Grade 6 Dinner Meeting
FRIDAY 29th MAY at 9.30 in the meeting room
ALL WELCOME

A nit comb has been distributed to the eldest child in each family. This is to encourage parents to be proactive.

DIARY DATES

May
Monday 25th  Breakfast Program Gr P-4
Monday 25th – Weds 27th  Gr 5/6 Camp
Weds 27th  Gr. P-2  National Simultaneous Storytime  The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey
Friday 29th  Breakfast Program Gr 3-6

June
Monday 8th  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Thursday 11th  School Photos
Friday 12th  Crazy Hair Day-$2 Donation (Nepal Earthquake)
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

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CURRENT FOCUS

“Empathy” (My feelings/Your feelings)

PREP

It is important to be able to look at someone’s face and think about how he or she might be feeling then act in a caring way.

In Prep we do this by asking questions.

“You look…… Are you ok?”, “Can I help?”

“Do you realise I felt …… when you did that/ said that?
That way we are noticing other people’s feelings and encouraging them to notice our feelings.

We can all act in a kind and caring way.

Empathy is:
Looking at someone’s face to know how they might be feeling.
Asking someone if they are ok, if you can’t tell by their face?
Giving a friend a cuddle when they are feeling sad.
Showing a friend how to do something if they are having trouble.
Singing to someone to make them feel better.
Saying sorry if you’ve accidently hurt someone.
Playing with someone who is feeling left out.
Asking “Are you OK?” “Let me take you to sick bay.”

We know how we would feel so then we know how other people feel.

At school we can:
1. Look at people’s faces
2. Try and understand how they are feeling
3. Help if we can

Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent Newsletter Week 6 T2

- Zone XC
- House Athletics
- NAPLAN
- Junior Choir and Preps
- Open Morning – now taking Prep enrolments for 2016
- Breakfast Program – next Monday
- Grade 5/6 Camp
- Camps, Sport & Excursion Fund
- 5/6 Elective Program

Twelve students represented the Goldfields Zone at the Zone XC in Ballarat. All the children gave their best, with some running Personal Best times. Charlotte Streat, Lila Paar, Sunday Wright, James Childs and Tyson Scoble all qualified and are moving through to the next level, which is a marvellous effort. Thanks to all the parents who were able to drive and support the students. A BIG thank you to Glenn Harwood, who was our team manager on the day.

Monday proved to be a beautiful day for the House Athletics, which was held in Ballarat at Llanberris. The day went very well with all the grade 3-6 students entering into the spirit of the day. House colours were clearly on display and spirits remained high as the children jumped, ran and threw. Congratulations to Miles Wilkinson and Holly Murphy who won the 100 metre championship event. Well done Tipperary who were the overall winners on the day.

Well done to Andrew Kiellerup and Sherilee who did a great job in organising the day and another BIG thank you to all the parents who attended, many of whom were a great assistance on the day. Including some wonderful photos by Sophie Loft which can be viewed on our school website http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au/news/gallery.html
The grade 3 & 5 students completed four NAPLAN test in three days last week. I was very pleased with the way the students applied themselves and used a variety of strategies, like planning before you write, which have clearly been well taught by our staff.

The Junior Choir and our Preps sang at assembly this week.

Open Morning on Tuesday saw over twenty families with pre-school children attend our assembly, tour the school and then speak with David Garner and myself about our school. This resulted in a number of Prep enrolments for 2016. I am now calling for Prep enrolments for next year. If you have a child that you wish to attend this school in 2016, can you please call into the office and collect an enrolment form or go onto our website and download an enrolment form.

I would like to extend an invitation to all our students in P-4 to attend our breakfast program next Monday, which is held in the gym. Grades 3-6 breakfast program will be held next Friday 29th May.

The grade 5&6 students are attending the Anglesea Camp next week and we would like to wish them all the best.

Some good news. The Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, The Hon. James Merlino, MP has announced through the May budget that additional funding has been allocated to Education. The first initiative to flow through is a Camps, Sport and Excursion fund. Parents with a current concession card may apply. Please contact the front office for an application form or for more information call our business manager Deborah Cowen on 53482480.

Finally, the Teaching and Learning team has reviewed the 5/6 elective program and they have decided, for two reasons, to move away from this program. It has been identified that due to a crowded curriculum that not all areas of the AUSVels curriculum are being covered. Therefore Integrated studies focusing on Science will replace the 5/6 elective program in term 3 and term 4. The second reason that was taken into consideration was, due to growth in the area of Performing Arts, a forum is required in order to showcase the children’s performances. Therefore it has been decided that a mid-year performance will occur, featuring P-4 grades and the grades 5&6 performances will be included in the end of year graduation evening.

Peter Burke
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, meanwhile encouraging a deeper understanding of how the world works and values teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $25 for primary school students
- $22 for secondary school students

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 15th June.

For more information about the CSEF, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 out now!
Parents may order from issue 4 via “The Loop” online. Booklets are available from the office or Library workroom.

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.

PIZZA SAUCE IS NOW USED IN OUR FOCACCIAS - NO NUTS