NEWSLETTER NO. 03 – Tuesday 17/2/2015

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Feb 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th: Swimming Program
Tues 17th: 6.30pm School Council
Tues 24th: Practice Emergency Lockdown Procedure, 2.30pm
Wed 25th: Drummond Closing Date for EMA & Conveyance Allowance
Fri 27th: Gr 3-6 House Swimming Sports
P-1-2 Daylesford PS Excursion

MARCH

March 2nd & 3rd: Swimming program
Thurs 5th: School Nursing Program Visit
Mon 9th: Labour Day Holiday
Tues 10th: Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.45pm – 5.45pm
Tue 17th: School Council AGM & Elections 6.30pm

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1

2015

Term Dates 2015
TERM 1 28th January – 27th March
TERM 2 13th April – 26th June
TERM 3 13th July – 18th September
TERM 4 5th October – 18th December

Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm

A Message from Dianne

Many thanks to the many families who have returned all our recent information notes: Parent Volunteers, Student Information, Swimming Permission & money, and After School Care.

However, there are still some outstanding forms to be returned. To help reduce our workload we would really appreciate it if all students could return notes by the due date.

Even if you are not able to volunteer or do not need After School Care, please return the notes otherwise we do not know if they have been read or not.

Well done to our parents who have prepared the children so well for the swimming program.

We really need male volunteers (with working with children check) to assist boys during the swimming program. Please see Dianne if you can assist.

Principal’s Report

I would like to give you prior warning that the school is conducting a practice Lockdown procedure next Tuesday afternoon. It is important that everyone in the school community is clear on our procedures if the school comes under an external threat such as fire.

I therefore wish to outline in full our emergency procedures surrounding an external threat such as fire.

This is outlined in the attachment Bushfire Information for Parents. Please read and make yourself fully aware of our procedures.

be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen
Finally, a reminder to parents that our focus of the fortnight articles are placed in our newsletter so that you can reinforce the social values at home.

Current Focus – Playing by the Rules

“Playing Fairly” “Being a good Winner” “Being a good Loser”

Through playing games we learn about ourselves and others. Playing games provides opportunities where children will be expected to play fairly, play by the rules, co-operate with others, get along with others and handle both winning and losing. Having rules in games ensures a level playing field making it fair for all.

Playing together does not just mean playing happily with our friends, although that is important. ‘Playing together’ means sharing space both in the classroom and the playground. Demonstrating sharing in our games ensures that everyone will enjoy their playtime. We have to think about other people, the games they are playing and playing sensibly. We want everyone to enjoy themselves. Whenever you are playing remember to:

- play in sensible areas.
- check to see if others are involved in a game or an area before setting up your game
- play safe games, particularly in small areas
- walk around other people’s games.

David Garner

School Nurse

School Nursing Program documentation was sent home to all preps last Friday. These need to be returned to the school prior to the Nurse’s visit on March 5th.

The school nurse will be available to speak with parents who have health concerns.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews have been scheduled for Tuesday March 10th from 3.45pm – 5.45pm. Nadine, Robyn and Dianne will be available to meet with parents.

A timetable will be displayed in our foyer. Please add your name to an interview time that suits you.

School Council

Tonight is our last School Council meeting for our outgoing School Council.

Our AGM and first meeting for our new 2015 School Council will take place on March 17th at 6.30pm.

Information regarding vacancies will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Home Reading Program

Grades: Prep 1 2 N

As I was hoping to have a couple of parent helpers in the morning – I was hoping to have the readers changed and reviewed every morning. Without parent helpers, it’s a little difficult to change all children’s readers on my own, every day.

SO, could all parents please make a concerted effort to help your child change their reader on a daily basis, and record what’s being taken home, so we can keep an accurate record. I also appreciate parents remembering to help their children fill out their personal daily reading record so I can monitor nights read.

So thank you to all those remembering to do so. I will be testing children as often as possible to ensure they are taking home ‘just right’ books. Please speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, Nadine.

Making and Creating

If anybody has excess recyclables at home in the way of boxes, cardboard, bottles, lids, etc, could you please send them in with your children as we are having a lot of enthusiasm for creating at the moment, with a serious lack of materials. Please send in whatever you may have spare to help our children in their investigations.

Thanks, Nadine.

Canteen Lunches Volunteer Needed

We have a harvest of corn, tomatoes and zucchini for any parents interested in cooking canteen lunches eg. Zucchini Slices

Are you eligible for CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:

- Be aged over five by 30th April
- 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 2014 at Drummond by Wednesday, 25th February, 2015. (later applications must be lodged at Daylesford PS by 27th February, 2015)

Please speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, Nadine.
We can apply on your behalf but it is approved by the Education Department (DEECD)