“A Positive 2015 Start to School at Daylesford Secondary College”

Above Lacie Chelsea and Santino enjoying the wonderful Pop-Up Garden.

It has been a positive start to the 2015 school year. Enrolments are strong, staffing has been finalised and everyone is keen to work together to achieve the best possible for students, staff and the community this year. I wish everyone all the best for a successful 2015.

G. Holmes, Principal

COMING EVENTS

House Swimming Sports – Tuesday 17 February
House Athletic Sports – Monday 23 March
2015 Year 7 Camp – Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 March
DATES TO REMEMBER – 2015

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Term Dates 2015

Term 1: 28 January – 24 March
Term 2: 13 April – 26 June
Term 3: 13 July – 18 September
Term 4: 5 October – 18 December

Online Calendar and Newsletters

Calendar
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Principal’s News - Mr Graeme Holmes

Welcome back to students, staff and the school community to the 2015 school year. It has been interesting to hear the holiday stories and the adventures of our students and staff and especially intriguing to hear about the World Challenge Malaysian experience. I hope that everyone had a restful and pleasant holiday.

A special welcome goes to a number of people who have joined our school community this year. In particular, I welcome the Year 7 students. We have 90 fresh young faces in our Year 7 group this year. It was pleasing to see the way they settled in quickly to the routines and structure of the school. We have also had a few students join us in various year levels across the school. Welcome to each and welcome back to others who left us temporarily. Another special welcome goes to our new staff. Welcome to teachers Amelia James (Visual Communications) who taught in Ballarat last year; to Kerrie Brunt (English/Philosophy) who has joined us from Swan Hill; to Nigel Jones (English/History) who is from Melbourne and to Allie Morrissey (Maths/IT) who has stepped across from ‘cat country’ of Geelong. We also welcome back from leave Carol Gleeson who will be with us during term 1 whilst Ms Wood is on leave. Two new Education Support staff have also joined us this year. Welcome to Leah Stevens who was at Daylesford Primary last year and to Tania Dunn who joins us from Tylden Primary School.

**Student Leadership** Following extensive application, interview and voting processes, I am pleased to announce that we have a new student leadership team this year. School captains Cam Ferrier and Jess Rae have teamed up with vice-captains Marley Wright and Jade Eccles to become a popular student leadership group. These students will represent the College at a number of official functions as well as have input to school improvement. SRC leaders will be announced shortly. House captains and House vice-captains have also been appointed.

**Year 12 Induction Day** The Year 12 students spent their first day of the school year at a study and information day at Boomerang Ranch last week. By all reports it was a highly informative day and has set the scene for a successful 2015. Guest speaker Angela Manning, an ex-student of Daylesford Secondary and a highly credentialed business executive, set the scene with an inspirational talk. There were many messages embedded throughout her presentation but two which stood out for me were the emphasis on the need for a strong work ethic built up during school years to carry into the workforce and the second was the advice to strive for higher results so that you have choices rather than being forced to accept something you may not really want. In effect, she was telling students to “Aim High”. Congratulations to Ms Olver and Ms Kirby for organising an excellent introduction to Year 12 and thanks goes to all of the presenters who provided workshops.

*“Jack, Jenny & Cam listen intently during one of their orientation sessions.”*

**Grounds Development**

If you have had the chance to walk through our school grounds recently you will have noticed...
some wonderful changes. A highly motivated group of parents led by Marcus Swetnam and Carolyn Lau spent many hours here over the holidays repairing and beautifying our grounds. They have completed the ‘Pop-Up Garden’ which was commenced by our VCAL students last year. More significantly, the rough and corrugated terrain between B and C wings has been removed, a smooth surface has been laid and a series of rocks has been placed to create a relaxing and attractive garden setting. On behalf of the students and staff, thanks go to Marcus, Carolyn and Brendan (O’Conal) and many others for their wonderful work. There will be a working-bee shortly to continue the improvements.

Homegroups and Learning Communities

The Homegroups/Learning communities structure introduced in 2014 will continue this year. Homegroups are established with students from Years 7 to 12 mixed together to form a vertical age-grouping. We have 24 vertical homegroups. These groups meet most mornings from 9am. Monday morning is an extended 15 minutes session as is Thursday which is a silent reading session. On the other three mornings the homegroup meets for five minutes to mark the roll, check uniforms and use the planner to assist organisation and learning. The Homegroup teachers are listed later in this newsletter.

