

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

MARCH

Mon 13th Labour Day Holiday

Tues 14 & Weds 15th Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tues 15th Gr6 Celebration Meeting
9am in Meeting room

Friday 17th 5/6 Golf Program

Tues 21st Cultural Diversity Day.

Friday 24th 5/6 Golf Program

Tues 28th School Council (AGM & Elections)

Friday 31st House Cross Country and
End of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish.

No Canteen or Banking

**Preps do not attend school on
Wednesdays during Term 1.**

APRIL

Mon 17th Easter Monday

Tues 18th Start of Term 2.

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th
Gr3/4 & Gr5/6 Camps
(further information next week)

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

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP SAFETY

Could parents/carers please make sure when leaving students in the morning, or picking up after school by car that for student safety they use the School Crossing. Please also DO NOT cross double lines to park...nor park in the school driveway.

Current Focus

Personal Best

Every day we make decisions and choices. To achieve our personal best it is important that those decisions and choices we make are our "best".

The following attributes will help us to achieve our personal best: Think positively

- Work hard
- Challenging ourselves
- Setting goals
- Planning to achieve our goals

We all have a responsibility to be the best that we can be in our personal relationships, academic, sporting, musical and artistic endeavours.

Karen McHugh

Regional
Farmers'
Markets

Daylesford
Farmers' Market

NEXT SATURDAY
4th of March
9am-1pm
**DAYLESFORD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
102 Vincent St,
Daylesford VIC 3460
**1ST SATURDAY OF
EVERY MONTH!!**
FRESH. LOCAL. FRIENDLY
Find us on Facebook www.rfm.net.au

Growers:makers: producers. Eat make bake grow & shop local - Beautiful range of local producers of plants fruit cheese organic fruit & Vegies eggs plants herbs oils cheeses breads pastries coffee honey wine beer sweet treats nuts delicious food & drink and music
Proudly partnered with Rotary - a family & community event
Dogs most welcome
First Saturday of every month - rain hail or shine 9am to 1pm
@ Daylesford Primary School. Find us & like us on Facebook

CANTEEN SPECIAL
UNTIL Friday 10th March
Fresh yogurt \$1.00 each

School Council elections

Currently we have 2 vacant positions for the Daylesford School Council. The normal tenure is a two year period and I am very keen to involve parents who are interested in supporting the positive elements and direction of the school into the future. If you are interested, please feel free to discuss with me your potential involvement. The required nomination forms are available at my office. As the election process is to be completed today I look forward to providing this opportunity up to Wednesday the 8th of March at 4pm when we will hopefully have the required school council configuration of numbers. I look forward to hearing from you.

Athletics practice

At this stage we have the GR's 3-6 children practicing their athletics and field event skills. This will be a weekly opportunity, culminating in the House cross country championships at Jubilee Lake on Friday the 31st of March, the last day of term. Further information regarding the proposed date for the athletics sports will feature in future newsletters.

Choir

It was wonderful to hear first of many choir practice sessions during the week. We have some very talented singers who demonstrated an obvious enjoyment of group singing and choir opportunities. Well done to all.

Labour Day Holiday

Finally, just a reminder to everyone that Monday the 13th of March is the Labour Day public holiday. No children are required at school.

Enjoy your weekend

Trevor Edwards
Principal



Swimming House Sports 2017!

Well it was that time of the year again when our annual House Swimming Sports were held at the Daylesford Swimming Pool. This day was a successful conclusion to the 3-6 swimming program. The weather was beautiful and the students very excited. I was amazed, standing at the end of the pool looking back at the blue, green, gold and red colours of the houses worn by the students. Great job kids.

Firstly, I must send out a huge thankyou to all parents who helped throughout the day. Some were even there before I was, to help set up. Again a huge thank you. It makes the day run smoothly.

A big thankyou to staff, House Captains and William Harris. Great job. Well done house captains in the way you were willing to enthusiastically help the teachers and students throughout the day. Finally, a thank you to Sherilee for the work you did with the program, house meeting and the scoring on the day. Special mention of thanks to Maree Phipers & Sam Doidge for their outstanding assistance.

Highlights of the day!

We held our inaugural Student – Parent – Teacher relay race. What a great race. Students' teams were made up from our various captains. The parents' team were made up of very enthusiastic parents and finally our teacher team was made from some very brave staff members.

We had a draw in the girls' championship race! What a way to finish the day with Kira Vandenberg and Aleesha Walker having a dead heat in the final race of the day.

For me there was countless moments throughout the day however Caleb Straka illustrated to us what it means to be a great citizen of Daylesford Primary School. His house required a swimmer to complete a relay team. He wasn't part of a relay team and in fact was dressed but quickly got changed and swam the final leg to finish the race. Great job Caleb.

Results:

Winner of the inaugural Student – Parent – Teacher relay race.
Teachers.

Winner of the Boys Championship Race:
Taj Vandenberg

Winner of the Girls Championship race:
Kira Vandenberg and Aleesha Walker.

