NEWSLETTER NO. 35 - Tuesday 1/12/2015

CALENDAR

DECEMBER
Tue 8th  Morning Tea – Dianne’s Farewell
Wed 9th  School Concert – Drummond Hall (6.45pm for a 7.00pm start)
Tue 15th  Drummond Primary School Students to Daylesford Primary School for the day.
Thur 17th  Final day of School (Finish 3.20pm)

TERM Dates 2015
TERM 4  5th October – 17th December
Office Hours:  8.30am – 4.00pm

Start of Year Dates 2016

JANUARY
Tuesday 26th  Australia Day Holiday
Wed 27th  Staff commence
Thurs 28th  Pupil Free Day Prep to Gr. 6. (Meet your teachers and Testing Appointments P-6)
Friday 29th  Pupil Free Day Prep to Gr. 6. (Meet your teacher and Testing Appointments P-6)

FEBRUARY
Monday 1st  Prep-6 Start

Note:- We will be arranging a schedule for these appointments over the next week and will send them out with next week’s newsletter. Please make sure that you retain this information for next year.

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.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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 (Total for Daylesford, Yandoit and Drummond).

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.

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.

Next year at Drummond

There will be two full time teachers at Drummond next year. The teachers will be Meg Cox as the Head Teacher and Robyn Stickland.

As the year closes we invite you to take time to thank Kerry for working with us during the second half of the year – the students will also be doing work around this.

We will also be saying goodbye to Bella and Mia Hardy who are moving to Daylesford Primary School as well as Archie Sullivan. We wish them all the best at Daylesford Primary School for 2016.

We will also be welcoming back Alex from his overseas trip.

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.

be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen
Morning Tea with Dianne van Baalen – 8 December

REMINDER
Dianne will join us for morning tea on **Tuesday 8th December at 10.30am.**

All parents are welcome to join us for this special farewell and thank Dianne for all her care and support at Drummond Primary School over the years.

If each family could bring a plate of healthy snacks for morning tea that would be appreciated.

Power Outage – Tuesday 15th December at Drummond

REMINDER
A letter (pink) was sent home with your newsletter advising that there will be a power outage on Tuesday, December 15.

Drummond Primary School will move to Daylesford Primary School for the day. Parents will need to arrange for students to get to and from Daylesford Primary School on that day if they are attending.

A form was attached to be completed outlining whether your child will be attending Daylesford Primary School on that day.

School Concert – 9 December

REMINDER – Helpers still needed
Our School Concert will be held on **Wednesday, December 9th.** We would like all students to be there by 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start.

If each family could put their name to an area of responsibility as listed, it would be much appreciated. .

- Set up Hall
- Supper table
- Rubbish and recycling containers
- Hang art work
- Clean up afterwards

All families will need to bring a plate of supper to share.

Cylinders – for Robyn

Do you have any cardboard cylinders (gladwrap size or bigger) at home?

If you can drop some in to Robyn it would be appreciated – they will be used for music.

Positive Behaviour Group – Awesomely Amazing Foxes

Congratulations to the winners of the positive behaviour group – Awesomely Amazing Foxes.

Prep Transition

Our final Prep Transition day was a huge success with five new preps who will be attending next year.

New preps for 2016 are Henry, Jasper, Ciarán, Isla and Henry (yes we have two!). Here are some photos of our new soon-to-be students.

LOST PROPERTY –
Please come and check the lost property box for any items that might belong to you.
The box will be emptied at the end of the year and will be available in 2016 to students as second hand uniform items.
Garden Working Bee – Thank you

We would like to thank the following families for taking some time to help us during the working bee after school last week:

Caroline, Caroline’s Mum & Hamish
Claire R, Kyah & Wolfgang
Clare Hurley & Oisin
Nicky Catley, Alice, Sofia & Lucy

Some photos of our hard workers!!!

Borrowing Books - Library

REMINDER:
Please note that there will no longer be any borrowing of books. We now need to see the return of all books previously borrowed.

Please take some time to look around for any library books and return them as soon as possible.

The following books are outstanding:
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Nothing to write home about
Little Women
Wild Stories
Where’s Wally – Wonder Book
1001 Things to spot in town
Tashi met a Dragon
A Hare and a Hound
The Party Book
The CrocoDolly
Fairy Dreams
Quoll
Naughty Stories for good boys
The big book of Tashi
Artemis Fowl – Opal Perception
As Big as You
Black Fella, White Fella
Dear Zoo
Big Pet Day
The mouse with the too long tail
My dearest dinosaur
Feathers & Fools
My name is Lizzie Flynn
Bush Babies
My dad does Yoga
Goosebumps
Tashi & the Phoenix
Underneath a Cow
Heather fell in the water
Karate Kid 2
Duck for Cover
Otto
Treasure Fever!

Student/Community Activities

Myth
Dance and Drama showcase by children and adults of Inside Out Dance Theatre
Be inspired by the joy of movement performed by over 70 local children!
A magical show!
**Saturday 12 December, 7pm**
Daylesford Town Hall
Tickets at door, Enquiries: 0417 592 522, Facebook

Santa will be attending…. Please read for further information.

Glenlyon Xmas FAIR
Glenlyon Hall
Saturday 5 December 4 - 8 pm
Just in time for the festive season!