**DIARY DATES**

**FEBRUARY**
- Fri 26th
  - Gr 3-6 House Swimming Sports
  - (Canteen for Prep-2’s only)
  - Closing date for CSEF & Conveyance Allowance

**MARCH**
- Tues 8th & Weds 9th Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - 3.50pm – 6.00pm
- Mon 14th Labour Day
- Weds 23rd
  - Final day for Canteen for Term 1.
  - House XCountry - Jubilee Lake
  - End of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)
  - No Canteen
- Friday 25th Good Friday

**APRIL**
- Mon 11th First Day of Term 2.

*Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.*

**ASSEMBLY – 9.00am every Tuesday in the Gymnasium.**

**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

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

**IF 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 as soon as possible.

**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.

**2nd Hand Uniforms** are located in the sick bay for purchase. Special thanks to Liz Wyatt for sorting and tidying our uniforms.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- 3-6 Swimming Program
- House Swimming Sports
- Regional Swimming Sports
- Family Groups
- Beach Volleyball Court
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Specialist Captains
- Bus Captains

Our 3-6 swimming program finished on a really positive note. Well done to all our staff and a special thank you to Maree Phypers and Amy Kinnear.

The House meetings last Friday have resulted in high levels of participation in the upcoming House Swimming Sports. We are looking forward to Friday, a full report will appear next week.

Our largest Regional swimming team competed at Eureka Pool on Sunday. There were an extraordinary number of Personal Best times by a large number of swimmers with so many swimmers swimming for the very first time in an event of this magnitude. Our U10 boys and U10s girls relays teams placing 3rd (just missing on 2nd place and regionals - especially the girls time only 1 second off second placed Ballarat Grammar). Our amazing 13 and under girls medley team (5th) with two 10 year olds and a nine year old swimming way up in age! - A gallant effort by Sebastian Streat in 50m free and back! Such a great sense of “team” with everyone cheering each Daylesford swimmer on, the relays were especially exciting and OUR AMAZING QUALIFIERS FOR REGIONALS 18 MARCH IN BALLARAT at the Aquatic Centre:

- Charlotte S 50 m breaststroke (2nd/34), 55.12
- Jessica V 50 back, (4th), 53.29
- Taj V 50 back (4th/18), 54.67
- Keylah W 50 free (3rd/45), 36.55
- Lila P 50 free (2nd/76), 39.72; 50 butterfly (1st/7) 54

A special thanks needs to go to Shelley Bowen and Karen Walker for their efforts as team managers. Also a BIG thank you to Maree Phypers for working tirelessly on the day with warm-ups and marshalling of our swimmers, also Amy Kinnear for great support. Thank you Tim and Sophie Loft for taking lots of photos of our swimmers (soon for website) and finally great to see Finlay Loft and Jonas Paar (past students) who took the two DPS timekeeper places ALL DAY. Finally, thank you to Mr Kiellerup for all work on the day and in the lead up.

Our Family Groups Program commenced on Monday. The Preps were collected by their buddies and introduced to their Family teacher and Family Group. A highly successful start to a program which builds positive relationships across the school.

A BIG thank you to Barry Phypers who not only has cleaned up our back gate entrance, but has dug out a Beach Volleyball Court for us on the oval. The sand will also serve as a Long Jump and Triple Jump Pit for training for our Athletics program. This has been made possible due to the generous support of parents who have given voluntary contributions for grounds.

A reminder to parents to flag either Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th for Parent Teacher Interviews in your diary.

Congratulations to the students who were selected as our Specialist Captains for 2017; Visual Arts – Evan Mae Haby & Billy Crooks, Performing Arts – Demi Henderson & Edward Kandel and LOTE/Italian – Caelan Rouse & Nia Oram.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in a very important position of responsibility as our Bus Captains;
Bus 1: Mackenzie Downing and Mowee Butsai
Bus 2: Marissa Fisher and Zenay McCahon
Bus 3: Harry Strawhorn and Trinity Paderno

Peter Burke

ITALIAN WORDS OF THE WEEK

By Caelan Rouse & Nia Oram

Mi chiamo……….. = My name is/I’m called
il fratello = the brother

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.
KITCHEN GARDEN – FEBRUARY/MARCH
Our kitchen garden program started this week with the grade 3’s learning about knife skills and safety. They cut up seasonal vegetables for the barbecue, made salad and delicious garlic bread. Thanks to families who donated produce, assisted as ‘Treasures’ and a special THANKYOU to Sam Doidge who braved the heat at the BBQ for both classes.

Anyone who would like to be involved as a volunteer and has not been contacted by Jenni Thompson please see Jenni, Sandra or Gill really soon as the roster is almost ready to go. Due to the extreme conditions this summer our planting was put on hold until autumn so produce from home vegie gardens is sought to support our kitchen program. And for the garden - *Seed raising mix, potting mix, vegetable seeds.

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS
TERM 1 2016

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RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS $10

Available via the Canteen – order through your lunch order OR directly through 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. THANKYOU

CANEEN - 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 FOCACCIAS - NO NUTS

FUNDRAISING

TERM 1 RAFFLE
Tickets for our term 1 Raffle will be sent home with next weeks’ newsletters. There are great Movie Prizes to be won. Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 22nd March, at assembly.

Kitchen Garden Recipe Book Sales
We are asking for volunteers to help sell our Kitchen Garden Recipe Books at the following events.

Lake House Regional Produce Day
Sunday 17th April

Paul Bangay Stonefields Open Garden
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th April

More details to follow!
STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

FREE TO A GOOD HOME – ORGAN
(from DPS Music Room). Please contact office if interested

Leap into Dance and Drama!
Classes now starting for Term 1, 2016
for pre-school, primary, secondary kids & adults.
Creative Dance, Drama, Ballet, Boys’ Dance,
Adult & Child, Contemporary Dance, Adult Creative
Dance, & Studio Hire.
Enrol online at: www.insideoutdancetheatre.com.au
Enquiries: 0417 592 522
or jo@insideoutdancetheatre.com.au
Factory 2 / 39 East St, Daylesford

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when they learn
music!

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Clarinet/Sax tutoring,
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For more info email Angela: itsangela@me.com
or call 0425 728 930.

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and past teaching experience. Flexible lessons
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