

Daylesford Primary School Newsletter

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➤ **"SEMPER MELIORA"** (Always better things)



We are Respectful, We are Responsible Learners, We are Honest and Trustworthy, We are Caring and Compassionate, We are Good Citizens

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Mon 5th ● Mini Breakfast in Gym at 8.30am
● CAST Notes Due P/1/2

**Tues 6th & Wed 7th Parent / Teacher Interviews
3.50pm - 6.10pm**

Thurs 8th Mini Breakfast in Gym at 8.30am

Friday 9th CURRICULUM DAY-Pupil free

Mon 12th Labour Day Holiday

Thurs 15th Mini Breakfast in Gym at 8.30am

Fri 16th 5/6 Golf clinic @ DPS

Mon 19th Mini Breakfast in Gym at 8.30am

Tues 20th Cultural Day-'Proud to Belong'

Thurs 22nd Mini Breakfast in Gym at 8.30am

Fri 23rd 5/6 Golf clinic @Hep Golf Club

Mon 26th ● Mini Breakfast in Gym at 8.30am
● JSC-Favourite Colours Day
(Gold coin donation)

**Thurs 29th Cross Country
End of Term 2.30pm finish.**

**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

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1: Ends 29 March (Thursday)

Term 2: 16 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

REMINDER

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ARE
ON TUESDAY 6TH AND WEDNESDAY
7TH FEBRUARY**

**If you have not nominated a time on
either of these days, please call the
office to arrange an interview time.**

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

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 (29 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

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, 2018



**Daylesford
Primary
School**

KITCHEN GARDEN

Our Friday classes are short of volunteers and would welcome any parents from across the school who would like to be involved. You don't need to be an expert cook or gardener, we are all learning together. Please note that a Working With Children Check is required before you can work with classes. The check is free and available online. Please contact Gill Carron or Sandra Evans at the school if you can help.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As required, we as a school, undertake Emergency Management evacuation drills and lockdowns. These are practised consistently as obviously we need to ensure our processes are appropriate. Of course, we hope that circumstances do not arise when the evacuation is not a drill but is required.

On Wednesday, we had a sewerage leak near the art room that certainly smelled similar to gas. As a precautionary measure, we evacuated the school students, staff and volunteers down to the oval while the circumstance was checked. All students were safe, the issue identified and we continued with lessons after about an hour. I would like to thank the children, staff and volunteers, it proved our Emergency Management drills are appropriate and timely and we have the correct strategies to ensure that safe practices of either evacuation or lockdown are undertaken. Thank you for your consideration and we will continue to provide a safe and supported school environment for all children, staff and parents. If you would like to discuss this with me, please contact me at the office.

YEAR 3 TO 6 SWIMMING HOUSE SPORTS

Congratulations to all who competed at the swimming sports last Friday. Although chilly initially it turned out to be a warm day with all children, celebrating and cheering with gusto! Well done to our swimming champions; Taj Vandenberg and Charlotte Streat. Congratulations to all who competed in the parent, student, teacher race. The day was extremely well organised by both Andrew K. and Sherilee! Thank you also to Kara Cooper and Maree Phipers for their support during swimming lessons over the previous two weeks. We now wish our 24 students all the best, who are participating at the Eureka Combined Swimming Championships at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre today.

BIG STEPS FOR TINY FEET FEATURE

On Wednesday, the Ballarat Courier had a special feature with pictures of all children in Foundation throughout Ballarat, Daylesford and Hepburn. It was a wonderful photo and celebration of children beginning their primary schooling.

PUPIL FREE DAY/LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Please note there is a Pupil Free Day on Friday the 9th March coinciding with Labour Day Holiday on the 12th of March. The newsletter will be sent home with the children next Thursday.

Enjoy your weekend,
Trevor Edwards
Principal

Absences/Must notify the school

If our child is absent from school please ring the school office **ASAP** on 53482480 on or before the day



RECYCLING

BY CHARLI AND VIOLET

SUSTAINABILITY CAPTAINS

- VIOLET AND I ARE THE FIRST SUSTAINABILITY CAPTAINS OF DAYLESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
- WE ARE HERE TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE USE THE RIGHT BINS AND HELP KEEP THE SCHOOL CLEAN.
- WE WILL ALSO TEACH YOU ABOUT RECYCLING AND KEEPING OUR ENVIRONMENT HEALTHY.
- OVER THE YEAR WE WILL ORGANISE 'CLEAN UP SCHOOL DAY', 'REUSE, RECYCLE LESSONS' IN ALL CLASSES AND EVEN RECYCLE FASHION AWARDS.

