PRINCIPALS REPORT

A warm welcome to the Comber Family who have returned to Daylesford after extensive travel. Francis Comber had been working in Grade 56 before taking the break to travel. He will return to teach at Yandoit Annexe in week one of T3, as Deb and Jose are both taking a week of Long Service Leave. I will be bringing Francis out to meet the children next Wednesday.

You may have seen the front page of the Advocate where the article ‘Budding distance runners set to go’, featured five of our students, Tyson, Sunny
(Drummond Annexe), James, Charlotte and Lila, who have all qualified for the Greater Western Region Cross Country Finals which are held in Warrnambool this Friday. All the very best to our students, we are very proud of your achievements thus far and look forward to hearing a full report next week.

Thank you to parents for presenting the children so well in their school uniform for our school photos. Also thankyou to our Annexe parents for driving their children into Daylesford for the photos. The day went very smoothly and the children were excellent in their behaviour throughout the exercise.

The Daylesford PS JSC council have decided to get behind the people of Nepal in their time of need. The crazy hair day on Friday is our small way of generating some funds to send to Nepal to assist in the re-building stage of their recovery. Thank you to parents and students who are entering into the spirit of the day. We hope to be able to have a great amount to donate to this worthy cause.

Staff have been working very hard on the semester one reports. The reports will give parents an overview of students’ progress throughout terms 1 & 2. Work habits will also be reported on and ‘areas of improvement’ will offer suggestions of focus for the future.

Parent/student/teacher interviews have been schedule for Wednesday 29th July at Yandoit Annexe, which is week 3 of term three. There will be no formal classes conducted on this day to allow staff to meet with students and parents/carers. This will occur by appointment only. Booking sheets will be distributed early in Term 3. Please place this day in your diaries, so as to be available to attend interviews and supervise children as there are no classes on that day.

Finally, thank you to all the families who have already attended to payments for student materials as per the statement that was posted out last week. The school does a great job at purchasing and distributing all the classroom materials that the children require throughout the year and it is appreciated that parents/carers have responded by way of payments for these services. I would not like to introduce booklists as most other schools do, which requires parents to purchase all the books, pencil etc. etc. Therefore it is vital that the family payment statements are actioned on asap.

Peter Burke

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Don’t forget :-
ITS CRAZY HAIRDO DAY TOMORROW
Friday 12th June.
All money raised will go to supporting the people of Nepal after recent earthquakes. Maybe you could mention to your family and friends and they might like to send in a few dollars to help out this very worthy cause, as well.

GRADE 5/6 MAJOR GAMES DAY

This year the Major Games day will again be held at St Michaels Primary School. This will be held on Thursday 25th June, which is the 2nd last day of term.
Our Grade 5/6 students will be joining the Soccer team and Michelle will be attending as their Team Manager for the day.
A note will be sent out next week with details of the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Minutes and Agenda will be emailed early next week, in time for Wednesday’s School Council Meeting. Copies of all reports, agenda and minutes will be provided at the meeting.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Unexplained Absence letters were distributed with last week’s newsletter. 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 the following week.
We apologise if you have already explained the reason. If the school is not contacted in the week of
the absence, then it is recorded as unexplained. It is helpful if parents could call the school on the first day of absence to explain. Please note that we cannot accept a sibling’s explanation of absence. Thank you for your help with this.

**STAFFING AT DRUMMOND ANNEXE**

We would like to send all our best wishes to Nadine Jankowski, the P-2 teacher at Drummond Annexe, who has taken leave to wait for the birth of her second child. We gave her a gift of our Cookbook so that she will have something to do while she patiently awaits the Arrival. Congratulations Nadine and looking forward to news of your little baby.

Yandoit Annexe would like to join with Drummond Annexe to welcome Kerry Carmen to her new position as P-2 teacher. Kerry has worked at Yandoit for many long term positions to replace teachers on leave and we are so pleased to welcome her again to the Annexe Team.

**CAMP REBATE FOR 2015 DUE 23RD JUNE**

Only one parent has requested a form. PLEASE take the time to apply, as the rebate is $125 for this year’s camp!

**DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT CONCESSION CARD?**

**CSEF CAMP, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND**

*As outlined in previous Newsletters, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, The Hon. James Merlino, MP has announced through the May budget that additional funding has been allocated to Education.*

*The first initiative to flow through is a Camps, Sport and Excursion fund. Parents with a current concession card may apply. The annual CSEF amount per primary student will be $125, which will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.*

*Please contact the Debbie or Jose for an application form, as it must to be returned to the office at Daylesford Primary School before 23rd June.*

**STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**CRITTER CRAFT**

Thursday 2nd July 2.30pm
Daylesford Library
Suitable for ages 5-11
Free event
Meet the Mini Beasts
Discover the fascinating world of Mini Beasts & Fabulous Frogs!

Tuesday
7th July @ 2.30pm
Daylesford Library
Join us for this fun, free session!
Suitable for children aged 4+
Book at the Library or 5368 2600

Learn about the amazing tiny creatures & fantastic frogs that live in your garden with zoologist Paul Simmons in this fun & interactive session.
And why do tree frogs have such big eyes?