We have three Learning Communities led by Learning Community Managers (LCMs). A learning community is a combination of year levels. Our Junior LC is made up of Years 7 and 8, middle is Years 9 and 10 and senior is Years 11 and 12. The Learning Community Managers are:

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I encourage you to make contact with Learning Community Managers if you have any concerns regarding your child or to inform them of any issues that may require follow-up. Ring the school on 5348 2367 to make an appointment.

College Notices

Fire Warning Days

The weather appears to be warming up hence alerts have been recorded for the possibility of bushfires over the next few months. Daylesford Secondary College has a detailed Emergency Management Plan which we will enact if an emergency arises. A summary of the important points of the plan is being prepared for distribution to parents. It is important to note that, given the location of the College and the large number of buses running through bushfire areas, there is a possibility of school closure when we are directed to do so by the authorities. You will be given as much notice as possible if there is impending closure or alteration/cancellation of any bus runs. Contact for Emergency Management is Mr Graeme Holmes and Mr Alec Cimera and contact for bus runs is Mr Peter Geddes. All can be contacted through the school phone number of 5348 2367.

Uniform

Daylesford Secondary College has a distinctive and smart-looking uniform. The official uniform, as approved by College Council, can be purchased at Daylesford Clothing who is the official supplier of our school uniform.

Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Construction Induction – Tuesday 10 February for VET, VCAL and Year 10 Work Experience students if planning to work on a building site.

Level 2 First Aid – Tuesday 17 March for VET, VCAL and other senior students.

Responsible Service of Alcohol – Senior students. Contact Ms Bosch.

Music

Instrumental Music 2015

All Instrumental timetables are on the DSC webpage under Instrumental tables. Please check these regularly so that students do not miss their lesson time. Other relevant information is also on this site. Calendar’s of events, band rehearsal times and teacher availability are also on this site. Year 7’s will start lessons next week as many students expressed interest in learning guitar, singing, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Please contact Ms Verbyla with any enquires.
CENTREPAY DEDUCTIONS
(For families who receive a Centrelink Payment)

What is Centrepay?
Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving Centrelink payments. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay school fees by having a regular amount deducted from your payments and transferred electronically to Daylesford Secondary College.

Will it cost you anything?
There is no charge for this service.

Is there a minimum payment amount?
Yes, the minimum payment amount for deductions for Daylesford Secondary College is $10 per fortnight.

How do you apply for Centrepay?
You can apply for Centrepay deductions:
- by completing the Centrepay deduction form from the General Office or downloading the form from the Department of Human Services at www.humanservices.gov.au/onlineservices

What information do you need to provide when applying for Centrepay?
You will need:
- your Customer Reference Number (CRN)
- the amount you want deducted from your payments each fortnight
- the payments from which you want the deductions to be paid
- the payday that you want the deduction to start.

Centrelink will send you a letter confirming the details of your deductions. Centrelink will pay your deductions to the College on the same day you receive your Centrelink payments.

Can you change your Centrepay deductions?
Yes, you can change, suspend or cancel your deductions at any time online at humanservices.gov.au/onlineservices, by calling Centrelink or completing a Centrepay deduction form at a Centrelink Service Centre. Centrelink will send you a letter and advise the College of your changes, suspensions or cancellation.

What changes can you make to your Centrepay deductions?
You can make the following changes to your deductions:
- suspend your deduction amount temporarily for a maximum period of 13 weeks
- request a future end date when deductions will automatically cease
- nominate or change a target amount so deductions will automatically stop when that target amount has been reached
- change the deduction amount you are paying to a new amount or change the amount temporarily
- cancel your deduction at any time.

What happens if there is a change to your payments?
You may not always be able to deduct the full amount requested if your Centrelink payment:
- is reduced because of income or earnings
- has been reduced or suspended because of a non-payment period, or
- is reduced because other deductions have been made, such as overpayments—leaving you with an insufficient amount left for your Centrepay deduction.

