be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen

Principal’s Report

At Daylesford Primary School assembly last week we congratulated the 36 runners who competed at the Goldfields XC last week. I can refer you to the photos on our website, which capture the determination and courage the children displayed throughout the event. [http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au/news/gallery.html](http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au/news/gallery.html). Four of our students won their age group with excellent runs; Charlotte Streat, Tyson Scoble, James Childs and Thomas Macklin.

We also recognised the 12 students who progressed through to the Zone XC in Ballarat. Congratulations to Thomas Macklin, Lachlan Taylor, Caitlin Robertson, Griffin Harwood, Carly Elderfield, Demi Henderson, James Childs, Tyson Scoble, Buzz Pearce, Charlotte Streat, Sunday Wright and Lila Paar, well done on your achievements.

Students in Grade 3 & 5 completed NAPLAN tests last week. On the whole the students applied themselves very well. The staff did an excellent job in managing this national assessment. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the grade 4 & 2 students for the respect and support that they displayed to their fellow class members.

The Book Fair will once again run at Daylesford PS this year. We are very lucky that we have a dedicated group of parents who have formed a committee and who are already working hard behind the scenes. As this is our major fund raiser for the year, I call on all parents to consider helping. All funds raised (which has been considerable, an average of $7,000 per year) goes directly back into the school. Literacy has been the targeted area. More books have been purchased for the library, more reading has been made available within the classroom, our staff have received excellent professional development in a number of areas within Literacy.

Finally, we are looking forward to showing prospective parents around our school and Annexes on Tuesday and Wednesday, as a part of our Open Morning. Pre-school parents have been invited to attend investigations, followed by a tour of the school. Please encourage any pre-school parents that you know to attend our Open Morning. If this time is not suitable, alternative tours may be arranged.

Peter Burke

CURRENT FOCUS

“Empathy” (My feelings / Your feelings)

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand how your emotions impact on the way you think, communicate, behave and influence others. Emotionally intelligent people create effective working relationships, solve problems and have an increased capacity to work effectively.

It’s healthy to have positive and negative feelings. They help us to identify our reactions to the way we think about ourselves, others and the world around us.

Empathy and compassion are habits that can be developed. They are a fundamental building block for good personal development and positive mental health for all. It happens when one person has a caring emotional response to someone else.

To be empathic a person needs to be able to:

- Understand their own feelings/emotions
- Notice the feelings of another person
- Understand the feelings of another person
Act in a caring way.

David Garner

**Home Reading 2-3-4R**

Dear Parents,

The new student reading diaries have arrived and all the children should now have their own for you to sign each night. Ask your child if you haven’t seen this already. There are some sections on how to use the diary and suggestions for helping your child with their daily reading. Your initials and, if you like, a comment is a great help to us with the home/school communication.

Please help your child by reminding them to read AND bring their readers and diaries into school each day. Most of all – ENJOY! Enjoy this time together and make special this vital part of your child’s education.

From Robyn 😊

PS. Older students who are reading chapter books are welcome to bring their books to school so they can read the same book during the day too.

**Knitting**

Dear Parents,

I would like to introduce knitting to the grade 2-3-4 class over the winter months. To do this we will need some knitting know-how from some of you. Are any of you keen knitters with a little spare time to help the children wrap their fingers around this wonderfully challenging activity?

Come and talk to me if you think you might be available.

Stay warm,

Robyn

**Covered Play Space Help Needed**

Packing sand has been spread over our undercover play space but further work is needed. It needs to be screeded flat by some strong, able bodied volunteers.

Unfortunately our wonderful handyman, Richard has injured his shoulder and is unable to finish the job. He has the equipment but needs the people power.

If you can assist come and see Dianne.

**3L Milk Bottles Wanted**

Wanted for Art Display: Washed and preferably cut 3ltr milk bottles. Please see Dianne for details.

**National Simultaneous Storytime – Wed 27th May**

P-1-2N have been invited to attend this event at Daylesford Library on Wednesday 27th May at 10.30am. To attend this event we need two or three drivers and have attached a form so you can indicate your availability.

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Good organisation – for having her books and pencils ready for every lesson.

**Cross Country**

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Sunny running hard at the Cross Country.

Well done Sunny!