CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
Mon 15th  Swimming commences
Tue 16th  School Council 6pm
Frid 26th  Gr-3-6 House Swimming Sports
Closing date for CSEF & Conveyance Allowance

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

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1

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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
DO YOU HAVE A VALID MEAN 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.

Principal’s Report

Welcome back everyone, I trust you had a lovely break, a delightful Christmas and more recently enjoyed Australia Day Celebrations. Welcome to all our Preps & new students and their families, I know that the Daylesford PS school community will embrace our new families.

The Early Years Literacy and Numeracy testing program has proven to be highly beneficial, the 1:1 time has enabled staff and students to develop a positive relationship and has allowed for a very dynamic start of the year.

The school has yet again gone to a great deal of trouble to order, purchase, sort and supply a wide range of student requisites to all our classrooms, thereby replacing booklists which parents would otherwise have to fulfil. All students have already received some of these requisites. Statements will be sent out in the near future. We would appreciate payment for this excellent service asap. Please contact Deborah, our Business Manager if you would like to organise a payment plan.

Peter Burke

Current Focus

Good Manners – (Be respectful)
Daily life provides us with many opportunities to demonstrate our manners. In many ways it is simply extending a courtesy to others. Some examples include the use of saying, “please, excuse me, thank you”. The use of good manners lets other people know that they’re appreciated, respected and valued. We can use good manners in a variety of settings: at school in the classroom /or in the playground, at home, down the street, when visiting family and friends, etc. Waiting for others to pass before we move or holding a door open for someone else are other ways of using our manners.

Use your manners with community members of all ages!

David Garner
be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen

Swimming

In week 4 we shall begin our swimming program at The Kyneton Aquatic Swimming Centre. We are participating in 6 sessions over 3 weeks – Feb 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and March 1st.

Due to our large numbers we shall be travelling by bus. We shall be departing school at 9.30am and returning by 11.15am.

The children will be accompanied by teachers. Parents are more than welcome to meet us at the pool to help with getting ready before and after lessons.

We have attached a swimming assessment questionnaire from the Aqua Aware team that will enable them to place your child in the correct swimming class.

Unfortunately there are no funds to subsidize this program (unless you are eligible for CSEF). Swimming lessons will cost $52.20 per student. Bus Travel will cost $40.80 per student.

Total Cost : $93.00

Please note: If this amount is not paid prior to the commencement of swimming, your child will not be attending.
If parents are experiencing difficulties they may set up a payment plan, please contact Deborah Cowan at Daylesford Primary School on 5348 2480 to discuss this.

2016 Class Structure

We have restructured our classroom environment this year.

Students will be using a shared classroom space where Robyn and Meg will undertake team teaching. This will give students the opportunity to both work together and individually to meet their learning requirements.

Our specialist days will be on Fridays where: Nicole Wassell will undertake visual arts and cultural studies;

Robyn will undertake Music and PE; and Meg will be undertaking admin in the office.

Bringing Toys to School

We have noticed that lots of students have been bringing different toys to school.

We have discussed that students only bring toys to school if this has been agreed with by the teachers as part of their investigations or project work.

If your child requires a special toy to be with them, please discuss this with either Robyn or Meg.

Welcome to our Preps

We have 5 new preps this year:

Henry H
Henry DeB
Jasper
Isla
Ciaran

We will have some great photos for you in next week’s newsletter.

2016 Student Entrant Health Questionnaire will be attached to all newsletters for preps. Please take the time to complete this form and return it as soon as possible.

We have also attached a form for parents to complete with respect to using your child’s image at school. Please complete this form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Student/Community Activities

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.

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