DIARY DATES

**February**
- Tuesday 24th: 6.30pm School Council
- Friday 27th:
  - * Gr 3-6 House Swimming Sports (Canteen for Gr Prep, 1 & 2 Only)
  - * 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: 23rd 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

**Current Focus**

*Play by the rules – Honesty and Trustworthy*

“Playing Fairly” “Being a good Winner” “Being a good Loser”

Through playing games we learn about ourselves and others. Playing games provides opportunities where children will be expected to play fairly, play by the rules, co-operate with others, get along with others and handle both winning and losing. Having rules in games ensures a level playing field making it fair for all.

Playing together does not just mean playing happily with our friends, although that is important. ‘Playing together’ means sharing space both in the classroom and the playground. Demonstrating sharing in our games ensures that everyone will enjoy their playtime. We have to think about other people, the games they are playing and playing sensibly. We want everyone to enjoy themselves. Whenever you are playing remember to:

- play in sensible areas.
- check to see if others are involved in a game or an area before setting up your game.
- play safe games, particularly in small areas.
- walk around other people’s games.

David Garner

**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**
Parent Newsletter Week 4 Term 1

- 3-6 Swimming program
- P-2 Testing
- Lockdown procedure
- Prep Parent’s morning tea
- Parent/Teacher interviews
- Friends of Performing Arts
- Passing of Di Thornton
- House Swimming Sports

The 3-6 swimming program has been a great success. Excellent weather and water temperature, coupled with excellent staff:student ratios and I am very, very pleased with the students attitude of “I will have a go” approach. All this has resulted in a steady improvement in the children’s swimming ability.

Our Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March, by appointment between 4.00 – 6.00. Please make sure that as a parent you touch base with your child’s teacher/s. This interview does not involve the student. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for the parent/s to speak with the classroom teacher. Appointment sheets will be circulated next week.

Thank you to parents who have indicated they will volunteer their time to the school programs. This is very valuable and important to the school if we are to maintain our high standard of education.

I would like to put out a call to parents who would like to be involved in assisting the Performing Arts Program. It is our intention to put two major performance evenings together this year and Suzanne needs help. Would you be interested in joining the ‘Friends of Performing Arts’? If so please approach Suzanne or leave your name at the front office and we will call you.

The school was saddened to hear of the passing of Di Thornton earlier this week. Di taught at DPS for ten years between 1991-2001 and more recently has been connected with the school through her regional roll as a visiting teacher in student services. Despite a long battle with cancer, Di worked right up to the end of 2014. On behalf of the school community, I would like to pass on our condolences to her family and recognise her contribution to the education of young people.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to invite all parents/carers to our House Swimming Sports on Friday 27th February at the Daylesford Swimming Pool, starting at 10.30.

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.

Kitchen Garden – February

The grade 3/4’s are all looking forward to starting KG sessions next week, 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

CANTEEN DUTY TERM 1 2015

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

PLEASE NOTE: There was a price increase at the beginning of 2015. If anyone has lost or requires a new canteen price list, please collect from Bev or the front office.

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

RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS $10

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

MUSICIANS WANTED
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

Music in the Library
4pm Fridays
We are looking for musicians (solo artists, groups, choirs, beginners to professionals) to perform in the Library for 30-60 minutes Friday afternoons Contact the Library Staff if interested

Venue:  Daylesford Library
Location:  35 Albert Street
Phone:  5348 2800

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13th March     Christine Gilligan  June Cooper
SPRUNG CIRCUS CLASSES 2015
Acrobatics, balances, aerials, 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

VOLEYBALL AT THE ARC
The new volleyball season starts on Monday 9th Feb 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

Inside Out Dance Theatre - Dance and Drama classes
Term 1 Classes start 2nd Feb
Creative Dance, Ballet, Drama, Boys’ Dance,
Adult & Child, Contemporary, African Dance & Studio Hire.
Ph: 0417 592 522
Factory 2 / 39 East St, Daylesford

YMCA Fun Skate
Saturdays from 1pm-4pm, Delacombe Stadium, Nandiriog Drive, Delacombe. $10 per person includes skate hire & 3 hrs of skating or BYO skates & blades. Kiosk operating. Bookings essential. Lessons incur additional cost.
Contact Ballarat YMCA for further details on 4333 6400. www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

2015 Dates: - Saturdays – 21 Feb (twilight event 6-9pm), then 1-4pm on 14 Mar, 11 Apr, 23 May, 20 June, 11 July, 22 Aug, 12 Sep, 10 Oct, 14 Nov.

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