Another wonderful week of swimming lessons….. Thank you Amy, Danny, Jenny and Perri!

We would like to also thank our drivers – Deb, Debora, Dora, Jose, Lisa, Meg, Michelle P, Michelle R, Nicole and Sandra and those who volunteered but were not needed.
# PRINCIPALS REPORT

A HUGH thanks to Paul Thomas our groundsman for his BIG effort to get our pool up and running for this week’s P-2 swimming program. It is such an excellent resource and we are very fortunate to be able to offer the swimming program. Already we can see an improvement in the children’s water confidence.

I would like to acknowledge the sponsorship by the Daylesford District Community Bendigo Bank towards our swimming program. Without their support the school would struggle to cover all the costs associated with the running of the program and the levy to parents would be far greater.

Well done to the Yandoit school community. The end of year concert was yet again another very successful event. Congratulations to the team of Deb Rauber, Josie Berto, Nicole Wassell, Dave Lewis and Michelle Quinn. This very dedicated band of staff have combined together extremely well throughout the entire year to deliver an excellent program at Yandoit P.S. We are indeed very fortunate to have such a dynamic group of staff.

Congratulations also need to go to Michelle Quinn on being the successful applicant for teacher-aide .4 in 2016. The .4 position had to be advertised and I am sure the school community will join with me to congratulate Michelle. She is a wonderful asset to the Yandoit Team.

I would also like to thank the Yandoit SC for their support this year. Acknowledging their willingness to do what is required to bring about the best for the children.

Finally, Family information documents have been attached with this Newsletter. Could we please ask that all forms be completed and returned to the office, before Wednesday 16th December in order to keep all records up to date. Please return the forms if you have NO Changes, as this is our record that all information is accurate.

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**FOCUS OF THE WEEK**

**Celebrate Community**

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**START OF YEAR DATES 2016**

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**LAST WEEK OF TERM**

During this week, we will be sending home student art folios, workbooks and models made in play based room. We plan to send your child’s work home a little each day so that everything doesn’t come home on the last day. Also we would ask that all reader boxes, readers and library books are returned to school by Tuesday, if they are not already at school.

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**SCHOOL CONCERT**

Congratulations to all the students for their hard work preparing for the school Concert, that we all agreed was a just fabulous! Particular thanks to Nicole, Dave and Deb for preparing the students with the student art work, the puppet movies and the choir. Also we would like to thank Jose and Michelle for cooking the delicious Italian crostoli with the class, which the children gave to their families as a thank you for all their help this year.
Thank you to Dave and Rich for setting up our new sound system and the digital projector and Meg for organising.

See photo Gallery

CONCERT PHOTO GALLERY

Catherine King Community Award recipient 2015
Congratulations Jennifer Warburton
STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

DFNC Christmas party & Victoria Park information day
The DFNC invites all existing and potential players (& parents/Carers) to our Christmas information night to be held on Thursday, 17th December kicking off at 5:00pm at Victoria Park.
BBQ & drinks will be available on the night along with both a netball and football clinics.

Come & see the new Victoria Park facility development for yourself! An announcement will be made on the night about when the new facility will be opened.
Great chance to get behind your local club.......invite your friends along and let’s kick things off for an exciting 2016 season...
Enquiries: Craig Wade, DFNC Secretary 0427 337 114
www.daylesfordbulldogs.com.au

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

Carols By Candlelight
Uniting Church Christmas Carols
Sunday 20th December, at the Uniting Church Yandoit. Time – 7:30pm.
Supper Afterwards
All Welcome

Hepburn Shire Recreation & Open Space Strategy Community Survey
Hepburn Shire Council is currently preparing a Recreation & Open Space Strategy for the municipality. The purpose of this strategy is to help guide Council and the broader community to make decisions about where best to invest time and resources in relation to recreation and open space programs, services and facilities over the next 10 years. Communityvibe is working with the Shire to develop the Recreation and Open Space Strategy. We
are particularly keen to hear from you about what activities you currently participate in and your ideas to improve the recreational and open space opportunities for all. This will help us to shape the final plan.

How can you be involved?
✔ Complete a survey by Friday 18 December. Surveys are available online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dayhepglen](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dayhepglen).

Please encourage everyone in your household to fill in a survey. Hard copies of the survey are also available at Daylesford Town Hall.

For more information, please contact Wendy Holland at communityvibe on 0438 433 555 or wendy@communityvibe.com.au.