For further information, please speak to Lisa Brewer, Business Manager at the school office or via email at Daylesford.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
Welcome to our New Teachers

Front: Allie Morrissey (Maths/IT) and Kerrie Brunt (English/Philosophy)
Back: Amelia James (Visual Communications) and Nigel Jones (English/History)
Absent: Leah Stevens & Tania Dunn (Education Support)

2015 Homegroup Teachers

**HUME**

**Group 1H** – Ms Liz Woodroofe  Rm A10  (Sarah Dowell Mondays)
Group 2H - Mr Luke Roberts  B2
Group 3H – Ms Gemma Gill  B6
Group 4H - Ms Amelia James  D3
Group 5H – Ms Janise Slater  Library
Group 6H – Ms Allison Clarke  F2

**STURT**

**Group 1S** – Ms Shayna Williams  C5
Group 2S - Ms Erin Low  D6
Group 3S – Ms Susan Verbyla  D4
Group 4S – Mr Nigel Jones  C2
Group 5S - Mr Brendan Murray  B3  (Ms Jenny Penaluna  Tuesdays)
Group 6S – Sandra Norsen  C1

**BURKE**

**Group 1B** – Mr Sean Coleman  E4
Group 2B – Ms Helen Robinson  A2  (Ms Jenny Penaluna  Tuesdays)
Group 3B - Mr Roger Gooding  C4
Group 4B - Mr Bob Grisdale  A11
Group 5B –Mr Michael Sayn  E3
Group 6B –Ms Marg Cattanach  A4

**FLINDERS**

**Group 1F**–Mr Wayne Pickering in Theatre
Group 2F - Mr Martyn Nettleton  C3
Group 3F – Mr Martin Hogan  E1  (Mr Alec Cimera Mondays)
Group 4F – Ms Allie Morrissey  A6
Group 5F - Ms Eirinn Taylor  A9
Group 6F – Mr Pete Geddes  B4

2015 DSC School Captains

**Congratulations** Cameron (front) Jessica (left) – School Captains and Jade (middle) and Marley – Vice School Captains.

Sports/PE/Outdoor Education

**HOUSE CAPTAINS 2015**

Congratulations to the following students on being elected House Captains and Vice Captains for 2015.

**Burke Boys:**  (C) Blake Le Long  (VC) Braydon Brooks  
**Burke Girls:**  (C) Jessica Rae  (VC) Ruby Scott

**Hume Boys:**  (C) Callan Wellings  (VC) Cameron Lovig
**Hume Girls:**  (C) Jenny Bossinger  (VC) Jessica Phillipot

**Flinders Boys:**  (C) Declan Olver  (VC) Jack Simmonds  
**Flinders Girls:**  (C) Melissa Howell  (VC) Lotus Hackenberger

**Sturt Boys:**  (C) Alex Savvinos  (VC) Bill Giacometti
**Sturt Girls:**  (C) Abbey Cooper  (VC) Clare Daly
On Tuesday 17th February the House Swimming Sports will be held at the Daylesford Swimming Pool. Students are to attend school for House Meetings then bused to the pool. **Buses will also pick up students from the pool at the end of the day.**

Wearing house colours is encouraged and there will be prizes for the most imaginative dressed students.

There will be a BBQ available to purchase food and **no pass outs will be allowed on the day.** If students want to be dismissed from the pool at 3.23 they will need a note from parents/guardians, who along with friends and relatives are most welcome to attend.

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**Senior Learning Community**

**Year 12 Induction Day**

The first school day of 2015 started off with a trip to Boomerang Ranch for our Year 12 students. The day aims to give students an insight into what can be expected from Year 12, outlines rules and regulations associated with VCE and VCAL, looks at pathways beyond secondary education and gives them tips for being a successful Year 12 student and managing stress throughout the year. Students were lucky enough to be spoken to by past Daylesford Secondary College student Angela Manning. Angela spoke to students about her life, the importance of having a strong work ethic and doing your best to ensure you have as many choices available to you as possible. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear from a past student and to see what you can achieve if you ‘aim high’. A special thanks to the staff of Boomerang Ranch for their assistance on the day and to Angela Manning for speaking to our students.

**Tuesday Night Senior Study Sessions**

Senior students are invited to attend our senior school study nights on Tuesdays after school. Some senior staff will be available to assist students with their study during this time.

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**Mathematics**

The teachers in the Maths faculty appreciate the efforts that parents and guardians have taken to ensure their child is fully equipped for classes. Each student in Years 7 to 10 is required to have an electronic copy of the text book, a Maths Mate homework pad, a binder book for class work, one for notes/examples and one for homework workings. They also need a calculator.

