DIARY DATES

March
- Monday 23rd: Final day to return Easter Raffle Tickets
- Tuesday 24th:
  - Easter Raffle drawn at Assembly.
  - 9.30am Gr.6 Dinner Meeting, Meeting Room
  - 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

****PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE CONSENT FORM (see page 3)

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

ALL DAY CARE ON PUPIL FREE DAY MON 13TH APRIL IS BEING OFFERED BY DAYLESFORD OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Care is provided for new or currently enrolled children between 8.30am-6.15pm. Bookings can be made with Julie on 5348 3702 until Thursday 9th April. Minimum number of children required to be booked in for the service to offer care on this day.

GRADE 6 DINNER MEETING
Tuesday 24th March at 9.30am in the Meeting Room.
All Gr6 Parents/Carers Welcome.

Current Focus
Listening

With all classes now underway, one of the most important skills any child or adult can develop is the skill of listening. Listening involves a lot more than simply hearing. Listening means concentrating on what the other person is saying, showing that you are listening by looking at the speaker and responding in some way; perhaps by nodding your head and certainly by responding to what they say with a question or statement.

Things to remember:
- look at the person who is speaking
- stand/or sit still while you’re listening
- keep your hands free of objects
- give a response to the speaker

David Garner

DAYLESFORD POLICE HAVE ADVISED US THAT THEY ARE STRICTLY ENFORCING TRAFFIC RULES AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

EASTER RAFFLE

Will be drawn at Assembly next Tuesday (24th March) – please return all tickets by Monday 23rd March. Thank you

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

• Cultural Day
• Regional Swimming Results
• Easter Raffle
• Choir Survey
• Student Requisite letter
• Wish List

The Cultural Day this week was a great success. The journey around the world, involved the children visiting two countries and folk dancing in the gym. Throughout the school we offered 12 different countries; Indigenous Australia, Hawaii, Mexico, Japan, Romania, Germany, Native America, Egypt, New Zealand, Cambodia and Indonesia. The activities were highly engaging and the Family groups supported each other in such a positive way. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day.

Photos of the day can be seen on our school website www.daylesps.vic.edu.au

Congratulations to Tayah, Viydee and Jonas on their efforts at the Regional Swimming Sports. All three swimming personal best times in each of their events. Tayah in 50 meters butterfly swam 56.73 (came into race on 59.93), placed 11th overall.

Viydee in 50 metres backstroke swam 47.80 (from 51.55) placed 11th overall.
Jonas in 50 metres breaststroke swam 43.80 (from 44.75) placed 2nd overall (just missed out by a fraction of a second on getting first and going to state!). Jonas in 50 metres freestyle swam 34.30 (from 35.81) placed 3rd overall.

Thank you to all the families who have supported our Easter Raffle. All money raised goes to purchasing yard equipment for the children.

A reminder to parents of grade 3-6 to respond to the choir survey, that I circulated last week.

Again I would like to reinforce the positive response we are seeing from parents who are actioning on their school invoice.

A BIG thank you to Sharon Michels (Jackson Hunt’s mother), who has donated a boat to the school for our early years playground.

DPS WISH LIST

(Keep an eye on this list for updates)

• Kitchen Garden Sponsorship
• Fundraising Committee
• Friends of Performing Arts (to assist with a mid-year and end of year performance)
• Working Bees (every Wednesday lunchtime)
• Debating club (lunchtime)
• Chess Club (lunchtime)

Peter Burke
HEAD LICE
There have recently been quite a number of parents informing us of their children having head lice. We have included a fact and help sheet with this newsletter to try and help you treat and control head lice.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2015
Can parents of students in Prep to 2 please sign the permission form sent home with this Newsletter and return to school.
Without the signed forms your child will not receive a Certificate and the end of the year.
Grade 3-6 - students participating in the Challenge need to get their forms from Gill Pearce.
GRADE PREP TO TWO
Children in grades Prep to two complete the challenge at school, with their teachers reading to them in class.
GRADE 3 TO 6
Children in Grades 3 to 6 need to complete a reading list sheet with the books they have read and give to Gill in the library when completed.
Permission forms are also available at the office.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS TERM 1 2015

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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

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.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

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End of Term 1

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

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

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
Web www.sprungcircus.net
DAYLESFORD LIBRARY
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
FOR EASTER

Decorate your own Library Bag

Wednesday 1st April
11am
Daylesford Library

Bring along your creativity and we’ll provide the rest.
Suitable for Children Aged 5+
Book at Daylesford Library or 5348 2800

Dinosaurs
Come back millions of years to discover the wonder of dinosaurs

Thursday
9th April
1pm - 2pm
Daylesford Library
33 Albert Street
Suitable for Aged 5+
Book at Library or phone 5348 2800

In large sandboxes, the children locate and identify fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past. Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops and a few other surprises are all thrown in. The children will learn when each dinosaur lived, where they came from, what they ate and much more.

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.

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.

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

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 each
Monday & Thursday between 5:00pm – 6:00pm @ the Junior oval. Once the season starts in April, training will occur once a week on Thursday nights only.
Contact Carson White, Team Manager, 0408 518 704 or carsonpwhite@gmail.com
Note: Children need to be 8 years of age on 01/01/2015 to be eligible to play U/12’s.

* U/15 – Pre-season training each
Monday & Wednesday between 5:00pm – 6:30pm @ the Senior oval. Contact Jezza Steen, Coach, 0428 791 611.

Auskick will start Monday, 13th April……more information to come!