CALENDAR

**September**
- Wednesday 9th September
- Saturday 12th
  - Working Bee 10-12
  - Family BBQ postponed until T4
- Wednesday 16th September
  - 9-10.30 Fundraising meeting
  - Return Fundraising Help Note…..PLEASE!
- No School Council in September
- 6-7pm Rotary Schools Concert at Daylesford Town Hall
- Friday 18th September
  - Last day of Term 3 Early Dismissal - 2.30pm

**October**
- Saturday 24th
  - Swiss-Italian Festa Parade
  - Yandoit Gourmet Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
- Sunday 25th
  - Swiss-Italian Festa Fireworks
  - Yandoit Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

**WELCOME ZAC AND DEBO**

Zac has keenly joined our school this term and along with his Mum Debora, we would like to welcome them to our Yandoit Primary School Family.
WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY

At has been decided that we will only be having a working bee this Saturday 10 -12 at school, mainly to top up tan bark in playground. Due to staff illness, there hasn’t been time to arrange the BBQ. We will have a follow up Working Bee in Term 4 with definitely a Family BBQ.

ROUNDTABLE CONCERT

When Wednesday 16th September 2015
Place Daylesford Town Hall Vincent St Daylesford
Time Be there by 6.50. Lower level of Town Hall. Concert 6 – 7 pm
Students have been keenly rehearsing our choir performance for the Rotary Concert.
Costume We plan to dress as cats, and will use class time ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY to make ears tails and whiskers. For concert, students need to come dressed in COOL clothes, including a hat (but NOT necessary) and sunglasses. We have spare sunglasses at school if needed.

Mrs R will be at school on Monday to release Nicole to have a T4 Planning meeting with Jose. We can answer any costume questions then. If your child has been absent recently and you have not indicated on the form if your child will be attending, could you please discuss this with your child over the weekend, so that we know if we have enough students to perform.

CURRENT FOCUS

Integrity

PRINCIPALS REPORT

The staff professional development last week was highly valuable. Staff have already put some aspects of the ‘Big Write’ approach in place within their own classrooms. I would like to refer you to Kim Wrigley’s (Literacy Co-ordinator) article explaining a little more about the framework.

Staff continued their ongoing commitment to learning, by attending a refresher course this week after school, covering CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma management.

Final reminder, Prep enrolments for 2016 close next Friday. Late inquiries will require an interview with the Principal. Also if families are relocating next year and leaving the school can they please call the front office asap, this is vital for my planning for 2016.

Finally, a reminder that we break for the term holidays next Friday with the early finishing time of 2.30.

Peter Burke

Unexplained Absence letters
Thank you to all the Parents/ Carers who have returned these. If you received one of these notes with last
week’s Newsletter, please indicate the reason for your child’s absence and return as soon as possible. We apologise if you have already indicated the reason for your child’s absence to the school, BUT if this was not done before the information was entered onto the computer, then the unexplained absences form is automatically printed. We really appreciate it when families contact the school on the day of absence.

Swiss-Italian Festa Committee’s PINOCCHIO ART COMPETITION

This popular competition really sparked the kids imagination last year. We invite students to explore this year’s Festa theme ‘There is no place like home’ and how that may relate to Pinocchio’s classic story.

Entries can be either 2D or 3D but only one entry to be submitted per artist. Students will be doing a drawing in German classes. They are welcome to do a 3D entry at home. If your child decides to do this, they need to bring it to school and we will remove their drawing entry. Any entry done at home needs to be the work of the student only.

Be sure to write or securely attach your name, school and class to the back of your 3D art (to ensure impartial judging). There will be a prize for each grade level and for the most original and attention grabbing piece. Your art work will be judged by our talented local artist Keele Breen.

WHEN: Deliver art to Deb Rauber, Yandoit Primary School prior to 4pm on or before Wednesday 14th, October 2015

Prize winners will be notified in advance and presented with their prizes, 12 midday at The Family Festa Day, October 24th.