**Years 7 – 10 Maths Mate Homework**

Every Year 7 to 10 student has a weekly Maths Mate homework sheet to complete. Students need to show workings for marked questions on the Maths Mate sheets. These should be presented in a separate binder book and handed in with the homework. This will assist us to follow up problem questions and will act as a reference for later sheets. Parents are asked to sight and sign the homework both as a way to get involved and to improve your student’s performance.

**Years 7 – 10 Maths Mate Due Days**

Weekly homework due dates:

- 7.1 Mrs Coburn - Friday
- 7.2 Miss Ellis - Monday
- 7.3 Mr Grisdale - Friday
- 7.4 Ms Taylor - Thursday
- 8.1 Mr Pethica - Monday
- 8.2 Miss Ellis - Wednesday
- 8.3 Miss Morrissey - Monday
- 8.4 Mr Geddes - Thursday
- 9.1 Mr Roberts - Thursday
- 9.2 Miss Ellis - Thursday
- 9.3 Miss Morrissey - Monday
- 9.4 Mr Dunn - Thursday
- 10 Ms Olver - Tuesday
- 10 Mr Pethica - Monday
- 10 Miss Violante - Tuesday
- 10 Mr Geddes - Wednesday

**Maths Homework and Classwork Help**

The Maths teachers at DSC recognise that some students struggle to complete their class work or homework. We offer after school help with homework and classwork on Tuesdays, from 3:30 to 4:30, starting on 10th February. Students should bring their maths work and necessary equipment to B4.

**Concerned About Your Child’s Maths?**

If parents have any concerns about their child’s maths work, they should contact their maths teacher at the school.

*Ms Natalie Kirby and Mrs Angela Olver*

*Senior Learning Community Managers*

*The Maths Faculty*
Junior Learning Community

Last Thursday, 90 bright eyed Year 7 students joined us at Daylesford Secondary College. Through discussions with them, it would seem they all had a rather smooth transition into the next step of their education. We look forward to assisting them throughout the year and hearing of the positive experiences they have.

“Year 7 Students Catching Up with Friends and Meeting New Friends”

Above front, Lily. From left: Austin, Shey, Zarli, Andromeda, Cloe, Alyssa and Romy

Above left: Angus, Shannon, Blake, Brett, Brody, William, Liam, Shea and Owen

Above: Natasha and Montanna

Right: Alex, Ivory & Mitchell

Daylesford Secondary College
Garden Rejuvenation

“Thank You” to all Community members involved in the project

Marcus and Carolyn had nothing better to do during the recent Christmas holidays, so they drove up to the school and did a bit of landscaping. They proceeded to cut, weed, raise and level spaces; they shovelled, scraped, moved, dug-in, positioned and settled a few dozen large rocks into artistic formations, at select locations. ‘A piece of Cake’, I don’t think. What they in fact did was turn each area of the environment they worked on, into something of ‘beauty, good taste and practical good use’. You can tell, the students are thrilled and ‘more than pleased’ having their school improved in such a dramatic, unexpected way. It’s hard not to love it visually, and Marcus, you’d be pleased to know that students are sitting all over it. Just like you knew it would, it works. We recognise our good fortune in having you and other parents and friends of students at Daylesford Secondary College who have such generous hearts and minds.

It’s hard not to be impressed and uplifted by the thought that some people would volunteer (and think about this for a moment), for a week, doing physically hard work, for us. No gain for themselves, other than the satisfaction of creating something attractive that makes a difference at Daylesford Secondary College.

On behalf of the staff and students at Daylesford Secondary College, may it be said that your vision, strength and determination has been greatly appreciated. For years to come, staff, and particularly students will be able to enjoy the fruits of your kindness and your fine hard work.

Thankyou. No really - THANKYOU

Written by an appreciative member of staff
31 January 2015 Up Date - Daylesford Secondary College Garden Rejuvenation

Daylesford Secondary College broke ground on its garden rejuvenation project last month with volunteer parents, students & former students working on the major overhaul to the school gardens. In the first stage, old bitumen, concrete and tiles were cleared away behind the squash court and between the wings of the school making way for new gravel and rock placement. The next stage, planned for later in the year, will create seating areas for the students. The garden project aims to create engaging outdoor spaces for our community’s young people, to inspire pride in our community’s school and a love of learning in its students. Last year, parent Marcus Swetnam volunteered to draw up a design for the grounds, and VCAL students started off the process by making and installing panels to decorate the squash court covered space. Community members involved in the project to date are: Eddie Comelli, Greg Coleiro, Bill Pedretti, Bohdan Evans, Tim Ferrier, John Harrison, Andrew Hitchman, Carolyn Lau, Wayne Little, Andrew MacMillan, Brendan O’Conal, Ron Petkovic, Shane Petkovic, Marcus Swetnam, Jamie Torrance