YELLOW BINS

YELLOW LIDDED BINS ARE RECYCLING BINS, THINGS THAT GO IN THE RECYCLING BIN GO TO THE RECYCLING CENTRE TO BE REUSED SO THAT THEY WON'T GO TO LANDFILL.

SOME THINGS THAT YOU CAN PUT IN THE YELLOW LIDDED BINS ARE:

- PAPER AND CARDBOARD
- HARD PLASTICS (SUCH AS MILK BOTTLES, PLASTIC CONTAINERS ETC)
- GLASS, STEEL AND ALUMINIUM CANS.



RED BINS

RED BINS ARE FOR THINGS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE RECYCLING BIN:

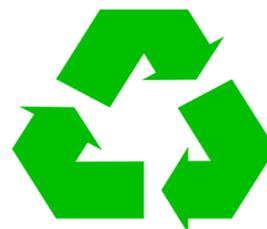
- SOFT PLASTIC (SUCH AS GLAD WRAP AND STICKY TAPE)
- CHIP PACKETS AND WRAPPERS



HOW YOU CAN HELP

YOU CAN HELP BE SUSTAINABLE BY:

- NOT LITTERING
- PUTTING RUBBISH IN THE RIGHT BIN
- PICKING UP RUBBISH WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE YARD
- REUSING AND RECYCLING



KEEP
CALM
AND
RECYCLE



2018 'House Swimming Sports' Report

Last Friday we held our annual 'House Swimming Sports' on a day, which can only be described as four seasons in one. There was a carnival like atmosphere to the event. The four house colours of red, blue, green and gold were very evident. T-shirts, banners, face paint, coloured hair and chanting the house songs, was the order of the day. A big thanks to all the students for their enthusiasm towards the day. Well done!

As for the swimming, it was great to see all the students giving their best and showing great sportsmanship towards each other. There were many smiling faces as students either completed their event or discovered they had finished in the top three places. I have to admit, when judging the backstroke and breaststroke there were many close finishes and tough decisions to call. Noodle, kickboard and 'Any Way You Can' races also produced very close finishes. We concluded the students' events with our 50m and 25m freestyle relay races.

For the second time we held our 'Teacher-Captains- Parent' relay race. There were eight teams with the 5/6 teachers taking out the race. Well done to all the parents, teachers and students who competed. I also have to make a special mention to 'Santa' who raced (Fully suited- I think) in a parent's team. Great job Santa!

Now for the results.

Congratulations to Tipperary for winning this year's event. In addition, huge congratulations must go to Taj Vandenberg and Charlotte Streat for being this year's champion swimmers.



Many thanks must go to: Students who gave their all and participated with enthusiasm. To the teachers for their support throughout the day. Sherilee for the amazing job she does organising this event. Kara Cooper (our Auswim instructor) for her assistance on the day and finally to the parents who came and supported the students and to all those who helped with the running of the day. Thank you everyone.

Finally, we all want to wish the best of luck to the twenty-four students who are competing in this weeks 'Divisional Swimming Event' on Friday. Good luck to you all!

Thanks again,
Andrew Kiellerup.

Term 1 2018 No. 4 Friday, 2nd March, 2018

CANTEEN

Sausage Rolls unavailable until further notice, sorry.

Toasted sandwiches 30cents extra



PIZZA SAUCE IS NOW USED IN OUR FOCACCIAS - NO NUTS



**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**



**Cool At School
Together - CAST**

Cool At School Together (CAST) is a school program that works together with schools, teachers, students and their families to help Prep to Grade 2 children get the best start to their school life.

CAST will be in your school for term 2 and 3 and will run a targeted 8 week social & emotional program. A small group of students will be selected from prep to grade 2 students. CAST aims to build children's social, emotional, and behavioural skills in early primary school.

