Current Focus
Celebrate Community

Celebrating Community means taking the time to reflect on all of our achievements: it is important to do this regularly to ensure that we acknowledge everyone in our community. As students you can reflect on what you’ve achieved: individually, in a small group, as part of a class, as part of a sporting group or community group.

Being part of a community means that we can reflect on the different aspects of daily life: how we may have contributed to the school and wider community in the achievement of goals. Just as you share achievements with family and friends it is important to share achievements within your school community and the wider community too. Be sure to celebrate personal achievements in a positive and respectful manner.

Reflect on the importance of your values and incorporate these into daily life at home, at school and in the wider community. Our values help us attain benefits both personally and for the wider community!

David Garner.

SPECIAL EVENT – 1 DAY ONLY
BUY 1 GET 1 FREE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER IN OLC
This special event offers a great opportunity for you to add twice as many books to your child’s home and classroom library.

For every book purchased you receive a 2nd book of equal or lesser value FREE to give as a gift to a friend, your teacher, donate back to the library or keep for yourself.

There will be 100’s of books to choose from and once they are gone, they are gone. Best get in early! Hopefully I have to send no books back!

I hope to see you there for this special event!

GRADE 6 CELEBRATION EVENING MEETING
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
9.30 Meeting Room  ALL WELCOME

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

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

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER
Friday 27th Library closes. All books back by today please. No more library classes or borrowing for 2015.
Sunday 29th
• Junior & Senior Choir at The Grande Hotel. 2.30-5pm
• DPS family portrait fundraiser
Mon 30th Nov – Mon 14th Dec - P-2 Swimming Program (As per blue note sent home this week)

DECEMBER
Friday 4th KG Volunteers Afternoon Tea 1.45pm-3.20 pm
Tuesday 8th Yr 7 (2016) Orientation Day –DSC Transition Day DPS
Wed 9th Parent Volunteer Morning Tea 11am-11.45 am
Thursday 10th 5/6 Presentation Evening 7pm Daylesford Town Hall (Adults $5, Family $10)
Monday 14th Gr 6 Celebration Evening DPS Gym 5.30pm-9.00pm
Tuesday 15th Gr5/6 Volleyball Competition
Wed 16th Free Dress Day
Thurs 17th Final Day Term 4, normal finish time 3.20pm

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Start of Year Dates 2016

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
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent newsletter Week 8 T4

• Family Statements
• Prep Transition
• P-2 Swimming Program
• Final School Council meeting
• Grade 2-3 Transition evening
• Family Groups purchase a Christmas Present
• P.A. classes preparing for our Presentation Evening
• Scholastic Book Sale – Friday 4th December

Last week the final Family Statements for the year were mailed out to families. The invoices clearly show a breakdown where money is owed. The total amount owing to the school is $16,642.00. It is vital that this money that is outstanding is paid by the end of the year. This amount cannot be carried by the school and this will impact on the delivery of education for the children. Could you please action on this immediately or ring Deborah Cowen our business manager to discuss alternative arrangements.

The 2016 Prep transition program finished this week, with our grade 5 students meeting their buddies. I am not sure who was more excited, the grade 5 students or the pre-schoolers? The program was very successful and I thank our new parents and complement our staff on a job well done.

As you know we have been forced to delay the P-2 swimming program, due to difficulties surrounding the sand filter. I am pleased to announce that we have overcome the challenges in the short term and are working very hard to get the pool ready for the swimming program. A separate memo will be handed out asap confirming the starting date.

The SC held their final meeting on Tuesday night. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our SC members who have worked together very well throughout the entire year to support the school. Their role of governance is a very important one and they are very committed to improving student outcomes. Next year is a year of review for the school and SC will play an important role in building our next School Strategic Plan.

Thank you to all the grade 2 parents who attended our grade 2-3 transition evening on Wednesday night. The feedback I received from families was that the night was very valuable. The presentation by our staff was first class and certainly I believe highlighted many of the strengths that we as a school can provide.

Thank you to parents & children who have donated a gold coin towards the purchasing of a Christmas gift that our Family Groups will purchase and handover to Daylesford Family services. We feel that modelling ‘giving’ at Christmas is very important. Doing something for someone else is a quality that we have touched on in a number of ways throughout this year.

