**Daylesford Primary School Newsletter**

**Vincent Street (P O Box 20) Daylesford, 3460**
**Ph: (03) 5348 2480 Fax: (03) 5348 3958**

➢ “SEMPER MELIORA” (Always better things)

---

**Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy**

**Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen**

---

**DIARY DATES**

**February**

- Mon 9th – Fri 20th Gr 3-6 Swimming Program
- Tues 10th Early Years Picnic at Jubilee Lake, 5pm
- Friday 13th Final day for Book Club
- Tuesday 17th Practice Emergency Lockdown Procedure, 2.30pm
- Tuesday 24th 6.30pm School Council
- Friday 27th
  - Gr 3-6 House Swimming Sports
  - 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 13th April - 26th June
- TERM 3 13th July - 18th September
- TERM 4 5th October -18th December

---

**Current Focus**

**Good Manners – (Be respectful)**

Daily life provides us with many opportunities to demonstrate our manners. In many ways it is simply extending a courtesy to others. Some examples include the use of saying, “please, excuse me, thank you”. The use of good manners lets other people know that they’re appreciated, respected and valued. We can use good manners in a variety of settings: at school in the classroom /or in the playground, at home, down the street, when visiting family and friends, etc. Waiting for others to pass before we move or holding a door open for someone else are other ways of using our manners. Use your manners with community members of all ages!

David Garner

---

**Good Manners by 2TW**

Good manners are:

- saying please, thank you, hello and good-bye. By Zak and Imogen
- when someone accidently hurts someone and they say sorry to them. By Mehdi & Sophia
- helping people. By Sam and John
- waiting for others when you go somewhere and saying please and thank you . By Mackenzie & Flynn
- helping at home and holding the door open. By Erin and Dylan
- cleaning up after yourself. By Jessica and Heidi
- sharing and holding the door open. By Zara & Lincoln
- opening the door for others and being polite every day. By Lena & Noah
- saying please and thank you. By Matthew and Lily

---

**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.

---

A reminder to parents that we are a Sun Smart School and school hats are to be worn at recess, lunchtime and sport during terms 1 & 4. Hats can be purchased from the office for $12.

---

Term 1 2015 No. 1 Friday 6th February, 2015

Current Focus:Good Manners” (Be respectful)
Welcome back everyone!

Welcome to our new families. The students have settled in very well. Well done to all our parents/carers on preparing the children so well for the first day of school, particularly our Prep parents.

We have consolidation in our staffing this year (can I refer you to the grade list at the end of my report). The staff worked very hard during the pupil free days, attending excellent staff professional development, working in teams on term planners and preparing individual classrooms.

Student resources have been distributed to the children and parents will receive an invoice from the school around week three, it is important that all families attend to this account as the school is not in a position to carry over $15,000. We have registered with Centrepay, can I refer you to the further instructions on the front page of this newsletter.

I have spoken to staff about their roles and responsibilities throughout the year, I have spoken to the students at assembly about their role and responsibilities and I would like to remind parents of your role and responsibilities. We have a code of conduct that I expect all members of our school community to adhere to. A copy of this policy can be accessed on our website at http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au/files/policies/student_wellbeing.pdf Page 15. Through our policies we constantly emphasise the importance of our school values.

Communication is a vital part of education. Please read this newsletter every week (it can also be accessed through our website and we have an email distribution list, if you would like to be added to that distribution list please contact the office.) Your first port of call of course is the classroom teacher, but Mr Garner (Assistant Principal responsible for student welfare) can also be contacted and appointments can be made to discuss any concerns or issues. Please contact the office if unsure whom to speak to and they will direct your query.

I am very excited about the school year. Our mission statement reads “Daylesford Primary School is committed to assisting each child to reach their full academic, creative and social potential. To achieve this we will provide a dynamic learning environment wherein students can develop resilience, manage their own learning and strive for their personal best. We aim to create a social environment in which our students feel part of a strong, respectful, caring and supportive community of staff, family and friends.” I believe we can provide this, but it requires a partnership between home and the school. I therefore look forward to working closely with you throughout 2015.

