DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY
Mon 8th to Fri 19th  Gr. 3 - 6 Swimming Program
Tues 23rd  6.30pm School Council
Wed 24th  Gr 6 celebration meeting 9.30am
Fri 26th
  • Gr 3-6 House Swimming Sports
  • Closing date for CSEF & Conveyance Allowance

MARCH
Tues 8th & Weds 9th  Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mon 14th  Labour Day
Thurs 24th  End of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)

APRIL
Mon 11th  First Day of Term 2.

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.

Term Dates 2016
Term 1 ends 24th March
Term 2 11th April – 24th June
Term 3 11th July – 16th September
Term 4 3rd October – 20th December

Office Hours : 8.30am to 4.00pm
Students’ School Banking Day : Fridays

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

DO YOU HAVE A VALID MEANS-TESTED CONCESSION CARD?

Then you may be eligible to apply for the CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND)

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 front office for an application form (or download from the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) to be returned to the office before 26th February.

Current Focus

Good Manners – (Be respectful)

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George Washington’s Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour In Company and Conversation, 1640

The gestures of the body must be suited to the discourse you are upon...

DPS version! – Your body language must suit what you are doing.

Shew not yourself glad at the misfortune of another though he were your enemy...

DPS version! – If someone falls over, don’t laugh, offer to help, even if they’re not your friend.

Put not your meat to your mouth with your knife in your hand, neither spit forth the stones of any fruit pye upon your dish nor cast anything under the table...

DPS version! – It’s impolite to lick your knife! Don’t spit food out of your mouth or throw it under the table.

Put not another bit in your mouth till the former be swallowed, let not your morsels be too big for the jowls...

DPS version! – Don’t talk with your mouth full!

A reminder to parents that we are a Sun Smart School and school hats are to be worn at recess, lunchtime and sport during terms 1 & 4. Hats can be purchased from the office for $12
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Code Red – Fire Danger Rating
- Extreme Fire Danger Rating days
- School Lockdown – practice next Tuesday
- Positive school environment
- Preps Parent’s Morning Tea
- Early Years Picnic – Jubilee Lake
- 3-6 Swimming Program
- Curriculum Documents

As it is the start of the year, I would like to remind our school community that all Victorian schools and early childhood services listed on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR), which includes Daylesford, Yandoit and Drummond schools, are required to pre-emptively close if they are located in a Bureau of Meteorology district where a Code Red Danger Rating day has been determined. We have not had a Code Red Day this season, but if one is announced by BOM, then the school will be closed on that day.

A new policy update for Government schools listed in the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR), has just been announced by the Emergency Management Commissioner. Craig Lapsley and the Department and Training Secretary, Gill Callister in exceptional circumstances, some government schools may pre-emptively close when an Extreme Fire Danger Rating day is forecast. More information about how this will affect our school community will be forwarded in a parent letter, once I have discussed this change with staff and School Council.

Meanwhile, next Tuesday the school will be practicing a ‘Lockdown’ procedure, which is a part of our Emergency Management Plan, if an external risk such as a bushfire threatens the school. Lockdown can occur in two stages; stage 1 is return and stay in our classrooms, stage 2 is relocating the whole school to our main building. Next Tuesday we will only be practicing stage 1 of the Lockdown and staff will be discussing with the students what to do in the case of stage 2 being called.

I would like to thank all parents/carers and acknowledge all staff on what has been a most positive start to the 2016 school year. I think this is an excellent team effort, well done everyone.

I would like to stem an invitation to all Prep parents to attend an informal gathering after assembly next Tuesday 16th at 9.30 in the gym. The Prep parent morning tea is to allow Prep parents an opportunity to network with other Prep parents and for parents to ask questions of Mr Garner or myself.

Thank you to all our Early Years parents who were able to attend the EY Picnic at Jubilee Lake on Tuesday night. It was a lovely evening and terrific to catch up and talk with so many parents.

The 3-6 swimming program is going very well. I have put three extra staff in place to support classroom teachers and lower staff:student ratios. A reminder that there will be no swimming next Tuesday 16th due to DSC swimming sports.

Also a reminder to parents that the swimming program levy is now overdue to be paid in full unless you have put a payment plan in place with Deborah our business manager.