The grade 5/6 classes are working very hard on their performances and we are looking forward to our Presentation Evening on Thursday 10th December.

Finally, Leah Schuter will be offering a one day sale of Scholastic Books on Friday 4th December in the OLC in a lead up to Christmas. See more information on front page of the newsletter.

Peter Burke

Unexplained Absence letters have been distributed. These will indicate days where unexplained absences have been recorded. If you receive one of these notes please indicate the reason for your child’s absence and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

LIBRARY NOW CLOSED

All books must be returned immediately to avoid borrowing being suspended in 2016.

DAYLESFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE
IMPORTANT DATES
FOR YEAR 7 2016 STUDENTS

30th November 2015, 6.00pm
Year 7 2016 Information night at Daylesford Secondary College. Parents and students are encouraged to attend

8th December 2015, all day
Year 7 2016 Orientation Day, BBQ lunch provided, students should wear casual clothing suitable for PE and bring their pencil case.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS
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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.

DAYLESFORD SHOW
Daylesford & District Agricultural Society Inc
143rd Annual Show 2015
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
VICTORIA PARK
DAYLESFORD

DAYLESFORD JUNIOR TENNIS
Junior tennis on the beautiful grass courts at West St Daylesford started on Saturday 17 October. All school aged players are welcome including juniors who are new to tennis and would like to try it out. Competition tennis begins at 9.15am for juniors with some experience. Beginner players can enjoy skill development and fun activities with a one hour session commencing at 10.00am (all equipment provided). Any interested players should just come along to either session. For information, registration forms and membership details check out the web site
www.daylesfordtennis.com
For any enquiries please call Vicki Horrigan 5348 3894

BASKETBALL
Daylesford Springers Basketball Association is looking for players of all ages for the summer season (mid October to March). No previous basketball experience required. Tuesday night at the ARC (juniors from 4.30pm & seniors from 6.30pm).
For further information please email Carson White at
springersbasketball@gmail.com or 0408 518 704.

KELLY MINI SPORTS
Creating a life long love of sports for kids 1–5 yrs.
45 min. sessions, indoors, non competitive, emphasis on team work and team uniform.

Mini Sporters: 2. yo 2.5 y.o.(9-9.45am)
Big Sporters: 2.5 to 3.5 y.o.(10-10.45am)
Giant Sporters: 3.5 to 5 y.o.(11-11.45am)
Saturday Mornings-Daylesford Primary School Gym
If interested please ring 0403 908 854, or (03) 9384 2204.
www.kellyminisports.com.au
Email: enquiry@kellyminisports.com.au

SPRING CIRCUS
Weekly classes for children, teens and adults, all things circus, call 0477 249 9342 for details or see www.sprungcircus.net

Current Focus: “Celebrate Community”
Hepburn Shire Recreation & Open Space Strategy Community Survey

Hepburn Shire Council is currently preparing a Recreation & Open Space Strategy for the municipality. The purpose of this strategy is to help guide Council and the broader community to make decisions about where best to invest time and resources in relation to recreation and open space programs, services and facilities over the next 10 years. Communityvibe is working with the Shire to develop the Recreation and Open Space Strategy. We are particularly keen to hear from you about what activities you currently participate in and your ideas to improve the recreational and open space opportunities for all. This will help us to shape the final plan.

How can you be involved?
✔ Complete a survey by Friday 18 December. Surveys are available online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dayhepglen.
Please encourage everyone in your household to fill in a survey. Hard copies of the survey are also available at Daylesford Town Hall.

✔ Meet the project team for a chat or to fill out a survey at the Daylesford Senior Citizens Centre at the rear of the Daylesford Town Hall on Wednesday 2nd Dec – 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

For more information, please contact Wendy Holland at communityvibe on 0438 433 555 or wendy@communityvibe.com.au.

We wish to thank the following businesses, who have been extremely generous in their financial support of Daylesford Primary School.

"Whether it be for sale or rental purposes, please contact Stockdale & Leggo Daylesford for all your selling and rental needs". S & L Daylesford have been operating for the last 28 years in Daylesford and we know Real Estate!!! For a free market appraisal, please give us a call on 5348 2766. (Major sponsor for the Daylesford Primary School).
51 Vincent St., Daylesford, Ph: 5348 2766, Fax 5348 1162.