# **DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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#### NEWSLETTER NO. 5 - Thursday 9/3/2017

## **CALENDAR**

MARCH Mon 13<sup>th</sup>

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher interviews Wed 15<sup>th</sup> To occur immediately after school
- 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

## 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

#### A message from Meg

#### Welcome to Lexi

Lexi has come to join us at Drummond Primary School and we have all taken time this week to welcome her to our classes. Lexi is in our Foundation year (prep). Please make her and her mum Kylie welcome.

#### Another new addition – Hello Button

Button has also started at Drummond this week and she has already had an impact!!! We have already used our new pet as a topic to write about.



I plan to integrate having a pet into the curriculum as much as possible in the future.

As you can see Button is fitting in very well.



Please feel free to say hello to Button when you come in.

Montana has described her very well...



#### **Swimming**

Our Swimming program has now been finalised.

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.

The total cost is \$71.20. This payment must be made prior to the commencement of swimming. Payment plans can be arranged with Deborah Cowen at Daylesford Primary School.

Volunteer drivers would be appreciated.

### **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.

Volunteer drivers would be appreciated to help make sure we all get back to swimming in Kyneton on time.

#### **Performance**

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

This commences at 2.20pm. Volunteer drivers are always appreciated.

As this is in the afternoon. Students will need to be picked up at Daylesford Primary School on that day.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

I will be contacting parents to arrange a time after school on either Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> for parent/teacher interviews.

#### Looking at our Brains – Science

Today we have been looking at parts of our brain. Children have been colouring in the different parts and creating a brain cap!!!



be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen

#### **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**





#### Community shopping bags to replace plastic

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Shared by locals~Reduce plastic bags

~Made by locals~

- Use recycled materials
- Engage local community
- Free, fun, sustainable

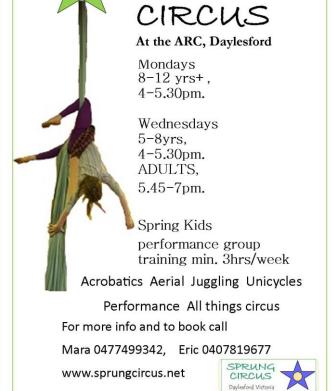
Join community groups and locals to help make Kyneton plastic bag free.

#### First meet and greet: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm Kyneton Community & Learning Ctr

Come along if you can help in any way, or are just interested in this project.

Also accepting offers to: Sew or learn to sew; Cut or iron fabric; Encourage others; Talk to local schools, community groups and individuals; Liaise with local supermarkets and shops; Organise fabric donations or storage



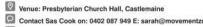


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Dance and Drama classes start now! for pre-school, primary, secondary kids & adults. Creative & Contemporary Dance, Drama, Adult & Child dance, & Studio Hire.

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



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