## Daylesford Primary School Newsletter

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"SEMPER MELIORA" (Always better things)





Be Respectful, Be a Responsible Learner, Be Honest and Trustworthy Be Caring and Compassionate, Be a Good Citizen

## **DIARY DATES**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 3-6 Swimming Program

Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 3-6 Swimming Sports

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast in the Gym 8.30am

Tue 28<sup>th</sup>

School Council Meeting

#### **MARCH**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday

Tue 21<sup>st</sup>

Cultural Diversity Day.

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.

ASSEMBLY 9.00am every Tuesday in the Gym

Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm

Students' School Banking Day: Fridays

#### **Term Dates 2017**

Term 1 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 31<sup>st</sup> March Term 2 18<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June Term 3 17<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> September Term 4 9<sup>th</sup> October – 22<sup>nd</sup> December

## 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)

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

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) The CSEF Program closes on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

#### **Current Focus**

## Good Manners – (Be respectful)

## Good Manners Around the World Researched by 6KB

#### Brazil

It is good manners to use utensils, even when eating pizza!

#### <u>Italy</u>

It is polite to wait until the hostess is seated before sitting down.

#### Indonesia

To walk down a residential street, you should ask permission of a local.

#### New Zealand

You should address people by their surname until you get to know them.

#### Thailand

It is polite to remove your shoes before entering a building.

#### China

Sample a bite of every dish on offer.

#### United Kingdom

It is polite to open a gift as soon as it is given to you.

#### <u>Japan</u>

Slurping your soup is not only acceptable; it shows you are enjoying the meal.

#### United Arab Emirates

The formal way to greet someone is by saying, "Peace be upon you."

#### Korea

A host should accompany their guests to the gate, as they believe it is insulting to wish your quests farewell indoors.

#### <u>Australia</u>

Australians get down to business with a small amount of casual, relaxed small talk.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Assembly

What a pleasure it was to have so many parents attending Tuesday's assembly. To have a school that is so community minded and to have community celebrate the successes of the children is a standout. Well done to all! I would particularly like to highlight this year's prep children who listened and participated intently. Likewise the recognition of the school leaders was particularly important, especially with so many community members in the audience. I believe everyone should be extremely proud of the school, its students and staff and congratulations to all as the children certainly demonstrate the values of the school in so many ways.







#### **Carlton Football Club players**

On Thursday we had four Carlton players attending the school to host a football clinic for approximately 50 Year 5/6 students. For many, like myself, this was a very exciting time. We thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with the players.

#### Year 3-6 swimming

Please keep in mind that the year 3-6 commence their intensive swimming program, culminating in the House Swimming Sports on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of February. We look forward to all students concerned being involved and learning both swimming and survival techniques. If we could have all required permission forms back by this Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, it would be appreciated.

Thank you again for all your welcomes and I look forward to working with each family. I also look forward to the day when I remember everyone's name.

Enjoy your weekend Trevor Edwards Principal

## **ALL VOLUNTEERS**

When volunteering at school, working with children checks are now required in line with The Child Safe Standards.

WWC forms are available on line <a href="http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au">http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au</a>
Volunteer checks are free of charge.

<u>All</u> volunteers are to present their WWCC card to the <u>office</u> for registration before commencing volunteering.

## **CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

#### Are you eligible?

For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:

- Be aged over five by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- 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 2017 by Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- If you have been placed on a waiting list for bus travel you may also be eliglible.



Once again Visual Art will be utilising an app for smartphones, tablets and computers called "SEESAW". SEESAW is essentially a digital portfolio used to document and share what each student is doing and learning in the art room.

SEESAW gives students the opportunity to share and talk about their art learning with their parents and families long before they bring home the "real thing" at the end of the year. Parents are encouraged to ask the students or the teacher questions and write comments below the student's images. Talking about their work assists students with deepening their understandings and learning.

Individual student content on SEESAW is only viewed by the actual student's parents (or others that parents request access for) and the teacher sees all comments before they appear in the portfolio. Some group work, as well as teacher provided descriptions of learning intentions, can be viewed by all relevant connected parents.

Participation is encouraged but of course not compulsory or essential. It is simply a way of reaching out to parents to share and celebrate what happens in the art room.

An individualised letter (with full instructions) inviting you to download this free app and link to your student's portfolio should come home with this newsletter. If you don't receive it please email me on wassell.nicole.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

and I can sort it out from there.

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## **CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

This year's Cultural Diversity Day is on the theme of 'Our journey, our stories'. The theme celebrates immigration, the contribution of various cultures and how our differences unite us. We would love to hear from any parents or community members who feel they could, or know someone who could, facilitate a workshop for the students. For example, teach a dance, share or teach songs, share stories, perform a play, make a musical instrument, story-telling through visual arts etc. The date of this event is Tuesday 21st March. A note is attached to this newsletter requesting assistance. Please fill in and return this to the office.

Regards, The Specialist Team: Nicole Wassell, Katie Yeung, Suzanne Hobson, Trudi Blick.

#### ITALIAN WORD/PHRASE OF THE WEEK



Sienna - "Come to chiami?" - What is your name? Freya - "Mi chiamo ....." - My name is........

## **Late Arrival and Early Departure**

Students being dropped off late to school must be signed in at the office under parent supervision. We ask that parents accompany their child to class to ensure constant supervision.

In the case of early departure from school a reminder that a blue early departure form must be collected and completed at the office. This must then be taken and given to your child's teacher before they can release the child from their care. No student will be released early without receipt of the blue slip.

### **Absences**

If your child is absent from school please ring the school office asap on 53482480 or send a written explanation on the day of their return.



**Book club is an important fundraiser for our school.** Every time a family purchases books through Book Club the school receives books for our school library. Over the years Book Club has been operating, hundreds of books have been received and our school library would not be the wonderful resource it is for our children's learning.

Forms were distributed to students this week. The final date for return is **Wednesday**, **15**<sup>th</sup> **February**, **2017.** Please ensure the form has child's name, and correct money for items ordered enclosed, if returning to the school.

Reminder: Parents may also order online via "The Loop".

Any orders via The Loop will be delivered to school in the usual manner.

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**Book Clubs LOOP** 

for Parents



LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.



LIBRARY REMINDER...Overdue items 2016. Several overdue notices were sent home last year. Students with items still not returned from 2016 have their borrowing suspended until items are either returned or paid for.

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

# PARENT VOLUNTEERS Term 1 2017

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Karyn McColl	Shelley Sandow
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Kathryn Earley	June Cooper

CANTEEN DUTY		
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Shelley Sandow, Lesley Thompson	
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanne Newman	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Leah Schuter, Melissa Patane	
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb		
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Tiffany Willis	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb		



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.

# CANTEEN - HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

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

AMENDMENT TO OUR LUNCH ORDER LIST: PIZZA SLICE (Aussie) was priced at \$4.90 it should have been \$3.00

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE STILL AVAILABLE AT CANTEEN UNTIL SOLD OUT (18 LEFT) \$4.90

## **STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**



Dance and Drama classes start now! for pre-school, primary, secondary kids & adults. Creative & Contemporary Dance, Drama, Adult & Child dance, & Studio Hire.

Info and Enrolment at:

www.insideoutdancetheatre.com.au

Enquiries: 0417 592 522 or or jo@insideoutdancetheatre.com.au Factory 2 / 39 East St, Daylesford

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