NEWSLETTER NO. 3 - Friday 19/2/2016

CALPENDAR

FEBRUARY
Mon 22nd Swimming continues
Fri 26th Gr-3-5 House Swimming Sports
Prep-2 Visit Daylesford PS
Closing date for CSEF & Conveyance Allowance

MARCH
Tues 8th & Wed 9th Parent/Teacher Interviews 2.00-4.30pm
Mon 14th Labour Day
Tues 15th Cultural Diversity Day – Excursion to
Daylesford Primary School
School Council AGM 6pm
Thurs 24th End of Term 1 (2.30 finish)

APRIL
Mon 11th Term 2 commences

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1

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

Play by the rules
“Playing Fairly” “Being a good Winner” “Being a good Loser”

Through playing games we learn about ourselves and others. Playing games provides opportunities where children will be expected to play fairly, play by the rules, co-operate with others, get along with others and handle both winning and losing. Having rules in games ensures a level playing field making it fair for all.

Playing together does not just mean playing happily with our friends, although that is important. ‘Playing together’ means sharing space both in the classroom and the playground. Demonstrating sharing in our games ensures that everyone will enjoy their playtime. We have to think about other people, the games they are playing and playing sensibly. We want everyone to enjoy themselves. Whenever you are playing remember to:
• play in sensible areas.
• check to see if others are involved in a game or an area before setting up your game
• play safe games, particularly in small areas
• walk around other people’s games.

David Garner

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.

Term Dates 2015
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 – 4.00pm
Home Readers - Reminder

Please make sure that readers come to school daily. Children will change books every 2-3 days during classroom reading time.

Parents are encouraged to spend some time each evening reading with their child/ren and signing their reading diary.

Swimming Continues - Reminder

Next Week we continue our swimming program at The Kyneton Aquatic Swimming Centre. We are participating in 6 sessions over 3 weeks – Feb 22nd, 23rd, 29th and March 1st.

We shall be travelling by bus and departing school at 9.30am and returning by 11.30am.

Please make sure that your child has their swimming costume underneath their school uniform, a towel, goggles and a swimming cap (required). All items should be labelled with their name.

Morning Tea to Welcome our Prep Parents

Thank you to all the Prep parents who were able to attend the morning tea this week. We hope that this was an informative and enjoyable time.

And a big thank you to Claire R for setting up the Prep parents morning tea.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on Tuesday the 8th and Wednesday the 9th of March from 2.00 until 4.30pm. School will finish early on both of these days.

Interviews are between parents/carers and teachers only. Students are not required to this early interview. They will be directly involved in the term 3 interviews.

Times will be sent out in the next fortnight.

Friday 26th February

Prep – 2 visit to Daylesford Primary School

Grades 3, 4 & 5 Swimming Sports

On Friday 26th February there will be House Swimming Sports for Grades 3-5 at Daylesford. On the same day our Grades Prep – 2 will have the opportunity to visit Daylesford Primary School along with our Yandoit students.

All students are expected to meet at Daylesford P.S. 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. Robyn will be there to meet you.

Robyn and Jose (from Yandoit) will take the Prep - 2 students for the day. Nicole will be in charge of our grade 3-5 swimmers.

All children will need lunch (including a drink) and school hats. The swimmers will need sunscreen, towel and bathers.

All parents are to make their own arrangements for transport to and from Daylesford Primary School that day.

Reminder – Prep Health Checks

2016 Student Entrant Health Questionnaire was sent out to you in an envelope with our first newsletter. Please make sure that you return this as soon as possible.

Forms for parents with respect to using your child’s image at school have been sent out. Please complete this form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Parent Volunteers

We would appreciate your reviewing the attached list of jobs that require volunteers to do during the school year.

If you are available, even for a couple of hours we would really appreciate your help!

Please put your name and number down at a time where you might be available and return to Meg.

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be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen
**School Council – seeking members**

This year we have seeking new School Council members including a secretary. Our School Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

It is important that we have a quorum and we find it is so much better to have ‘more hands on deck’, especially in the winter months.

Please see Meg or Claire R if you are interested in becoming a school council member.

**Changes to our Newsletter**

This year we have decided that our newsletter will be sent out on a fortnightly basis unless there is a need to send extra information out.

As we are an annexe to Daylesford Primary School, any general school information is available in the DPS newsletter which is found on the DPS website: [http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au](http://www.daylesps.vic.edu.au)

**Lockdown**

We will practice the ‘Lockdown’ procedure during this term. This creates an opportunity for staff to reinforce to all students what the procedures are and under what circumstances we might need to put such practices in place.

Later in the year we will also practice our Emergency Evacuation procedures.

**Photos from our Specialist Classes**

The children are enjoying P.E. and Art on Fridays.
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