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Principal’s Report

The Drummond PS Swimming swimming program was a great success, it was very pleasing to see the improvement in the students. I would like to thank Drummond Parents for their voluntary help during the swimming program. It certainly helped with a smooth running program.

Sunny and Alexander from Drummond attended a Student Leadership Forum this week which was conducted by Mr Garner. The forum covered a range of topics. Key concepts such as; what makes a good leader, the role of a student leader and how can the student leadership group be effective across the school, were covered.

Our funding for 2015 has been allocated to the school based on our enrolment at Census last Friday. We have a significant shortfall and will be in deficit for 2015. There are a number of contributing factors, but the main one is because we are running one more class than we are entitled. The reason I have an extra class in place this year was to avoid class numbers of 30 children. This has been a good decision as it has already had a positive impact on our teaching and learning. Our class sizes are very good and I am sure you would agree with me that we have had a very good start to 2015.

This brings me to ‘Parent Payments’. Thank you to families who have actioned on the first invoice sent out in December 2014 and paid or established a payment plan. This is very helpful. We need all parents/carers to respond in this way in order to allow the school to provide the services we do. A copy of the form is attached with the covering letter.

Unfortunately, due to the funding restraints that are placed on the school, we have had to assess what we are able to provide. At Daylesford, we have committed to 13 classes with good reason, but we no longer can afford extra-curriculum activities such as choir and debating. We value what choir and debating brings to the school and how it develops our students but sadly under the current funding formulae we no longer can afford to run these activities.

School Council Elections are now open in all three campuses. There are three vacancies on the Drummond School Council and I call for nominations. Dianne or other councillors can be contacted to discuss the commitments required of our councillors.

Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in the House Swimming sports last Friday. I would like to particularly acknowledge Mr Kiellup and Sherilee for their work as organisers.
Current Focus

“Play by the Rules” (Honesty and Trustworthy)

Playing by the rules
By Grade 2S
“Co-operate, be fair, share and take turns” - Jaime

“No excluding. That means not leaving others out” - Philemon

“Try not to be bossy to others on the team” - Miki

“Don’t swear” - Stanley

“Make sure everyone is having fun” - Orla

“No cheating” - Ellah

“Accept a decision that has been voted upon by everyone in the game” - Daisy

“No violence! That means no hitting, kicking or smacking. Use your words” - Leon

“Be Cool at school and Play by the Rules!”

Parent Teacher Interviews

REMINDER
Please make a time for a parent teacher interview. The roster is in the entrance foyer for your convenience.

School Nurse

School Nursing Program documentation was sent home and needs to be returned to the school prior to the Nurse’s visit on March 5th.

The school nurse will be arriving at 9:30am and is available to speak with parents who have health concerns.

School Canteen – Lunch Orders

Clair Rawlinson, Caroline Wells, Possum Sullivan and Danielle Hardy have all volunteered to be involved in creating a school canteen.

The canteen will operate as a fundraiser that will provide healthy, rubbish free, sustainable lunches.

Our goal is to use school produce as much as possible and any excess produce donated or sourced from the community.

Cost - $3.00

Please send lunch orders in an envelope stating child’s name and money included.

Please do not send children to school with money alone as this is very difficult to manage.

The lunch orders will be collected by parents first thing in the morning.

If you have any excess produce such as eggs tomatoes etc. please let Claire Rawlinson know so we can plan lunches around them.

We hope to build a store of food in our freezer. A menu shall go home when a variety of lunches are available.

Cultural Diversity Week
(March 17 – 21)

Drummond, Daylesford and Yandoit shall be participating in a Cultural Diversity Day at Daylesford Primary School on Tuesday March 17th.

All children will be in family groups and will be participating in a rotation of activities. Each Annex forms a family group.

We need to know who would like to be involved and when they could meet. A suggestion has been put forward for a Monday or Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Please give this your consideration and respond on the attached note. For more information please see Claire Rawlinson.

Parents of Drummond (PoD)

We are forming a school support group to assist with fund raising and other issues.

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Parents will be responsible to transport their children to and from Daylesford on that day.

Cleaning Vacancy

The position of Cleaner has become available at Drummond Primary School. The job entails general cleaning one hour per day at the school after 3:30 pm.

Please contact the school by phone or email with expressions of interest.