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

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY
Monday 13th to Friday 24th
Gr. 3-6 Swimming Program
Friday 24th  Gr. 3-6 Swimming Sports
Tuesday 26th  School Council Meeting

MARCH
Monday 13th  Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 21st  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  30th Jan – 31st March
Term 2  18th April – 30th June
Term 3  17th July – 22nd September
Term 4  9th October – 22nd December

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!

Karen McHugh

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 http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
Volunteer checks are free of charge.

All volunteers are to present their WWCC card to the office 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 30th 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 Friday 28th February, 2017.
Hello everyone and welcome to the commencement of our new school year. As the new principal of Daylesford, Drummond & Yandoit Primary Schools, it has been a wonderful start to the year. I have met some of the parents and many of the children, who have politely introduced themselves to me. You should be very proud of your children and likewise Daylesford Primary School, Yandoit Primary School and Drummond Primary School which I visited last week.

As we proceed I look forward to meeting parents and engaging in some exciting programs that have been planned throughout the year.

Extreme Fire Rating Days Closure BARR School
Daylesford, Drummond & Yandoit Primary Schools are all BARR schools (Bushfire at Risk Register). This means that on all Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days all BARR schools will be closed. No children or staff are to attend on these Extreme Fire Danger Days. This will be communicated via SMS system operating at the school. Please be aware of this as the safety of all is paramount on these extreme Fire Danger rating days.

Student accident insurance and Ambulance Cover Arrangements
I bring to your attention the following in that parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of an ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents and guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. As the cost of ambulance can be very high it may be worth considering being an ambulance insurance holder into the future.

Working With Children Check
It is fabulous to see people volunteering their time and expertise in supporting the wonderful programs at the school. The school has many people who help and assist and it is very much appreciated. A requirement for all volunteers in Victorian schools is to ensure that all have a current working with children check. Whether it be for the Kitchen Garden Program, the canteen helpers, reading helpers or swimming helpers, it is a must to ensure that all abide by this requirement. If you would like to discuss either helping or volunteering please contact Karen McHugh or myself. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

School Council Elections
All state schools are preparing for the 2017 School Council election process. Further information will follow in subsequent newsletters.

I hope everyone enjoys their upcoming weekend and thank you for the welcome.

Trevor Edwards,
Principal

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 or soon after. 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.

Principal’s Report
**BOOKCLUB**

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, 15th 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.

**BOOKCLUB**

**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Clubs LOOP for Parents**

**NOW AVAILABLE AS AN APP!**

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](http://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 ISBN 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.


**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.

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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 will come home next week requesting assistance. Please fill in and return this to the office.

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

**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.

**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**

**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.
PARENT VOLUNTEERS
Term 1 2017

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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.

CANTEEN - 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 FOCACCIA - NO NUTS

First Day for Canteen is Wednesday, 8th February.

YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NEW CANTEEN PRICE LIST WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, ON THE BACK OF WHICH IS THE CANTEEN MENU CHANGES FOR TERM 1 2017

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

SPRUNG CIRCUS
At the ARC, Daylesford
Mondays
8-12 yrs+, 4-5.30pm.

Wednesdays
5-8yrs, 4-5.30pm.
ADULTS, 5.45-7pm.

Spring Kids
performance group
training min. 3hrs/week

Acrobatics Aerial Juggling Unicycles

Performance All things circus

For more info and to book call
Mara 0477499342, Eric 0407819677
www.sprungcircus.net

The Newlyn Community Presents
Friday 3rd March 2017
Outdoor Movie Event

RED DOG TRUE BLUE
EVERY LEGEND HAS A BEGINNING

Pre-Movie entertainment includes kids jumping castle
and local live music at 6.30pm for 8.30pm Movie

Tickets at the Gate
$10 for Adults, 16 & Over
$5 for Kids & Pensioners
$20 for Family

At the Newlyn Recreation Reserve, Midland Hwy Newlyn.