

Yandoit Primary School

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'Learning and Growing Together'
Be Respectful Be a Responsible Learner
Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate Be a Good Citizen

CALENDAR

February

Thursday 16th

- 9-9.30 School Assembly
- Please stay for Our Very First Assembly
- All families welcome

Monday 20th

- Working Bee 2pm – 5 pm
- Family BBQ 5pm (Provided by School Council)
- Bring a salad or dessert to share

Wednesday 22nd (Note postponed from 15th Feb)

- School Council Meeting 6pm
- Child Minding available

Friday 24th

- P-6 Excursion to Daylesford PS
- Grades 3-6 Swimming Sports Daylesford Town pool
- Grades P-2 Activities at Daylesford PS

March

Monday 13th

- Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 21st

- Cultural Day
- Excursion to Daylesford Primary School

Friday 31st March

- Last day of Term 1
- 2.30 Dismissal

Term 1 – Monday 30th January – Fri 31st March

Term 2 – Tuesday 18th April- Friday 30th June

Term 3 – Monday 17th July- Friday 22nd September

Term 4 – Monday 9th October – Fri 22nd December

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Good Manners – (Be respectful)

Good Manners Around the World Researched by 6KB

Brazil

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

Italy

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.

Japan

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 guests farewell indoors.

Australia

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

PRINCIPALS REPORT

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, classroom helpers or drivers for excursions, it is a must to ensure that all abide by this requirement.

If you would like to discuss either helping or volunteering please contact Deb Rauber. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Please note that a Volunteers note is included with this Newsletter.

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



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.

CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday Dave!



A Giant Birthday Card

Chess Presentation



Yuri receiving his two Chess Awards from
our 2016 Chess Tournament
Runner Up
Most Improved
A wonderful Achievement Yuri!

EXCURSIONS TO DAYLESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 school by **Thursday 16th February**.

Regards, The Specialist Team: Nicole Wassell, Katie Yeung, Suzanne Hobson, Trudi Blick (DPS) and Deb and Josie (YPS).

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 Tuesday, **28th February, 2017**.
- If you have been placed on a waiting list for bus travel you may also be eligible.

Absences

If your child is absent from school please ring the school asap on 54764286 or send a written explanation on the day of their return.

Also with new regulations, students who arrive after 9 am and leave before 3.30, must be signed in or out by their parents or carers. As parents already come to the classroom to pick up their child /ren, we have placed the folder near the telephone.

For parents who drop their children after 9, then please bring your child into schools that you can sign the Absences book.

We have provided Absence notes with this Newsletter. Please use these if you are explaining reasons for your child's absence. There will always be spare copies in the pocket in the back of the Absence Book. Of course, a handwritten note is satisfactory.

At the end of term, an 'Un -approved Absences' form is generated and will be sent home, so that the dates that your child was absent can be approved for the Dept of Education.

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



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.

PHOTO GALLERY



Satchen, Jane and Solomon



Louise and Sebastian



Michelle, Alexander, Lila and Nick

...and more to come next week!

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1.

STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



HIP HOP CASTLEMAINE

Movement Zone has **NEW** classes in 2017

- HipHop, Breakdance & Acrobatics
- Primary ages through to Adults classes
- Fun & fitness!

MON'S JUNIOR JAM (Beg) 4-7YRS 4:45pm-5:30pm
JUNIOR HIPHOP (Beg-Int) 8-13YRS 5:30-6:30pm
ADULTS 'SOUL FUNK' (Beg-Int) 6:30-7:30pm

WED'S TEEN HIPHOP (Int-Advanced) 13+ 5:00pm-6:00pm

Venue: Presbyterian Church Hall, Castlemaine
Contact Sas Cook on: 0402 087 949 E: sarah@movementzone.com
facebook.com/movementzone



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



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

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Daylesford Victoria



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

KYNETON

- Ballet - Jazz - Tiny Tots -
- Tap - Contemporary -

Email : starzdance@bigpond.com
Phone : 0458 333 761

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
\$30 for Family

At the Newlyn Recreation Reserve, Midland HWY Newlyn.

Please bring your own chairs. Parking on, or around the Oval.
No BYO Alcohol allowed.
Food & drinks available at the ground.