Winner of the 2017 Swimming House Sports:
Tipperary.

ITALIAN WORD/PHRASE OF THE WEEK



Sienna - "Come va?" How's it going?
Freya - "Bene, grazie." Good thanks.



KITCHEN GARDEN - MARCH

Vegies needed for kitchen sessions next Wednesday and Friday

If you have any surplus vegies in your garden that would be suitable for chopping up and barbecuing, please let Gill or Sandra know.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION 2017 (I.C.A.S.)

SCIENCE, ENGLISH, MATHS, SPELLING, WRITING – for Grades 2-6

Once again, students in Grades 2 (except for Writing), 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the International Schools Competition which is conducted by the University of N.S.W.

The competitions include Science, English, Maths, Spelling, and Writing. Each student who participates will receive a certificate and a detailed Results Letter.

The entry fee is \$9.00 each for English, Maths and Science, \$12.00 for Spelling and \$18.00 for Writing. The entry fees must be paid in advance, not via a payment plan.

Competition			Competition Date
Science	Gr 2-6	\$ 9	30th May
English	Gr 2-6	\$ 9	1st August
Mathematics	Gr 2-6	\$ 9	15th August
Spelling	Gr 2-6	\$12	14th June
Writing	Gr 3-6	\$18	12-16th June

To assist with administrative purposes could we have the blue reply slips (sent home this week) and money returned to the school by Wednesday 8th March.

Kind regards,
Karen McHugh

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

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

Term 1 2017 No.5 Friday, 3rd March, 2017

CSEF

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 30th June, 2017

CSEF and PARENTS/CARERS OF PREP STUDENTS

- Prep students in 2017 who are eligible Camp, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF) recipients are automatically eligible for uniform support.
- Applications for the Prep Package will open Tuesday 18th April (First day of Term 2)

Please ensure if you are eligible for CSEF that you have applied

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Just to let you know that even if you were logged onto your child's seesaw portfolio last year you will need to use the new code you recently received to log into this year's portfolio. Sorry for the confusion and inconvenience. Any problems don't hesitate to email me on wassell.nicole.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

PARENT VOLUNTEERS Term 1 2017

FRIDAY	SICK BAY WASHING	BANKING
3 rd March	Catherine Meadows	June Cooper
10 th March	Samantha Harris	Shelley Sandow
17 th March	Fiona Torrance	June Cooper
24 th March	Tania Green	Shelley Sandow
31 st March	Sam Kinnear	June Cooper

CANTEEN DUTY

Weds 8 th March	
Thurs 9 th March	
Friday 10 th March	

Current Focus "Personal Best"



**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**

FUNDRAISING NEWS



Hosted by Natasha Morgan and a stellar lineup of chefs and producers, spend an afternoon in the stunning gardens of Oak and Monkey Puzzle celebrating Daylesford and region's finest local, seasonal and artisan producers and winemakers.

Join Natasha Morgan and Kylie Himmerman at Oak and Monkey Puzzle, Natasha's bespoke event, landscape design and artisan focused property, where they will be joined by some of the region's finest chefs, producers and winemakers.

Surrounded by the property's beautifully designed productive landscapes amidst its colonial oak trees and the kitchen garden celebrate the best local and seasonal food and wine the region has to offer.

Enquiries: 53486590

Profits from this year's Melbourne Food and Wine Festival Longest Lunch will be kindly donated to the Daylesford Primary School kitchen garden project.

The theme of the festival is "Let's Celebrate" so we have decided to celebrate all our wonderful producers, awesome chefs and talented wine makers.

We will be asking parents/carers to volunteer their time to help out at this event.

Term 1 2017 No.5 Friday, 3rd March, 2017

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. **We have a selection of second-hand uniforms all for FREE plus unmarked shirts, skirts and pants suitable for school wear.**
2. **Volunteers:** We are always seeking new volunteers to join our team.
3. Mums and Dads who have 4 hours free within the week to offer their assistance. We always need help either front of shop or back- a great way to meet new people, be involved in our town, giving back and creating a satisfying personal interest. Our team consists of youthful & vibrant 20 to 60 year olds- all very friendly and interesting.
4. We also offer Retail training to the adults, and our over 15 years old volunteers who are interested in gaining work experience and training with view of entering the Retail industry at some point. Possibly you may have some older brothers and sister who may find this worthwhile.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to either email me on this address, call on 52343862 or call into the shop any day between 9-5 Tuesday to Saturday.
Many thanks

**Penelope Hynes
Vinnies
Daylesford Manager
03 5348 3862**



WOMBAT FOREST AUTUMN PLANNED BURN COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesda 8th March, 6.00-8.00pm, Paddock Room.
Daylesford Neighbourhood House, 13 Camp St Daylesford
You are invited to attend a Community Information Session to find out about the planned burns programmed for Autumn within the Wombat forest area.

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