The team will begin by working with teachers to identify the individual strengths and difficulties of each child. Then we will begin programs to help the children develop their skills and also to teach them ways to overcome some everyday problems.

Parents will be invited to be involved too. The Tuning into Kids Parenting program will be run in term 2. These groups are a great way of developing your existing parenting skills and learning new strategies to assist your child.

If you have any questions or would like specific topics to be discussed please do not hesitate to contact your CAST team Leanne Rankin or Gabby French on 53 203030 or CAST school representative Karen McHugh via your school reception.

Current Focus (Play by the Rules)

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Term 1 2018

| FRIDAY | SICK BAY WASHING | BANKING |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 9 th Mar | Krystal Phipers | Shelley Sandow |
| 16 th Mar | Clare Allen | June Cooper |
| 23 rd Mar | Christine Gilligan | Shelley Sandow |

| CANTEEN DUTY | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wed 7 th March | Alison Hadfield |
| Thurs 8 th March | |
| Fri 9 th March | PUPIL FREE DAY |
| Wed 14 th March | |
| Thurs 15 th March | Jess Newton |
| Fri 16 th March | Yuki McCaskill /Krystal Phipers |

STUDENT / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Chillout events @
Daylesford Library
Saturday March 10th



10.30 am
Annual Rainbow
Storytime
Join us once again for some fabulous fun and frivolity for children of all ages! Parents can come too if they promise to behave!



12 noon
Kate Downey
Author Talk
Author of the acclaimed "Lucy Star" books.



2.00 pm
Out and Proud
Speakers Corner
Share your story at our traditional speakers corner. Includes a screening of the short film "Derby Diversity: A Westside Pride Story"



We are at:
Cnr Albert and
Bridport Sts
Daylesford

For more information
or to book please call
5348 2800 or email
library@hepburn.vic.gov.au



Queer Country Pride
CHILLOUT FESTIVAL
8 - 12 March 2018
Daylesford, Victoria

Kid's Bushdance

Saturday 10th
5 - 7pm
Daylesford Town Hall

Kids under 14yrs must be with an adult.

Adults + Kids under 3 yrs FREE
Alcohol free event.

kids \$15

chilloutfestival.com.au

DAYLESFORD FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB



PLAYERS WANTED FOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TEAMS - ALL AGE GROUPS
Contact Carson White for more details:
0499 811 817

Term 1 2018 No. 4 Friday, 2nd March, 2018



Hepburn Beetles



A group for foster & kinship carers living in the Daylesford area

CAFS Kinship Care program facilitates monthly morning teas Thursdays from 10:30am - 12pm (Address provided on enquiry)

- If you would like to join us -
- > For a coffee and a chat
 - > To meet other local carers
 - > To access information and support

You can contact Toni Schiltz 03 53373333



Are you caring for someone else's child?

Kinship Care is when children and young people are cared for by siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles or friends of the family, when the children's parents are unable to care for them.

Parents may be unable to care for their children due to: mental illness, difficulties managing alcohol & drug use, homelessness or domestic violence.

"Hepburn Beetles" Daylesford - Thursdays 10:30am-12pm (private address; provided on enquiry)

22nd February, 29th of March, 26th April, 31st May, 28th June, 26th July, 30th August, 25th October, 29th November and 13th December (Christmas function - venue TBA)

Music for grown-ups!

You're never too old to add more music to your life, for fun, for personal growth, for creative expression, for you. Private and group lessons available in piano, singing, singing/ukulele or alto/tenor recorder. For more info, contact: suzannehobson1@gmail.com

International Women's Day

International Women's Day Heather Mutimer Women's Honour Roll Function

Celebrate International Women's Day 2018

We are pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for the 2018 International Women's Day civic event is Deborah Cheetham AO.

Deborah Cheetham, Yorta Yorta woman, Soprano, composer and educator has been a leader and pioneer in the Australian arts landscape for more than 25 years.



Photographer: Kristina Kingston

Date: Thursday 8 March 2018
Time: 6 pm
Venue: Daylesford Town Hall
76 Vincent Street, Daylesford

Come along and celebrate International Women's Day in Hepburn Shire. Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the event.



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Current Focus (Play by the Rules)