Peter Burke

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

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS
As previously advised in the Newsletter, please be aware that although the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) has ceased, the Government will still be providing parents/carers with the “School Kids Bonus” to assist with school expenses.

The total amount will be $422, paid in two instalments of $211 each in January & July 2015 directly into parent/carers’ bank accounts.

Peter Burke

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent Newsletter Week 2 Term 1

- Welcome
- Staffing
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Communication
- Exciting year ahead

Welcome to our new families. The students have settled in very well. Well done to all our parents/carers on preparing the children so well for the first day of school, particularly our Prep parents.

We have consolidation in our staffing this year (can I refer you to the grade list at the end of my report). The staff worked very hard during the pupil free days, attending excellent staff professional development, working in teams on term planners and preparing individual classrooms.

Student resources have been distributed to the children and parents will receive an invoice from the school around week three, it is important that all families attend to this account as the school is not in a position to carry over $15,000. We have registered with Centrepay, can I refer you to the further instructions on the front page of this newsletter.

I have spoken to staff about their roles and responsibilities throughout the year, I have spoken to the students at assembly about their role and responsibilities and I would like to remind parents of your role and responsibilities. We have a code of conduct that I expect all members of our school community to adhere to. A copy of this policy can be accessed on our website at http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au/files/policies/student_wellbeing.pdf Page 15. Through our policies we constantly emphasise the importance of our school values.

Communication is a vital part of education. Please read this newsletter every week (it can also be accessed through our website and we have an email distribution list, if you would like to be added to that distribution list please contact the office.) Your first port of call of course is the classroom teacher, but Mr Garner (Assistant Principal responsible for student welfare) can also be contacted and appointments can be made to discuss any concerns or issues. Please contact the office if unsure whom to speak to and they will direct your query.

I am very excited about the school year. Our mission statement reads “Daylesford Primary School is committed to assisting each child to reach their full academic, creative and social potential. To achieve this we will provide a dynamic learning environment wherein students can develop resilience, manage their own learning and strive for their personal best. We aim to create a social environment in which our students feel part of a strong, respectful, caring and supportive community of staff, family and friends.” I believe we can provide this, but it requires a partnership between home and the school. I therefore look forward to working closely with you throughout 2015.

Peter Burke

2015 DPS GRADE LIST

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Principal</th>
<th>Peter Burke</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Assistant Principal</td>
<td>David Garner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prep 0PF</td>
<td>Jendy Fry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prep 0PW</td>
<td>Kim Wrigley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 1</td>
<td>01J Emily Joyce</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 1</td>
<td>01W Kathy Watt / Nicole Wassell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 2</td>
<td>2ST Mellissa Stevens</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 2</td>
<td>2TW JenniThompson/Emma Wells</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 3/4</td>
<td>34C Gill Carron/Nicola Stephens</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 3/4</td>
<td>34K Andrew Kiellerup</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 3/4</td>
<td>34P AlexParsons/Nicola Stephens</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 4/5</td>
<td>45B Karen Brothers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 5/6</td>
<td>5/6C Sarah Connor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 5/6</td>
<td>5/6M Karen McHugh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 5/6</td>
<td>5/6P Tom Powell</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS
As previously advised in the Newsletter, please be aware that although the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) has ceased, the Government will still be providing parents/carers with the “School Kids Bonus” to assist with school expenses.

The total amount will be $422, paid in two instalments of $211 each in January & July 2015 directly into parent/carers’ bank accounts.
GRADE 3-6 SWIMMING TIMETABLE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Monday 9th Feb</th>
<th>Tuesday 10th Feb</th>
<th>Wednesday 11th Feb</th>
<th>Thursday 12th Feb</th>
<th>Friday 13th Feb</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11.30 – 12.00</td>
<td>12.00 – 12.30</td>
<td>12.30 – 1.00</td>
<td>1.00 – 1.30</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6P&amp;5/6M</td>
<td>4/5B &amp; 3/4P</td>
<td>3/4K &amp; 3/4C</td>
<td>56C</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NB: No swimming on Tuesday 17th Feb

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 make’s 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.

