EXCURSION TO DAYLESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

This Friday is our House Swimming Sports for Grades 3-6.

All children are expected to meet at Daylesford P.S (20 Vincent St Daylesford) at 9.00am. Our meeting place is at the trees between the Art Room and Library just west of the main entrance on Vincent Street. All children will need lunch and their school hats. The swimmers will need sunscreen, towel and bathers.

The 3-6s will be sitting with their house groups and will be supervised by Robyn and Michelle, while our P-1-2 shall spend the day with Jose and Nadine at Daylesford Primary School. Our Prep/1/2 children will be participating in a range of activities at Daylesford P.S. throughout the day.

All parents are to make their own arrangements for transport to and from Daylesford Primary School that day.
Play by the Rules – Honesty and Trustworthy

“Playing Fairly” “Being a good Winner”
“Being a good Loser”

THIS WEEK IN THE ARTROOM

CREATIVE THINKING

BY CHARLIE LOVETT

In art today we learnt about creative thinking. We used crayons and food dyes. On our paper there were pictures of scissors and pliers and other things. We had to think of something to turn them into. I chose a hole-punch thingy and I made mine into a girl with a stripy dress.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

At Yandoit Primary School, our Parent-Teacher Interviews are a very important component of our Home/School Partnership and each March we arrange an appointment for parents and teachers to meet. On the first day of the 2015 school year, we had an Interview day, where teachers and students met to focus on individual assessment (Grade P-2) or their Educational Research Passion Project (Grade 3-6), as well as expectations for each student's grade level. Teachers found the first day of the year incredibly valuable, as it was meaningful time spent with each student individually.

Feedback from parents indicated that this was also a very valuable experience for them and their children.

The teachers would like to suggest that we follow up the Interview Day, with a similar day on Wednesday 11th March. The focus of this day will be for students and parents to attend school together for an Interview time of 20 mins.

Parents will meet with Jose for a Parent-Teacher Interview, while students will meet with Deb for a Student-Teacher Interview.

Students will spend time in the Play-based room with Dave while waiting for their Interview time (siblings will obviously attend at same time).

An Interview form is attached. Could you please indicate what part of the day would suit you best and return this form to school on Monday 2nd March.

We will then issue an appointment time for you and your child/children.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

All Grade 3-6 students have signed up for events at the House Swimming this Friday. The new found confidence in the water has resulted in a high participation rate in the sports. All parents are welcome to attend this Friday from 10.30 onwards.

Congratulations to the eight children who swam at the Regional Swimming Event on Sunday. Some excellent results, for full details see below my report. Thank you to Mr K and the parents who supported the children on the day.

Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March. Yandoit Annex will be having their Interviews on Wednesday 11th March.
I will be visiting Yandoit on Friday 5th March to present School Captain and the House Captains with their badges. I am looking forward to my visit.

Peter Burke

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our next meeting is an AGM and will be on Wednesday March 18th. We still have possibly 2-3 vacancies on School Council, if more parents are interested in joining. Please come and see Deb for a nomination form if you are interested. If you would like any more information, please feel free to chat with staff or existing councillors.

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**STUDENT REQUISITES**

An invoice has been included with this Newsletter for student requisites. This can be paid in full or by a payment plan. Please see Deb if you wish to have a payment plan arranged.

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**ORPHFUND THANKYOU**

Thank you to everyone who has donated clothes, toys, books and stationery to Orphfund. Every little thing is very much appreciated. These items are going in a container which will be shipped to Sierra Leone to support children who have lost their families to Ebola. Although the container looks pretty full, there’s still LOADS of room! Things we are particularly looking for are exercise books, children’s books, art supplies and children’s clothes and shoes (think, aged 4 – 17!) Because of the continuing threat of Ebola, things like buckets, soap, hand sanitizer and medical supplies – Dettol/Betadine, bandaids, panadols etc - would be fantastic, though I know these don’t tend to be things people have lying around. But, you never know! Other household things are also handy – tools, sheets, pillows, blankets, cutlery and crockery… just think what you’d need to set up a home for 330 kids, and that’s what we need! THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED! You’re all legends! Cheers, Sharon.

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**FINAL DATE FOR CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE APPLICATIONS**

*Friday, 27th February, 2015*

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**STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Franklinfoord CFA Coffee Morning

*Wednesday 11th March*

Please save the Date!!

The famous Children’s Choir of Yandoit Primary School, will be the Guest Performers…The Star Attraction!!!

Coffee Morning – 10-12 noon

Raffles, Trading table

All money raised supports our local CFA
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.

**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.

**SMPLYCIRCUSThis Circus is for the mind, body and soul**

**VOLLEYBALL AT THE ARC**
The new volleyball season starts on Monday 9th Feb at 6.30pm at the ARC in Smith Street, Daylesford. Social divisions, so come along and form a team or we can find a team for you. No experience necessary only your willingness to have some fun, make new friends and get a little bit fitter. Grade 6 students, parents, friends and teachers welcome.

Contact Colin Priest for more info: 5348 7674 or 0447 487 674.

**INSIDE OUT DANCE THEATRE - Dance and Drama classes**


Ph: 0417 592 522

Factory 2 / 39 East St, Daylesford

**DAYLESFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Year 7 2016 Information Night: Wednesday March 11, 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Grade 6 primary school students and their parents/guardians are invited to our Year 7 2016 Information Evening to be held at the College on Wednesday March 11, 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Join us for a sausage sizzle/BBQ at 5:30pm, then a guided tour of the College followed by an information session at 7:00pm.

Junior school staff and coordinators will be on hand to discuss the program and information that will assist the transition from Primary to Secondary school.

English, Maths, Humanities, P.E, the Arts, Technology, Science, IOTE and Health facilities will be available to outline what is studied at Year 7 and beyond, and to assist with any questions. Learn about our extensive extracurricular activities and other opportunities that make Daylesford Secondary College stand out as a provider of quality education in the region.

Contact the school on (03) 5348 1801 for further inquiries.