# **DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 6 - Thursday 16/3/2017

## CALENDAR

#### MARCH

- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Cultural Diversity Festival Daylesford Primary School until 12.30pm
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Swimming at Kyneton Toyota Sports Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Aquatic Centre 1.30pm-2.30pm
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Performance at Daylesford Primary School at 2.20pm Pick up from DPS at the end of the day
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Swimming at Kyneton Toyota Sports Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Aquatic Centre 1.30pm – 2.30pm (Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 11.30am – 12.30pm)
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> House Cross Country From 10am (optional – Grade 3 students as it clashes with swimming)
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Term 1, 2.30 p.m. finish

#### Term Dates 2017

TERM 1	30 <sup>th</sup> January – 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

Office Hours: 8.45am – 4.00pm

### SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March....House Cross Country Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April....House Athletics Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.....Goldfields Cross Country Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.....Goldfields Athletics

## **Principal's Report**

#### Parent/Teacher Interview

As the education of your children is a partnership of parents, students and teachers we develop supportive relationships during these occasions to influence and build learning and development. It is also important to touch base with teachers and/or myself throughout the term so that each child's learning opportunities are fostered and developed. Communication is the key.

#### **Cultural Diversity Festival**

Just a reminder about Daylesford Primary School's Cultural Diversity Festival that will be hosted next Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. We encourage all students to dress up in a culturally aware manner, to highlight the diversity and cultural aspects of the communities in which we live. Parents to come along to our special school assembly next Tuesday morning at 9am as it will highlight and showcase the students in their costumes/dress ups. The assembly will feature an acknowledgement to country by Sissy Austin King, an ex-student and proud Koorie woman. The activities throughout the day will feature aspects of culture featuring a variety of interesting and diverse cultures. We very much look forward to the day.

Trevor Edwards Principal

## **Current Focus**

## <u>Listening</u>

With all classes now underway, one of the most important skills any child or adult can develop is the skill of listening. Listening involves a lot more than simply hearing. Listening means concentrating on what the other person is saying, showing that you are listening by looking at the speaker and responding in some way; perhaps by nodding your head and certainly by responding to what they say with a question or statement.

Things to remember:

- look at the person who is speaking
- stand/or sit still while you're listening
- keep your hands free of objects
- give a response to the speaker

Karen McHugh

## A message from Meg

#### **Parent/Teacher Interview**

Parents who have yet to meet with me need to make a time. As outlined by our Principal, it is important to keep communication between the school and home open and informative. If you have not had a chance to arrange a time, please contact me so we can do so.

#### Camp Wilkin

This year we will be joining Yandoit Primary School at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea. The camp is planned for May 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and will depart and return from Daylesford Primary School.

Whilst the camp is aimed for children from Grades 2-6, but arrangements can be made for younger students to join.

Please review the attached form. We really need to know if your child is attending by tomorrow.

#### The Adventures of Button!!

Button has been happily adventuring at the school in her own enclosure outside and having a lovely time... However, today Button decided that she wanted to look around the school grounds a bit more and escaped! We all went out to look at her enclosure and she was gone.



After all of us wandering around looking for her a number of times, Sierra spotted Button quite relaxed in the hedge.



Merrilyn and Meg rescued Button (who actually didn't think she needed rescuing) and she was returned to her hutch inside safely.



Incarcerated!!!

### <u>Swimming</u>

#### A reminder

We will be going to the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre for lessons which commence at 1.30pm and finish at 2.30pm on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March.

The final lesson is on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and starts at 11.30am concluding at 12.30pm on that day. <u>Please make sure that your child has their swimming</u> <u>outfit, a towel, goggles and a swimming cap</u> (required). All items should be labelled with their name.

We also recommend that your child has some extra snacks for the afternoon as they may be hungry after swimming.

Meg will be driving students to and from swimming. Please make sure that the sign and return the attached permission form

#### **Cultural Diversity Festival**

We will be celebrating Cultural Diversity with Daylesford and Yandoit Primary Schools at Daylesford on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

Children will need to be driven directly to Daylesford Primary School on that morning.

Children are invited to wear clothing from their own culture or a costume of another culture's clothing. Please also make sure that your child has a cut lunch and drink on that day. As this clashes with our Swimming program we will depart from Daylesford at 12.00pm to make sure we are at swimming on time.

Meg will be driving students to swimming from Daylesford PS. Please make sure you sign and return the attached permission form

#### **Performance**

We will be attending a comedy performance at Daylesford Primary School on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

This commences at 2.20pm.

As this is in the afternoon. Please sign the attached permission form so that Meg can drive students in on that day.

Students will need to be picked up at Daylesford Primary School at the end of the day, normal school time (3.20pm).

#### <u>Collage – Art</u>

Using Matisse as our inspiration, we are looking at creating our collage using organic shapes. As you can see we are enjoying making amazing collages with this technique.









## **Daylesford Secondary College**

invites you to attend the Information Evening on March 21 to find out what the school has to offer and meet some of the staff.

The night will run from 5:30 – 7:30 and there will be a sausage sizzle, a tour of the school and an information session.

If you have any questions please call 5348 2367.



#### **TUNING IN TO TEENS**

4 CONSECUTIVE WORKSHOPS CREATED BY THE Australian Childhood Foundation, to build supportive childparent relationships. \$20 entry includes all workshops 6pm-8.30pm Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre. 13 Camp St. 5348

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WEDS 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March.

daylesford@ourneighbourhood.org.au

#### **GUITAR LESSONS**

Lachie Hobson is a local musician offering private guitar lessons.

These can be conducted during school hours.

Is your child interested in learning to play the guitar?

Fun, rewarding lessons in a one-on-one format, with learning experiences tailored to your child's individual needs.

Ideal for beginner and intermediate players. For more information, please call Lachie on 0438 477 656

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### DO YOU HAVE A VALID MEANS-TESTED CONCESSION CARD?

Then you may be eligible to apply for the CSEF (<u>CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION</u> <u>FUND</u>)

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.

Download from the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef The CSEF Program closes on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

## **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 <u>http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au</u> 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 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

## Absences

If your child is absent from school please ring the school office asap on 5348 2480 or send a written explanation on the day of their return.

## 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.

## **Student & Community Activities**

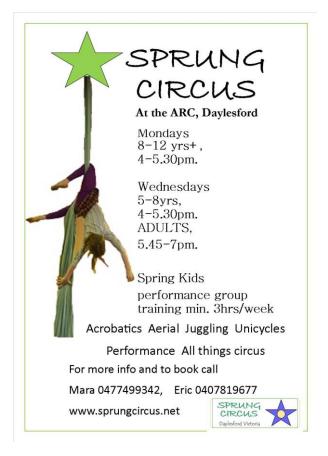


## CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL 17 – 26 MARCH

For tickets and booking information, please visit:

*www.castlemainefestival.com.au* Childrens programs are \$18/\$15\*\*Per person in family/group of 4+..

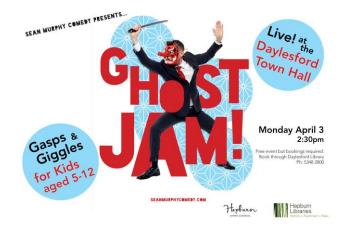






Dance and Drama classes start now! for pre-school, primary, secondary kids & adults. Creative & Contemporary Dance, Drama, Adult & Child dance, & Studio Hire.

> Info and Enrolment at: www.insideoutdancetheatre.com.au





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