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Yandoit State School 1894
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‘Learning and Growing Together’
Be Respectful  Be a Responsible Learner
Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate  Be a Good Citizen

CALENDAR

February
Wednesday 18th
• School Council 6pm Child Care available.
Friday 27th
• Excursion to Daylesford PS for Drummond and Yandoit Annexes
• Grade 3-6 House Swimming Sports
• P-2 Get to Know Daylesford PS

March
Monday 9th
• LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 17th
• Excursion to Daylesford Primary School to celebrate Cultural Diversity Day
• Drummond and Yandoit Annexes
Wednesday 18th
• School Council 6pm Child Care available. (AGM and Elections)

Pupil Free Days

YANDOIT PS
CLASS OF 2015

Absent  Charlie Lovett  Lila Rushworth

SOCIAL COMPETENCIES
PROGRAM
CURRENT FOCUS

Good Manners
(‘Be Respectful’)
THIS WEEK IN THE ARTROOM

MIXING COLOURS-

BY ZOE PLOUSI

In art this week we leant how to mix colours. We could only mix primary colours to make other colours. We had to chose a toy dinosaur from the tub and draw it with a black crayon. Then we got the three primary colours. It was actually food colouring. I drew a green, orange, red and yellow dinosaur.

NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter is produced on Thursdays (occasionally a Wednesday) and a copy is printed for each family to be handed out on Fridays. Families who wish this emailed will need to request this.

Newsletters may have extra notices (eg excursion or permission notes) or Bookclub, so please check your children’s bag after school on Friday. Notes, receipts or permission forms are attached to the Newsletter.

Monthly, we attach Book Club Order Forms. Sometimes we have Community event flyers that we add as well.

We print the Newsletter in black/white, as it saves a few dollars from our toner budget. However, the Newsletter arrives via email in colour. Please let one of the teachers know, and we can add your email to the newsletter group.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome to our new families. The students have settled in very well. Well done to all our parents/carers on preparing the children so well for the first day of school, particularly our Prep parents.

We have consolidation in our staffing this year. The staff worked very hard during the pupil free days, attending excellent staff professional development, working in teams and preparing individual classrooms.

Student resources have been distributed to the children and parents will receive an invoice from the school around week four.

Communication is a vital part of education. Please read this newsletter every week.

I am very excited about the school year. Our mission statement reads “Daylesford, Drummond & Yandoit Primary School is committed to assisting each child to reach their full academic, creative and social potential. To achieve this we will provide a dynamic learning environment wherein students can develop resilience, manage their own learning and strive for their personal best.”

We aim to create a social environment in which our students feel part of a strong, respectful, caring and supportive community of staff, family and friends.” I believe we can provide this, but it requires a partnership between home and the school. I therefore look forward to working closely with you throughout 2015.

I would like to give you prior warning that the school is conducting a practice Lockdown procedure next Wednesday. It is important that everyone in the school community is clear on our procedures if the school comes under an external threat such as fire.

I therefore wish to outline in full our emergency procedures surrounding an external threat such as fire. Our response will be in two stages.

FIRE: EXTERNAL (eg Bushfire)

➔ LOCKDOWN

STAGE 1 ASSESSMENT OF THREAT – MEDIUM – CONTACT APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

1. LOCKDOWN – RETURN TO CLASSROOMS

STAGE 2 ASSESSMENT OF THREAT – EXTREME – MOVE TO ‘LOCKDOWN RELOCATE’
1. Move students and staff to MOD5 classroom
2. Contact Emergency Services
4. Check CFA Website for more information

Can I also refer you to a detailed explanation surrounding Code RED procedures according to the Department of Education.( on attached sheet )

Peter Burke

**FOOD ALLERGIES**

We have several children who have particular dietary needs at Yandoit PS and we have a policy to NOT ban certain foods, but to have a strong awareness program to ensure the safe handling of these foods around students who have allergies or who are anaphalactic.

