June 23, 2016

Upcoming Events

**Friday June 24**
Yarra Valley FM 99.1—10am
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Early School Dismissal—2.30pm

**Saturday July 2**
Sausage Sizzle Election Day

**Monday July 11**
TERM 3 STARTS

**Wednesday July 27**
Little Learners Session

**August 8-11**
Yr 5/6 Urban camp
**Saturday August 27, 7.30pm**
Parent Club Trivia Night
**Tickets available $20 each**

**Saturday October 15**
Shopping Tour

**November 9-11**
Yr 3/4 Beechworth Camp
**Friday November 25**
School Production

**Wednesday December 14**
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
**Friday December 16**
Family carols Night

**FORMS DUE BACK:**
Yr 5/6 CAMP DEPOSIT

**2016 TERM DATES**
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

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**Our vision for Dixons Creek Primary School is to empower students to embrace learning; to achieve their personal best and to build their emotional, social and physical well-being so they may actively contribute to the local and global community in a child safe environment. All members of the school community will value, and **REACH** to be: Resilient, Energetic, Accountable, Caring and Honest.**

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**PRINCIPAL PREAMBLE**

Sharon Walker

As each term comes to an end I always look back at what we have achieved.
There does not seem to be a week gone past that an extra-curricular event has not taken place.

I thank the teaching staff for their hard work and dedication to our children and families at school during this long term. So much hidden teacher time goes into planning lessons that will motivate and inspire children.

Thank you to our parent group who are always amazing. This week I sent out an email to ask for help at the Election Day BBQ. Within hours we had filled the roster. For the ‘Twinsies Day’ parents were asked to provide a plate of savoury food for a shared buffet. It was glorious to see the expressions on the children’s faces as they came out to lunch and saw the four tables of food! The costumes were also fabulous. These extra-curricula activities are often the ones that live in memories forever. We could not plan these days if we did not have the support of the parent community, so well done!

Please be aware that the Parent Club will need help with the upcoming Trivia Night. There will be lots of last minute photocopying and setting up that needs to be done in the week before this night. It is approaching fast so please see Emma and Cassie if you can help.

Don’t forget the Shopping Tour scheduled for October. The $20.00 deposit is due now.

I will be taking Long Service Leave from August 19 until September 16. I am going to the Baltic States, starting in Bucharest and ending in Budapest. During this time Miss Hayley Bawden will be Acting Principal and Mrs Margot Pope will teach in Yr 4/5B. It is great that we have staff in the school who can act in the principal role. Succession planning is very important for rural schools as it can be hard to attract experienced principals.

This term has been a long one and everyone is tired. Enjoy the next two weeks in the warmth and peace of your homes. Stay safe and we will all be back on Monday July 11.

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Who has tried talking about the REACH values as a family? During the school holidays may be a great time for school and home to work together in helping children familiarize themselves with what each value means for them.

Little Learner Orientation Dates 2016

Wed July 27
Wed August 10 and 31
Wed September 14
Wed October 12 and 26
Wed November 23
Wed December 7 (9am -1.30pm)

SIBLING RIVALRY AND FIGHTING

Parents often ask teachers how to handle sibling rivalry and fighting at home. Here are some tips from the very helpful site ‘Raising Children.’ [http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/fighting.html/context/557]

Children learn how to sort out differences by watching and copying behaviour they see in their environments.

So if children see you sorting out your differences in positive ways, they’ll learn to behave this way too. This is called modelling good behaviour. You can model behaviour such as cooperating, staying calm when you’re angry, checking the facts before you act, reacting in a way that’s appropriate to the situation and listening to other people’s points of view.

Kids learn from negative behaviour too. If you tend to discipline by smacking, your children are more likely to smack their brothers, sisters, friends – or even you. They’re also more likely to choose fighting if:

- they constantly see people being aggressive towards each other, particularly their parents, bigger brothers and sisters, and friends
- they get what they want by pushing, shoving or fighting
- their parents don’t set consistent limits on fighting or aggression
- they see lots of violence on TV, at the movies and in video games.

What research tells us about fighting

- Boys and girls fight at about the same level, but they tend to fight in different ways.
- Closeness in age contributes. The closer siblings are in age, the more they tend to fight.
- Parents aren’t to blame, but they do have an influence. The amount of fighting between children is affected by their temperaments, skills, ages – and the way their parents behave.
- Equality matters. Fighting is more likely when kids feel they’re not being treated fairly. If they feel singled out or blamed, they’re more likely to act aggressively towards their brothers or sisters.

Agreed family rules and values are so important. It is much easier to discipline children if they have a very clear idea of what is expected of every family member. Using the values language is important too. Saying, ‘You were not showing our family value of caring when you………..’ is much better than just saying you were being ‘naughty.’ Give it a go!

Parents photographing children in classrooms or on excursions

Please remember that parents do not have the right to photograph other people’s children without permission from their parent. Some of our families have not given permission for their children to be photographed other than for the class photos.
TWINSIES DAY

On Friday June 10 we held our first ever ‘Twinsies Day’ at school. This idea came from the children and was designed to be a day ‘just for fun!’ AND what fun we all had. The day started with a parade of twins and then went on to the talent quest. Such brave children to get up in front of the whole school and sing and dance. Amazing!

