CURRENT FOCUS

Listening

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

With all classes now underway, one of the most important skills any child or adult can develop is the skill of listening. Listening involves a lot more than simply hearing. Listening means concentrating on what the other person is saying, showing that you are listening by looking at the speaker and responding in some way; perhaps by nodding your head and certainly by responding to what they say with a question or statement.

Things to remember:

- look at the person who is speaking
- stand/or sit still while you’re listening
- keep your hands free of objects
- give a response to the speaker
**THIS WEEK IN THE ARTROOM**

**SYMMETRY**

**BY RUFUS PLEASANCE**

This week in art we did organic and geometric paper shapes we made them by folding squares cutting them and them folding them back out and the will have made cool patterns.

I found that it looks even better when you put one colour against the other. The shapes are symmetrical, so that would make it easy to do a snowflake.

![Image of students making paper shapes](image)

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**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

The Cultural Day this week was great success. The journey around the world, involved the children visiting two countries and folk dancing in the gym. Throughout the school we offered 12 different countries; Indigenous Australia, Hawaii, Mexico, Japan, Romania, Germany, Native America, Egypt, New Zealand, Cambodia and Indonesia. The activities were highly engaging and the Family groups supported each other in such a positive way. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day.

![Image of Cultural Day Assembly](image)

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**INTERVIEW DAY**

Our Interview Day went very well on Wednesday. Our Parent-Teacher and Student-Teacher Interviews were very positive and everyone appeared to have found the interviews to be helpful.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

At the AGM on Wednesday night, Peter Burke thanked members of School Council for their ongoing support of Yandoit Primary School, both by being a part of School Council and also by helping at working bees and fundraising events. We would like to congratulate these Councillors for accepting nominations and being elected to roles for 2015.

- **President**: Richard Pleasance
- **Vice-president**: David Lewis
- **Secretary**: Sharon Treloar
- **Treasurer**: Peter Burke

Thank you also to Richard, Craig and Lisa for nominating for another term on School Council.

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**ALL DAY CARE ON PUPIL FREE DAY MON 13TH APRIL IS BEING OFFERED BY DAYLESFORD OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

Care is provided for new or currently enrolled children between 8.30am-6.15pm. Bookings can be made with Julie on 5348 3702 until Thursday 9th April. Minimum number of children required to be booked in for the service to offer care on this day.
and for Chitra for nominating as well. We still have one more vacancy if any parent would be interested in joining School Council. Please see Deb.

A Pupil free day has been confirmed for the first day of Term Two. This will be a professional development day to look at our new reporting package and also a Planning day for teachers. This date is Monday 13th September.

**DRUMMOND AND YANDOIT ANNEXES SCHOOL CAMP**

Where Cave Hill Creek Beaufort
When Wed 22nd –Fri 24th April
Who Grade 2-6

The deposit of $50 needs to be paid by Fri 20th March. The balance of $150 will need to be paid by Friday 17th April (a week before the camp). Permission and medical forms were sent earlier this week and we will send the ‘What to Bring to Camp’ List with next week’s newsletter.

Please send the deposit to school in a named and sealed envelope and see Debbie if you need to arrange a payment plan for camp payment for your child/children.

Photos from 2011 DPS and Annexes Camp at Cave Hill Creek, Beaufort

**STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Open mic afternoon
Sunday 22nd March 2015 at 3pm
Old Hepburn Hotel
Open to all Primary & Secondary College Students. Entry fee – gold coin donation. Further enquiries: Brendan Ph. 5424 1064.

Mobile: 0497 942 597
Email: angelite64@yahoo.com.au

**ZELMAN SYMPHONY**
Mark Shiell Artistic Director & Principal Conductor. Sun 22nd March 2.00pm Daylesford Town Hall. Tickets, General Admission $20.
Paradise Bookshop, 46 Vincent St, Bookbarn 1 Leggatt St or book online via trybooking.com/GWUB or call 0411 866 643

**SPRUNG CIRCUS CLASSES 2015**
Acrobatics, balances, aerials, juggling, unicycling, and more
3 specialist coaches
@ Smith St, the Arc, Daylesford
Monday classes: 8yrs plus; teens and adults
Wednesdays classes: prep to 8yrs; teens and adults
Minitumbling (working on time)
For more info or to book call
Mara 0477499342
Eric 0407819677
Ivo 0419889967
Web www.sprungcircus.net

**DAYLESFORD LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR EASTER**
In this music program musicians are able to perform a 20-40 minute acoustic set in a safe and relaxing environment. Daylesford Library are particularly keen for children who are learning an instrument to take advantage of the opportunity to perform.

**GUITAR LESSONS**
Lessons available at Daylesford Primary School
$20 for half hour lesson.
Phone Ian Hill 53 31 9138

**Daylesford football NETBALL club**
**U/12 & U/15 Football**

The DFNC invites current and new players – boys & girls – to join the 2015 teams.

* **U/12’s** – Pre-season training each Monday & Thursday between 5:00pm – 6:00pm at the Junior oval. Once the season starts in April, training will occur once a week on Thursday nights only. Contact Carson White, Team Manager, 0408 518 704 or carsonwhite@gmail.com
  
  Note: Children need to be 8 years of age on 01/01/2015 to be eligible to play U/12’s

* **U/15-** Pre-season training each Monday & Wednesday between 5:00pm – 6:30pm at the Senior oval. Contact Jezza Steen, Coach, 0428 791 611.

Auskick will start Monday, 13th April……more information to come!