Vincent St, Bookbarn 1 Leggatt St or book online via trybooking.com/GWUB or call 0411 866 643

VOLLEYBALL AT THE ARC
The new volleyball season has commenced. Mondays at 6.30pm at the ARC in Smith Street, Daylesford. Social divisions, so come along and form a team or we can find a team for you. No experience necessary only your willingness to have some fun, make new friends and get a little bit fitter. Grade 6 students, parents, friends and teachers welcome.
Contact Colin Priest for more info: 5348 7674 or 0447 487 674

GUITAR LESSONS
Lessons available at Daylesford Primary School $20 for half hour lesson. Phone Ian Hill 53 31 9138

PIZZA SAUCE IS NOW USED IN OUR FOCACCIAS - NO NUTS
**SPRUNG CIRCUS CLASSES 2015**

Acrobatics, balances, aerals, juggling, unicycling, and more

3 specialist coaches

@ Smith St, the Arc, Daylesford

Monday classes: 8yrs plus; teens and adults

Wednesdays classes: prep to 8yrs; teens and adults

Minitumbling (working on time)

For more info or to book call

Mara 0477499342
Eric 0407819677
Ivo 0419889967

Web www.sprungcircus.net

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**Inside Out Dance Theatre - Dance and Drama classes**

Creative Dance, Ballet, Drama, Boys’ Dance, Adult & Child, Contemporary, African Dance & Studio Hire.

Ph: 0417 592 522
Factory 2 / 39 East St, Daylesford

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**Open mic afternoon**

**Sunday 22nd March 2015 at 3pm**

**Old Hepburn Hotel**

Open to all Primary & Secondary College Students. Entry fee – gold coin donation.

Further enquiries: Brendan Ph. 5424 1064. Mobile: 0497 942 597
Email: angelite64@yahoo.com.au

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**Clayspace Classes**

Clayspace have introduced a fantastic line up of classes for 2015 kickstarting in term 2 in our fabulous new studio. These workshops are designed to get you working directly with clay and get a feel for the medium in a fun and relaxed learning environment.

**Wednesdays - 1-3pm**

Wheel and handforming class - All levels (Teacher: Minna)

**Wednesdays - 4-5pm**

Kids Clay (Teacher: Minna Graham)

**Wednesdays - 6-8pm**

Wheel and handforming class - All levels (Teacher: Minna)

**Thursdays - 10-12am**

Beginners wheel class (Teacher: Kim Haughie)

**Thursdays - 1-3pm**

Handbuilding class (Teacher: Kim Haughie)

**Thursdays - 4-5pm**

Kids Clay (Teacher: Kim Haughie)

Minnas’s classes start at the beginning of next term on Wed 15th of April. Kim’s classes will start on 14th May. Please register your interest for classes by email to info@clayspace-coop.com or by calling the nominated teacher: Minna Graham 0407818609 / Kim Haughie 0428 726 966.