We ask the children who do have foods that could cause an anaphalactic reaction for Charlie, to just sit in a separate position on a picnic mat and to wash their hands immediately after eating. If we eat in the classroom, tables are wiped clean after eating and, of course, hands are washed.

We would ask all families to limit these foods where possible but if your children need to eat these foods as part of their diet, please just tell your child what you have put in his/her lunchbox. Then they, and the teachers, are aware that they need to sit in a ‘safe place for Charlie’ and need to wash their hands.

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If you need any more information or clarification, please see the teachers.

We also have a policy of NO SHARING of food as well

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD**

If you volunteer to assist in the school or to drive children on excursions then you require a current Working with Children Check.

These are free for volunteers and available on-line.


**HOT LUNCHES**

Over the last few years, we have allowed students to heat lunches in the microwave and heat noodles with support from teachers and teacher-aides. This has occurred in cooler months.

Please note that Hot Lunches will not be available in Term One.

We are hoping to continue with “Hot Lunch Friday” but will need a parent volunteer to assist with this program.

**EXCURSIONS TO DAYLESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On Fri 27th we will spend the day based at Daylesford Primary School.

Families will need to take their children to Daylesford Primary School, where they will be met by Jose and Michelle.

The Grade 3-6 students will join the students in their Houses (Corinella, Sutton, Tipperary and Wyuna) for the House Swimming Sports and be supervised by teachers of Daylesford PS and Annexe teacher Robyn and Teachers-Aide Michelle.

Robyn will work with the P-2 class at Daylesford PS. They will have the opportunity to get to know the layout of the school when half the school is at the sports, so it is a quieter introduction with all ‘The Big Kids “ at the pool.

On Tuesday 17th March, we will again join Daylesford PS and Drummond Annexe for a Cultural Diversity Day. Jose and Dave will work with our students and students from Daylesford PS in a range of activities to celebrate different cultures.
HOME READING

Reading Logs have been given to all students and it is an expectation that students will read at home for the week and return their reading logs to school on THURSDAYS.

We are encouraging students to borrow books from our library (Thursday is Borrowing Time) but if senior students have a book from home that they are reading, then this is OK. We would expect that the chosen book, however, is the appropriate reading level for each student.

Please see the teachers if you are unsure of the level for your child.

We suggest that students have a reading time each night of the school week, but sometimes sports, guides, dance and drama activities make a night very busy. As long as 3-6 students are reading at least 4 times each week (4 x 15 mins) and P-2 students are reading levelled readers Mon – Thurs. then the teachers and teacher-aides will be VERY HAPPY 😊😊😊😊😊

Don’t forget to bring your Reading Log into school on Thursdays….Jose just loves to give out Bonus Cards for Reading!!!

RECYCLING/RE-USING

- Glossy magazines (but could you please vet the magazine first and remove any unacceptable pages for primary school students…a quick check and ripping out of these pages would be sooo helpful.
- Supermarket bags if you have some extras
- Items for ‘Bag For Change’ Collection. See last week’s Newsletter

Are you eligible for CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:
- Be aged over five by 30th April
- Live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest bus stop, and
- Be enrolled at the nearest government school.
- Parents who applied last year will need to reapply for 2014 by Friday, 27th February, 2015.

We can apply on your behalf but it is approved by the Education Department (DEECD)

We have attached Conveyance Allowance Forms for your convenience. You have to live more than 4.8km from your closest school to be eligible.

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS

As previously advised in the Newsletter, please be aware that although the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) has ceased, the Government will still be providing parents/carers with the “School Kids Bonus” to assist with school expenses.

The total amount will be $422, paid in two instalments of $211 each in January & July 2015 directly into parent/carer’s bank accounts.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please notify the school by telephone, or send a written note with your child on their return. These verbal or written records explaining your child’s absence are required for audit purposes.

We have included absent notes with this Newsletter. If more are needed, please see Absent Notes file in the office or see Deb.

Please try and organise medical and dental appointments after school wherever possible. Please see Deb if you need more information.