DIARY DATES

DECEMBER
Thurs 17th
Final Day Term 4, normal finish time 3.20pm

NO CANTEEN OR SCHOOL BANKING LAST WEEK OF TERM

JANUARY
Tuesday 26th
Australia Day Holiday

Weds 27th
Staff commence

Thurs 28th
Pupil Free Day Prep to Gr. 6.
(Testing appointments for P-2)

Friday 29th
Grades 3 – 6 Commence
(Testing appointments continue P-2)

FEBRUARY
Monday 1st
Prep – 2 Commence

Term Dates 2016
Term 1 ends 24th March
Term 2 11th April – 24th June
Term 3 11th July – 16th September
Term 4 3rd October – 20th December

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

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

TERM 1 2016

FRIDAY
SICK BAY WASHING
BANKING
5th February
Annette Fisher
June Cooper

11th February
Fiona Torrance
Maia Irell

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CANTEEN DUTY

Weds 3rd Feb

Thurs 4th Feb

Fri 5th Feb

Sam Mrsic

CANTEEN WILL COMMENCE Wednesday 3rd FEBRUARY

Graham DUX Prize winners for 2016

Congratulations to Yemaya Greenwood and Keaton Dickenson-Bray

School Captains for 2016

Congratulations to Keylah Walker and Lewin Judd.

House Captains 2016

Wyuna - Adrian Mrsic, Jazmine Scopel
Corinella - Buzz Pearce, Alice Dennis
Tipperary - Lucy Muscat, Asher Waldon
Sutton - Sachin Singaram, Mila Arias Parker
Thank you to all the volunteers that attended our thank you morning tea last Wednesday. A sincere thanks to all parents who have assisted in the school throughout the year, so much more can be achieved when we have such a strong commitment to the school.

Congratulations to Samantha Doidge who was presented with the Katherine King Community Award for her dedication towards our school community. Her contribution and assistance to our library and KG program has been outstanding.

The transition to 2016 classes went very well, all the hard work by the staff and long conversations during our planning day have proved to be most worthwhile. The grade structures for 2016 look exciting and I am looking forward to seeing some terrific benefits.

During our 2016 transition day we were able to welcome fifteen new students who will be joining us in the New Year.

Congratulations to all the grade 5 students who nominated for 2016 House Captain positions. A quality field made it a very difficult task for the staff. I am looking forward to working with the newly elected leaders next year.

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Thank you also to Kerry Carman for her work at Drummond Primary School. Kerry has embraced the Drummond Community and we are very appreciative of her work over the past three terms.

Sandra and our Grade 3/4 students put on a wonderful afternoon tea to thank our ‘Treasures’ who have volunteered their time in the KG program throughout the year.

Our Family Groups presented Christmas presents to Daylesford Family Services at our assembly last week. It was a lovely gesture by the school. Messages of giving rather than receiving and doing something for someone else were clearly on display.

Parent Newsletter Week 10 T4

- Yandoit Concert
- Drummond Concert
- Farewell to Dianne Van Baalen
- Thank you Kerry Carman
- KG Volunteers afternoon Tea
- Presentation of Christmas presents to Daylesford Family Services
- Volunteers morning tea
- Catherine King Community Award
- Transition to 2016 class
- Welcome to new students for 2016
- House Captain speeches
- Graduation Evening
- Grade 6 Dinner
- Ivor Bowen Cultural Awards
- 2016 School Captain
- 2016 House Captain
- Farewell to departing Families
- 2016 Starting Dates
- Merry Christmas

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Our Graduation Evening was a highly successful event. This year our Preforming Arts students showcased their talents under the expert guidance of Suzanne Hobson. The performances and acts were outstanding. The Academic Awards were presented and next year’s school captains were announced. For more information see page 3.

The Grade 6 Dinner was a night of celebration. It was an opportunity for the Grade 6 students to come together for the final time before they leave the school. Thank you very much to the dedicated band of parents who have been working all year on the planning of this event. Due to their dedication the night ran very smoothly and was a fitting farewell for the grade 6 students.

Our final assembly included the presentation of our Ivor Bowen Cultural Awards and the presenting of the School and House Captains to our school community. Congratulations to all the recipients of a Cultural Award. A BIG thank you to David Dawson from Overwrought, for his work in designing and creating the beautiful awards.

A number of Families are relocating at the end of the year. I took the time to farewell those children departing along with the grade 6 students at assembly this week. I wish you all the very best for the future and thank you for your contribution to DPS.

By now you would have received a letter from me outlining the arrangements for 2016. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to note the 2016 student starting dates on the front page, as they vary according to the age group.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and thank you all for a wonderful year, which has been packed full of so many wondering and exciting things. I look forward to working with you all again in the New Year.

Peter Burke.

### CULTURAL AWARDS 2015

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Congratulations to all the recipients of the Cultural Awards for this year

### ACADEMIC AWARDS 2015

- **Graham Dux Award**
  - Yemaya Greenwood and Keaton Dickenson-Bray
- **J Richards Award**
  - Holly Murphy
- **E E Leggo Award**
  - Josh Wade
- **Terry Brooker Award**
  - Tasha Robinson
- **Murray Stewart Sports Award**
  - Bella Jack & Jonas Paar
- **Stella Armstrong Award**
  - Performing Arts: Ryley Wallace
  - Visual Arts: Caitlin Robertson
- **LOTE Italian Award**
  - Nioka Newton
- **Principals Award**
  - Alex Dales and Ben Tsaptsalis
- **Shire of Hepburn Citizenship Award**
  - Sasha Sadowy
- **DSC Bursary Awards**
  - Carly Elderfield, Lachlan Smith, Lachlan Taylor & Ryley Wallace.

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### STATE SCHOOL RELIEF 2016 INITIATIVE

2015 CSEF RECIPIENTS will receive a letter from the Daylesford Secondary College regarding uniform vouchers for 2016 Yr7 Students.
STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Myth
Dance and Drama showcase by children and adults of Inside Out Dance Theatre. Be inspired by the joy of movement performed by over 70 local children! A magical show!
Saturday 12 December, 7pm, Daylesford Town Hall
Tickets at door, Enquiries: 0417 592 522, Facebook

NGV kids on tour 2016 in Hepburn Shire.
ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE. Ages 4+ (with an adult) limited places available. To Book Ph. 5348 2800.

The National Gallery of Victoria invites regional galleries and venues to partner in the upcoming touring program NGV Kids on Tour 2016. The program celebrates summer exhibitions exploring contemporary art at the NGV, including Studio Cats: Andy Warhol | Ai Weiwei for Kids and Our Land is Alive: Hermannsburg Potters for Kids. The free NGV Kids on Tour 2016 program will take place during the summer holidays and run in conjunction with the NGV Kids Summer Festival from Sat 16–Tue 26 Jan 2016. Children and families throughout regional Victoria will have the opportunity to engage with art through a range of free hands-on activities and workshops.

Hey Kids!
Summer Reading Club is on at Daylesford & Trentham Libraries. Drop into the Library, pick up a Summer Reading Club Treasure Hunt and win some fun prizes! Discover a new books or get lost in an old favourite this summer.
Join online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au

Children’s wellbeing workshops starting Term 1 2016 at Lazuli in Hepburn. For more information see www.luminousliving.net or phone Chrissie 0402 319 510.