BOOKCLUB

Book club is an important fundraiser for our school. Every time a family purchases books through Book Club the school receives books for our school library. Over the years Book Club has been operating, hundreds of books have been received and our school library would not be the wonderful resource it is for our children’s learning.

Book Club occurs at the beginning of each term and it would be great if every family could purchase from at least one Book Club per year as the benefits go directly to developing our children’s literacy.

Order forms for Term 1 were distributed Monday 3rd February to all children and are due back at school by FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2015. Please remember that if you are paying by cheque then make it payable to Daylesford Primary School. Please check that you have marked which books are being ordered, and that your child’s name, grade and cash are correct.

Gill Pearce, Librarian
Term 1 2015  No. 1 Friday 6th February, 2015

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

CANTEEN DUTY TERM 1 2015

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 5th</td>
<td>Suzanne Newman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 6th</td>
<td>Helen Murphy, Julie Russell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weds 11th</td>
<td>Michelle Clifford</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 12th</td>
<td>Catherine Meadows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 13th</td>
<td>Samantha Harris, Anna Parsons</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

Please contact our Canteen Manager, Bev Adkins, on 5348 1839 or 0423 357 191 if you can assist. Thank you

TERM 1 2015

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SICK BAY WASHING</th>
<th>BANKING</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6th February</td>
<td>Katrina Allen</td>
<td>Liz Pattinson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13th February</td>
<td>Kerry Haby</td>
<td>June Cooper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20th February</td>
<td>Rebecca McCahon</td>
<td>Liz Pattinson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27th February</td>
<td>Carissa Strawhorn</td>
<td>June Cooper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6th March</td>
<td>Dianne Rouse</td>
<td>Liz Pattinson</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Current Focus: Good Manners” (Be respectful)
JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM
TRENTHAM GOLF CLUB
Introductory golf session every Saturday during the school terms, except on weekends affected by public holidays. This program introduces young people U18 years of age, to the game of golf. **Sessions commence 9.30am for no less than one hour.**
Golf Australia Victoria trained instructors are available to teach the boys and girls from a beginner up to Golf Club playing levels, and offers a chance to participate in a healthy, skillful sport that can be played by oneself or with family, friends and other players in a Club atmosphere or a social game with anyone that loves a game of golf.
Golf teaches many life skills and can be played well into old age.

**Participants in this program can start at any level and do not have to have equipment, as that is provided for each session.**

**COSTS:** $15 a term or $2 a session if starting late.
If further information is required, please contact:-
Lindsay Perrin, Junior Golf Co-ordinator,TGC on 53678907 Preferably after 7.30P.M. any day.

HOT SHOTS JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAM
The Mt Prospect Tennis Association (Creswick) is proud to offer a 6 week Hot Shots Community Play Program From: Saturday 07 February 2015 through to Saturday 21 March 2015. **Note no program on Saturday 07 March due to Labour Day Long Weekend.**

Primary school aged children aged between 5-8 years are invited to participate in this exciting program that introduces children to tennis skill development, game knowledge, and physical activity in a fun environment.

HotShots – 30 minutes sessions for the younger participants – Cost: $36
HotShots Plus – 45 minute sessions for older participants – Cost: $54

**Note: Parents must be in attendance for the duration of their child’s session.**

Registration: Contact Natalie O’Brien on ph: 0411 504 253 or email: pnbrien@skymesh.com.au
Where: Mt Prospect Courts (Creswick) – Court 23
Bring: Hat, racquet (if you have one), drink bottle and your registration money.

INSIDE OUT DANCE THEATRE
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
Ph: 0417 592 522

VOLLEYBALL 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