CURRENT FOCUS

“Empathy” (My feelings /Your feelings)

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand how your emotions impact on the way you think, communicate, behave and influence others. Emotionally intelligent people create effective working relationships, solve problems and have an increased capacity to work effectively.

It’s healthy to have positive and negative feelings. They help us to identify our reactions to the way we think about ourselves, others and the world around us.

Empathy and compassion are habits that can be developed. They are a fundamental building block for good personal development and positive mental health for all. It happens when one person has a caring emotional response to someone else.

To be empathic a person needs to be able to:

- Understand their own feelings/emotions
- Notice the feelings of another person
- Understand the feelings of another person
- Act in a caring way.

David Garner

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DIARY DATES

May

Monday 18th House Aths Llanberris
Tuesday 19th
• OPEN MORNING 9AM-11AM
  Preschool parents
• School Council Meeting 6pm
Thursday 21st
  DSC Transition Day for Grades 5 & 6
  Students
Monday 25th – Weds 27th Gr 5/6 Camp
Weds 27th
  Gr. P-2 National Simultaneous Storytime The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey

June

Monday 8th
  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Thursday 11th
  School Photos
Weds 24th
  Prep-Grade 4 Mid Year Performance
  Daylesford Town Hall 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday 25th
  Major Games Day Gr. 5/6 St. Michael’s

Friday 26th
  Finish Term 2 at 2.30pm.

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)

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Daylesford Secondary College’s Transition Day will be held on the 21st of May and all current Grade 5 and 6 students are invited to attend. On this day, your child will experience high school life, meet their prospective teachers and enjoy a range of subjects. If your child will be attending, please notify their current Grade 5/6 teacher, who will then pass the information on to the College. On the day, students will meet in the Theatre at 9:00am.”

Penelope Ellis, (Transition), Daylesford Secondary College
At assembly this week we congratulated the 36 runners who competed at the Goldfields XC last week. I can refer you to the photos on our website, which capture the determination and courage the children displayed throughout the event. [http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au/news/gallery.html](http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au/news/gallery.html). Four of our students won their age group with excellent runs; Charlotte Streat, Tyson Scoble, James Childs and Thomas Macklin.

We also recognised and wished the 12 students who have progressed through to the Zone XC in Ballarat this Friday. Good luck to Thomas Macklin, Lachlan Taylor, Caitlin Robertson, Griffin Harwood, Carly Elderfield, Demi Henderson, James Childs, Tyson Scoble, Buzz Pearce, Charlotte Streat, Sunday Wright and Lila Paar.

The House Athletics have now been scheduled for next Monday. Monday 18th May in Ballarat. The weather looks fine and it looks like our patience will pay off. The children are keen and ready to go.

I sent an SMS to all parents on Monday, to inform you that the House Aths were cancelled due to poor weather. If you did not receive a text from me on Monday then this could be due to one of the following reasons; only Parent A on the enrolment form will receive a text or our records maybe inaccurate. If you did not receive an SMS message and would like to in the future, then please contact the front office with your appropriate details.

Students in Grade 3 & 5 completed NAPLAN tests throughout the week. On the whole the students applied themselves very well. The staff did an excellent job in managing this national assessment. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the grade 4 & 6 students for the respect and support that they displayed to their fellow class members.

The Book Fair will once again run this year. We are very lucky that we have a dedicated group of parents who have formed a committee and who are already working hard behind the scenes. As this is our major fund raiser for the year, I call on all parents to consider helping. All funds raised (which has been considerable, an average of $7,000 per year) goes directly back into the school. Literacy has been the targeted area. More books have been purchased for the library, more reading have been made available within the classroom, our staff have received excellent professional development in a number of areas within Literacy. These are only some of the positive outcomes associated with the Book Fair. Can you help? The committee will be calling for help in the lead up to the August event. We will list jobs in the newsletter and draw your attention to them. Please look out for more information soon.

Just a note to inform you that Gastro has affected some younger children and some staff. Notes to appropriate grades have been circulated; reminding us all of the exclusion time of 48 hours after all symptoms have stopped. Please adhere to this timeline as Gastro can very easily spread throughout a school community.

Finally, we are looking forward to showing prospective parents around our school next Tuesday, as a part of our Open Morning. Pre-school parents have been invited to attend our assembly, followed by a tour of the school, finishing with a presentation in the Open Learning Centre. Please encourage any pre-school parents that you know to attend our Open Morning. If this time is not suitable, alternative tours can be arranged.

Peter Burke
GR PREP-2 WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS
TERM 2 2015

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CANTEEN DUTY-Term 2

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Please note that there was a Canteen price increase at the start of the year. New lists are available from Bev or the Office.

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.

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*

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Hepburn Relocalisation Network Film Night
7.30pm Friday 15th May, Daylesford Town Hall
Entry: $6 prepaid hrn@internode.on.net or $10 on the night.

“DEEP LISTENING – DADIRRI!” – A documentary for our Time. Traces a history of intentional community in Australia and presents a fascinating portrait of an alternative lifestyle based on respect for the land, for Aboriginal people and for each other. Meet the filmmaker Helen Iles

Visit the Damascus College website to book your FREE tickets online: www.damascus.vic.edu.au

Inside Out Dance Theatre-Dance and Drama classes
Factory 2 / 39 East St, Daylesford
Daylesford Junior SUPERHERO Bluelight Disco

FRIDAY 15TH MAY, Daylesford Town Hall, 6.00-9.00pm. Grade Prep – 6. Theme: SUPERHEROS!!!!!!! $5 per student (parents/carers free). Door prizes. Fully supervised. Students WILL NOT be permitted outside until collected by parent or guardian (make sure mum 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 5345 2220.

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 to 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)

Minna’s classes started 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.

DAYLESFORD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
Daylesford AUSKICK commenced Monday, 13th April 3.45pm at Victoria Park Junior Oval, continuing each Monday night for up to 12-14 sessions. All families welcome. All enquiries please ring Stephen Walsh on 0417 573 517. U12 & U15 FOOTBALL
The DFNC invites any interested players (boys & girls) to join the 2015 teams. U12’s train (once a week) on Thursday evenings. Contact Carson White, Team Manager 0408 518 704 or carsonwhite@gmail.com
U15’s train on Tuesday & Thursday Evenings. Enquiries: Jezza Steen, Coach 0428 791 611.

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

PARENTS VICTORIA ONLINE CONFERENCE MAY 18-21
The conference is being held during Education Week on 18-21 May and will cover social media, online reporting, career advice and pathways, access to education, parent clubs, and funding. There will also be the opportunity for participants to raise other issues important to them. For updates, visit Parent Victoria.

The online conference will feature live online discussions, hosted by a member of Parents Victoria. Each day a special guest from a relevant organisation will be available to comment on one of the topics. Final dates and times are currently being confirmed.

You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part and no special software is required. The online discussions will be easy to join in, with guidelines and online resources provided.

To register for the event, visit: Register for Parents Victoria Online Conference May 2015