VCOP AND THE BIG WRITE

At Daylesford Primary School, Drummond and Yandoit Annexes, we are continually striving to improve our writing standards. Following our professional development day on “The Big Write”, we are building our teaching understandings in the use of a method called VCOP (vocabulary, connectives, openers, punctuation) across the school to help the children understand what excellent writing needs to contain.

The idea is that the children can then identify strengths in their writing; therefore gaining a sense of the level at which they are working, as well as identifying areas that are lacking, making editing and goal setting easier. Each of the VCOP elements, used accurately, contributes to the level at which your child is writing. VCOP can be used at all levels because the word choices a level 2 writer will make will be simpler than those a level 5 writer will select yet they can both still include words from each category in their writing just at a different level of complexity.

Over the next few weeks, we will outline the idea behind VCOP as many of you have expressed interest in ways you can support your child in writing. Expect to hear about Kung-Fu punctuation and WOW words as these are some of the catchy ways we will be expanding our knowledge around the use of ambitious words and punctuation. We plan to begin this program in Term 4.

Kim Wrigley
Literacy Co-Ordinator
(DPS and Annexes)

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016 NOW DUE

BOOK CLUB

FINAL DATE FOR BOOK CLUB ORDER FRIDAY 11TH SEPT - 9AM

Book Club must be ordered on Friday to ensure it arrives before holidays. Please note that No Late Orders can be accepted.
STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Carlene please add details re Bonfire  See Chronicle attached on email)

TRADE FAIR
* 20 September, 10am-1pm *

With a diversity of local skills and trades registered for the inaugural Local Trade Fair, the morning of Sunday 20 September is looking to be a fun and informative outing for all.

Some of the skills and trades already registered:
blacksmithing • stonemasonry • handyman services •
boycat and excavation work • horticulture • organic
vegetables • permaculture designs • knitting and felting •
tai chi • wines • goat stud produce • massage • eggs
...and more.

Come along and enjoy:
• Local musicians
• Delicious mini sausages
• Tai chi demonstrations
• Relaxation and thai yoga massages

It is not too late to take part, but get in quick:
Email your craft/trade/skill details and your contact details
to: localtradeday@gmail.com or ring Lif: 0414 525 076.

NEW! Book Exchange *
Do you have any old books lying around? Bring them along,
and either swap or donate to the ‘Book Exchange’.

Trades Directory:
A directory with details of local skills and trades will be
available for all on the day.

Books Light Up Our World
CRAFT

Wednesday 23rd September
2.30pm
Daylesford Library
Fun craft session based around this year’s Children’s Book Council Award winners
Ages 6+
Book at Daylesford Library or 5348 2800

Spring Planting & Craft

Tuesday
29th September
2.30pm
Daylesford Library
Suitable for ages 8+
Book at Daylesford Library or phone 5348 2800

Children’s Yoga with Diana

Thursday 1st October
2.30pm
Daylesford Library
Suitable for ages 6+
(wear comfy clothes)
Book at Daylesford Library or phone 5348 2800
Interested in playing basketball? Daylesford Springers Basketball Association is looking for players of all ages to play in our summer season. No previous basketball experience is required. The summer season will run from mid-October to late March 2016. The competition is run on a Tuesday night at the ARC (Juniors from 4.30pm) and seniors from 6.30pm. A registration night will be run on Tuesday 6th October from 4pm to 6pm at the ARC, Smith Street, Daylesford (within the Daylesford High School).

If you would like to know more, please email Carson White (President) sprinersbasketball@gmail.com or call him on his mobile 0408 518 704.

Past player? We are chasing caps that have been given to players. If you or your child has one and is not currently playing, could you please drop it into the ARC on Tuesdays between 4pm and 6pm. Thank you.

Romsey Primary School 150th Anniversary Open Day
Sat October 24th from 10.00am – 4.00pm

All past students, families and staff of Romsey Primary School are invited to our 150th celebration at the current school site in Station Street, Romsey. Visits to the old school will be available, and there will be displays, demonstrations, a mini market day, and gourmet bar-b-que lunch on the day. For further information visit the Romsey Primary school website www.romseyps.vic.edu.au or call 03 5429 5099. Email your attendance to romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au