NEWSLETTER NO. 17 – Tuesday 16/6/2015

CALENDAR

JUNE

Tues 23rd Final day to submit CSEF applications
Wed 24th Working Bee
Prep - 4 Daylesford Mid-Year Perform.
Daylesford Town Hall 6.30-7.30pm
Fri 26th Finish term at 2.30pm

JULY

Tues 21st Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
No classes on this day.

Term Dates 2015

TERM 2  13th April – 26th June
TERM 3  13th July – 18th September
TERM 4  5th October – 18th December

Office Hours:  8.30am – 4.00pm

CURRENT FOCUS

“Honesty and Trust”

Principal’s Report

Thank you to parents for presenting the children so well in their school uniform for our school photos. The day went very smoothly and the children were excellent in their behaviour throughout the exercise.

The JSC council have decided to get behind the people of Nepal in their time of need. The crazy hair day on Friday was a small way of generating some funds to send to Nepal to assist in the re-building stage of their recovery. Thank you to parents and students who entered into the spirit of the day and for donating so generously. Drummond Primary School raised $36.70.

On Friday 12th, four of our students travelled to Warrnambool to compete in Greater Western Cross Country Finals. A BIG thank you, to the parents who drove all that way and for supporting their child on the day. The school is very proud of Tyson, Charlotte, Lila, James and Sunny (Drummond P.S.), all who qualified for this event, which is only one step below the State Finals. The children have been training in the lead up to the event and on the day they gave it their very best on a hilly, wet and demanding course.

Charlotte placed 5th and James placed 11th. Both have qualified for the State Finals in Melbourne next term. Congratulations to them both, what a great achievement!

Staff have been working very hard on the semester one reports. The reports will give parents and overview of students’ progress throughout terms 1 & 2. Work habits will also be reported on and ‘areas of improvement’ will offer suggestions of focus for the future.

Matilda, Anouk, Oisin and Kieren showing their crazy hair (and faces)

Milo – never without a pencil!!
Parent/student/teacher interviews have been scheduled for Tuesday 21st July which is week 2 of term three. There will be no formal classes conducted on this day to allow staff to meet with students and parents/carers. This will occur by appointment only. A booking sheet will be displayed in the Foyer. Please place this day in your diaries, so as to be available to attend interviews and supervise children as there are no classes on that day.

Thank you to all the families who have already attended to payments for student materials. Updated statements will be distributed on Wednesday 17th June.

We have quite a few outstanding payment’s and would appreciate families attending to these.

The school does a great job at purchasing and distributing all the classroom materials that the children require throughout the year and it is appreciated that parents/carers have responded by way of payments for these services. I would not like to introduce booklists as most other schools do, which requires parents to purchase all the books, pencils etc. etc. Therefor e it is vital that the family payment statements are actioned asap.

I am taking some sick leave as of next Monday, as I have some minor surgery scheduled. In my absence Mr Garner will be acting Principal.

As this is my last report for the term, I would like to reflect on yet again another highly successful term. This is due to an excellent partnership with our families and the school. The very dedicated group of staff who provide a very high standard of education have just completed your child’s report. Can I encourage you to sit down with your child over the break and read the report together. It will be a chance to celebrate the successes together and a chance to reflect on areas of focus for next semester. The students will be developing their goals for the second half of the year on their return and will be sharing these goals with you at the Student/Parent /Teacher interviews in week 2 of next term.

Peter Burke.

**Kitchen Garden Cooking**

We are very grateful for the extra volunteers however, more help is needed. Please contact Claire Rawlinson or Dianne van Baalen if you can assist.

**Jobs to Be Done**

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**DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT CONCESSION CARD?**

**CSEF**

**CAMP, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND**

As outlined in last week’s Newsletter, 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.**

The annual CSEF amount per primary student will be $125, which will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

**Please contact the Dianne for an application form to be returned to the office before 23rd June.**

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef or call our business manager Deborah Cowen on 5348248

**Working Bee – Wed 24th June**

A Working Bee has been organised (weather permitting) for Wednesday 24th June to prepare our entrance for a concrete slab.

A follow up day for the concrete pour will be held on a Saturday during the holidays.

**3L Milk Bottles Still Wanted**

Thank you to all our families for bringing these in. We really need them pre-cut for our Art Installation. Scissors work fine for this purpose.

If families who use 3Ltr milk bottles could cut them before bringing them to school that would be fantastic.

Please collect a stencilled bottle so you know how to cut the bottle.