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Yandoit State School 1890
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‘Learning and Growing Together’
Be Respectful  Be a Responsible Learner
Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate  Be a Good Citizen

CALENDAR

February
Wednesday 17th
• School Council 6pm Child Care available.
• Welcome Amber, Freya, Dante and Yuri
Friday 19th
• Closing date for CSEF application and Conveyance Allowance
Friday 26th
• Excursion to Daylesford PS for Drummond and Yandoit Annexes
• Grade 3-6 House Swimming Sports
• P-2 Get to Know Daylesford PS

March
Wednesday 2nd
• Kitchen Garden Shared Lunch Day
• Parent Helpers Needed
Wednesday 9th
• Parent-Teacher Interviews 2 - 4.30
Thursday 10th
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Monday 14th
• LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 15th
• Excursion to Daylesford Primary School to celebrate Cultural Diversity Day
• Drummond and Yandoit Annexes
Wednesday 16th
• School Council 6pm Child Care available. (AGM and Elections)
Thursday 24th
• Last Day of Term One
• 2.30 Dismissal

SOCIAL COMPETENCIES
PROGRAM
CURRENT FOCUS

Good Manners
( Be Respectful )

PRINCIPALS REPORT

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 Bush-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 Wednesday the Yandoit Annexe 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. The MOD 5 classroom (3-6 classroom) is our designated Lockdown classroom.

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.

Peter Burke

HOME READING

We were expecting a FANTASTIC response to Home Reading today and were thrilled with the number of students who have read the required number of times in weeks 1 and 2. We have explained to the students, particularly older students, if they have not read, then they will be able to make up the required number (4 x 15 minutes a week) when the library is open next Wed and Thurs. Mrs R to supervise.

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 19th February, 2016.

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 19th February.

NIT ALERT

Although we have NOT had any families report that they had found live lice this week in their children’s hair, could we still ask all families to regularly check on Friday nights. Then hair can be treated, if necessary, over the weekend. Please don’t forget to check siblings. Thankyou

ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please notify the school by telephone, or send a written note with your child on their return. These verbal or written records
explaining your child’s absence are required for audit purposes. Please try and organise medical and dental appointments after school wherever possible. Please see Deb if you need more information.