Finally, for your convenience and reference I have placed into this newsletter a copy of our school curriculum in Literacy for P-6. Next week’s newsletter will feature our Numeracy curriculum outline.

Peter Burke

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
Are you eligible?
For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:
- Be aged over five by 30th April 2016.
- 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 2016 by Friday 26th February, 2016.

Due to high numbers of students travelling on the Ballan Bus we are unable to allow other students to have a DAY BUS PASS for this service until further notice.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS
Reminder to Parents..... any student with overdue books from 2015 will unfortunately have their borrowing suspended for 2016 until item/s are returned or paid for. Letters, indicating title/s and cost were posted out last year and again this week.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS
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CANTEEN DUTY Term 1

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RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS $10

Available via the Canteen
Available only in Black with blue trim.

A NEW CANTEEN PRICE LIST WAS DISTRIBUTED AT THE END OF 2015 PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE USING THE PRICES OFF THIS NEW LIST. IF YOU NEED ANOTHER COPY PLEASE PICK ONE UP FROM THE OFFICE. THANK YOU

CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED
Please contact our Canteen Manager, Bev Adkins, on 5348 1839 or 0423 357 191 if you can assist. Thank you

PIZZA SAUCE IS NOW USED IN OUR FOCCACIAS - NO NUTS

Gr 6 Celebration Evening Meeting
Wednesday 24th Feb at 9.30am - meeting room
All Gr6 parents are encouraged to attend

Term 1 2016 No. 2 Friday, 12th February, 2016.

Current Focus: “Good Manners” (Be respectful)
What is the English Curriculum?

The Australian Curriculum - English, is built around the three interrelated strands of

- Language
- Literature
- Literacy

Together the three strands focus on developing students' knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.

At Daylesford Primary School we strive to create independent literacy learners who appreciate, enjoy and use the English language to evoke feelings, convey information, form ideas, facilitate interaction with others, entertain, persuade and argue.