At lunch time the children enjoyed the buffet provided by our very clever parents. The food selection was wonderful and without any sweet foods it was nutritious too. We saw many little people waddle by as they had to try everything!

A huge thank you to our families for providing entertaining costumes and an awesome lunch.
This week we were very fortunate to finish the semester with a visit from local artist, Jo Bartlett. Jo loves drawing and painting and takes art classes at community houses around the area. She shared with the children some history about how she came to work in the area that she is passionate about and we were fortunate to see some of her beautiful drawings and paintings.

Jo taught the children about cartooning. They drew all sorts of interesting characters emphasizing features, but always remembering that cartooning is about making people smile and laugh. A lot of the children found it challenging to not use an eraser and the senior children enjoyed using the soft pastels to outline their drawings.

I would personally like to thank Jo for giving us her time and sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with the children and myself on Monday, it was a lot of fun. (Thank you also to Tatum for sharing her Nana with us).

Amanda Hull
As part of our ‘student leadership’ initiative, the ‘Communication’ group will have a chance to present once a month on the ‘School’s In’ program at 10am. This month Jason, Luke, Shanice and Curtis will be presenting. Tune in at 99.1FM this Friday, June 24, at around 10am.

Thank you to Christina Burpee for transporting our little group to and from school. Thank you to Ryan Walker for coordinating and supporting this initiative. The presenters will leave school at around 9am and be back by 11.30am.

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**ELECTION DAY BBQ ROSTER – JULY 1, AT SCHOOL**

8AM - 10AM
SHARON WALKER/ LEE EVANS/
JOHNSTON-SHORTIS

10AM – 11AM
AMANDA HULL/ RENEE OAKLEY/
ADAM OAKLEY

11AM – 12PM
MERIDIE JACKSON/ FELICITY ELLIS

12PM – 2PM
KIRSTEN SMITH/ SANDRA HANNAGAN/ KERRIE MCMURRAY

Tim is available as an emergency so please ring 0410 445 417 if you cannot attend.

Thank you so much to all the people who offered to help—especially as this falls in the school holidays. Helpers can vote at the school on the day as an absentee vote if not in your electorate.

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**PARENT CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT**

We are all really excited about our upcoming Trivia Night on Saturday August 27, 2016. The night begins at 7.30pm in the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall.

Tickets are now available from the office for $20.00 each. Make up a table of 10 and come along for a night filled with much fun and laughter. Start saving up your gold coins for the coin tosses and bring along cash or cheques for the silent auctions—no credit card facilities.

We are desperate for items to auction. Do you have a brand new gift that sits in the cupboard unused? Could you approach a business for a voucher or gift donation? Monies raised by the night will go towards our new gazebo project and in beautifying the children’s quiet area.

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON FIRST IN BASIS SO START PLANNING YOUR NIGHT!**

**21/06/2016—TABLES ARE FILLING FAST SO BEST TO BOOK BY TOMORROW!**
Come join us!

Wednesday 6th July
Futsal Oz Mt Evelyn
19-23 Hereford Rd,
Mt Evelyn 3796

$60
A day packed full of footy fun! Come and test your football skills. Lots of games and fun to be had.

Contact: Dean Rice
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YARRA JUNCTION

OPEN DAY ~ 1:00 TO 3:00PM
SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2016
AT Upper Yarra Secondary
College Gymnasium

FREE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
1:00 - 1:30pm - 11 yrs and under Jazz
1:30 - 2:00pm - 11 yrs and under Cheerleading
2:00 - 2:30pm - 12 yrs and over Cheerleading
2:30 - 3:00pm - 12 yrs and over Contemporary

YARRA JUNCTION STUDIO OFFICIALLY OPENING 12TH JULY
Join Healesville Swimming Club

If you or your child can competently swim all strokes (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly) and are keen to further develop your swimming skills and fitness, please consider joining the Healesville Swimming Club. With the new swimming year about to commence in July, now is the perfect time to join!

We are a friendly community-based club that provides swimmers of all ages with the opportunity to develop their swimming skills, learn about and participate in competitive events, and improve their health and physical fitness. Our swimmers also learn all about good sportsmanship and camaraderie within a friendly community environment.

Squad training sessions are held on weekday evenings at the Jack Hort Memorial Indoor Pool in Healesville. Club members also compete at local and interclub meets, and attend social events and awards nights. Most of our swimmers train two evenings per week.

You are welcome to come along and watch a squad training session in action (6pm Monday-Thursday evenings at the Jack Hort Indoor Pool at Healesville High School). To find out more please email our Club President.

Club President: Stuart Marshall
stuartmarshall8@bigpond.com

We do all we can to keep fees as low as possible. The following is a breakdown of fees for 2016-17:

Swimming Victoria Registration & Insurance 2016-17 (annual)
Free for 7 years old and under
$53 for 8 years old
$76 for recreational swimmers
$106 for competitive swimmers

Healesville Swimming Club Membership (annual)
$50

Squad Coaching Fees (quarterly)
$75 Stingrays and Dolphins (2x1 hour squad training)
$95 Sharks (2x1.5 hour squad training)

Pool entry – payable direct to the indoor pool

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