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<td>Use predicting and questioning strategies to make meaning from text.</td>
<td>Use familiar words and phrases and images to convey ideas when writing. Writing shows evidence of sound and letter knowledge. Experimentation with capital letters and full stops. Correctly form known upper- and lower-case letters.</td>
<td>Listen to and use appropriate language features to respond to others in a familiar environment. Listen for rhyme, letter patterns and sounds in words. Identify and describe likes and dislikes about familiar texts, objects, characters and events. In informal group and whole class settings, communicate clearly. Retell events and experiences with peers and known adults. Identify and use rhyme, letter patterns and sounds in words.</td>
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<td>Recall one or two events from texts with familiar topics. Identify connections between texts and personal experiences. Draw on their developing knowledge of concepts about print and sound and letters. Identify the letters of the English alphabet and use the sounds represented by most letters.</td>
<td>Provide details about ideas or events when writing. Accurately spell words with regular spelling patterns and use capital letters and full stops. Correctly form all upper- and lower-case letters.</td>
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<td>Understand the different purposes of texts. Identify the language features, images and vocabulary used to describe characters and events. Read aloud short texts with some unfamiliar vocabulary, simple and compound sentences and supportive images. Use knowledge and sounds of letters, high frequency words, sentence punctuation and directionality to make meaning. Recall key ideas and recognise literal and implied meaning in texts.</td>
<td>Create texts that show how images support the meaning of the text. Accurately spell familiar words and attempt to spell less familiar words and use punctuation accurately. Legibly write unjoined upper- and lower-case letters.</td>
<td>Listen to others when taking part in conversations using appropriate language features. Listen for and reproduce letter patterns and letter clusters. Understand how characters in texts are developed and give reasons for personal preferences. Create texts that show connection between writing, speech and images. Create short texts for a small range of purposes. Interact in pair, group and class discussions, taking turns when responding. Make short presentations of a few connected sentences on familiar and learned topics.</td>
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<td>Identify text structures and language features used to describe characters, setting and events. Read texts that contain varied sentence structures, some unfamiliar vocabulary, a significant number of high frequency words and images that provide additional information. Monitor meaning and self-correct using context, prior knowledge, punctuation, language and phonics knowledge. Identify literal and implied meaning, main ideas and supporting detail. Make connections between texts by comparing content.</td>
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<td>Create texts that show how images support the meaning of the text. Accurately spell familiar words and attempt to spell less familiar words and use punctuation accurately. Legibly write unjoined upper- and lower-case letters.</td>
<td>Listen for and manipulate sound combinations and rhythmic sound patterns. When discussing ideas and experiences, use everyday language features and topic-specific vocabulary. Create texts that show how images support the meaning of the text. Create texts, drawing on their own experiences, their imagination and information they have learned. Use a variety of strategies to engage in group and class discussions and make presentations.</td>
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<td>Understand how content can be organised using different text structures depending on the purpose of the text. Understand how language features, images and vocabulary choices are used for different effects. Read texts that contain varied sentence structures, a range of punctuation conventions, and images that provide additional information. Identify literal and implied meaning connecting ideas in different parts of a text. Select information, ideas and events in texts that relate to their own lives and to other texts.</td>
<td>Texts include writing and images to express and develop in some detail experiences, events, information, ideas and characters. Demonstrate understanding of grammar and choose vocabulary and punctuation appropriate to the purpose and context of writing. Use knowledge of sounds and high frequency words to spell words accurately. Legibly write using consistently sized joined letters.</td>
<td>Listen to others’ views and respond appropriately. Understand how language features are used to link and sequence ideas. Understand how language can be used to express feelings and opinions on topics. Create a range of texts for familiar and unfamiliar audiences. Contribute actively to class and group discussions, asking questions, providing useful feedback and making presentations.</td>
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<td>Understand that texts have different structures depending on the purpose and audience. Explain how language features, images and vocabulary are used to engage the interest of audiences. Describe literal and implied meaning connecting ideas in different texts. Express preferences for particular texts, and respond to others’ viewpoints.</td>
<td>Use language features to create coherence and add detail to their texts. Understand how to express an opinion based on information in a text. Create structured texts to explain ideas for different audiences. Demonstrate understanding of grammar, select vocabulary from a range of resources and use accurate spelling and punctuation, editing their work to improve meaning.</td>
<td>Listen for key points in discussions. Use language features to create coherence and add detail to their texts. Understand how to express an opinion based on information in a text. Create texts that show understanding of how images and detail can be used to extend key ideas. Create structured texts to explain ideas for different audiences. Make presentations and contribute actively to class and group discussions, varying language according to context.</td>
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<td>Explain how texts structures assist in understanding the text. Understand how language features, images and vocabulary influence interpretations of characters, settings and events. Analyse and explain literal and implied information from a variety of texts. Describe how events, characters and settings in texts are depicted and explain their own responses to them.</td>
<td>Use language features to show how ideas can be extended. Develop and explain a point of view about a text. Create a variety of sequenced texts for different purposes and audiences. Demonstrate understanding of grammar, select specific vocabulary and use accurate spelling, editing their work to provide structure and meaning.</td>
<td>Listen and ask questions to clarify content. Use language features to show how ideas can be extended. Develop and explain a point of view about a text selecting information, ideas and images from a range of resources. Create a variety of sequenced texts for different purposes and audiences. Make presentations and contribute actively to class and group discussions, taking into account other perspectives.</td>
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<td>Understand how the use of text structures can achieve particular effects. Analyse and explain how language features, images and vocabulary are used by different authors to represent ideas, characters and events. Compare and analyse information in different texts, explaining literal and implied meaning. Select and use evidence from a text to explain their response to it.</td>
<td>Understand how language features and language patterns can be used for emphasis. Show how specific details can be used to support a point of view. Explain how their choices of language features and images are used. Create detailed texts elaborating upon key ideas for a range of purposes and audiences. Demonstrate understanding of grammar, make considered choices from an expanding vocabulary, use accurate spelling and punctuation for clarity and make and explain editorial choices.</td>
<td>Listen to discussions, clarifying content and challenging others’ ideas. Understand how language features and language patterns can be used for emphasis. Show how specific details can be used to support a point of view. Explain how their choices of language features and images are used. Create detailed texts, elaborating on key ideas for a range of purposes and audiences. Make presentations and contribute actively to class and group discussions, using a variety of strategies for effect.</td>
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**Resources and Websites**