From left, Brendan O’Conal, Andrew MacMillan and Shane Petkovic volunteered their time to work on the project. Photo work on squash court covered space

Before commencement of project - Winter garden sitting space 03/02/2014
Photos taken by Daylesford College student Elise O’Conal

Over the summer holidays, our garden has flourished and is starting to provide zucchinis, basil, parsley and tomatoes. The fruit trees are also laden with quince, plums, nectarines and peaches which have been shared amongst students and staff. Other produce will be ready to harvest soon. The photo above shows the wonderful display that the sunflowers are giving us along the garden fence. These were planted on our Garden Day in October and we were pleasantly surprised to see just how well they had done. They are quite a show!
Girls in Year 11 - 2015

**REMINDER** to Year 11 girls please see Ms Marg Cattanach regarding MENTOR BREAKFAST.

**Student Support at Lunch Time and After School**

**SCIENCE Help Tuesdays**

If you need a bit of help with any science homework or classwork come along to a catch up and help session every Tuesday lunchtime in A8. **Bring your lunch and whatever you need help with of a science nature.**

**After School MATHS Help**

Maths teachers are available to help students with their homework or other maths work after school every **Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30** starting on 10th February. Students should bring their maths work and necessary equipment to **B4**.

**Tuesday Night SENIOR STUDY Sessions**

Senior students are invited to attend our senior school study nights on Tuesdays after school. Some senior staff will be available to assist students with their study during this time.

**Ski Camp**

**Ski Camp 2015**

Are you in Year 8-11 and interested in learning how to ski or snowboard? Perhaps you already have these skills and want to perfect them.

If so, watch this space (And start saving your pennies)

**Community News**

**MATHS Help**

Ms Arndt is available for help with maths. Call her on 5476 4420 to discuss your needs.

**Inside Out Dance Theatre**

**Inside Out Dance Theatre - Dance and Drama classes**

Term 1 Classes start 2nd Feb
Creative Dance, Ballet, Drama, Boys’ Dance, Adult & Child, Contemporary, African Dance & Studio Hire.
Ph: 0417 592 522
Factory 2 / 39 East St, Daylesford

**Daylesford Volleyball**

The new season commences on Monday 9th February at 6.30 pm at the ARC.

Social and open divisions. Cost only $5.00 for a 1 hour game. So come along and form a team or we can place you in a team. The only experience required is that you like to have fun, make new friends, get a little bit fit and learn some new skills. All students, parents and teachers welcome. Contact Colin Priest 53487674 or 0447487674 School and Victorian Volleyball Coach

**Community Bus**

Looking for a lift? The community bus travels four days a week.
There are 2 return trips a day - Mornings: leaves Daylesford after 9am* and returns to Daylesford at 10.30am Afternoons: leaves Daylesford at 1pm and returns before 2.30pm*
It travels between Daylesford and Musk/Bullarto/Trentham on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** and between Daylesford and...
Wheatsheaf/ Glenlyon/ Denver on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.
- The bus will come to you – picking you up and dropping you off anywhere along the way.
- Children 12 years and over can travel without an adult.
- Child seats and hoist are available.
- Donations accepted with thanks.

Call Jordon on 1300 44 35 34 to plan your trip. **Book before 12 noon** the day before travelling.

*The actual bus stop locations and times will change depending on bookings.

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Fiona Robson**  
Rural Access  
Hepburn Health Service  
PO Box 465, Daylesford Victoria 3460  
T: 03 5321 6567, E: fionar@hhs.vic.gov.au  

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**Mt Prospect Tennis Association**

**HOT SHOTS JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAM**

The Mt Prospect Tennis Association (Creswick) is proud to offer a 6 week Hot Shots Community Play Program

From: Saturday 07 February 2015 through to Saturday 21 March 2015.

**Note no program on Saturday 07 March due to Labour Day Long Weekend.**

Primary school aged children aged between 5-8 years are invited to participate in this exciting program that introduces children to tennis skill development, game knowledge, and physical activity in a fun environment.

- **HotShots** – 30 minutes sessions for the younger participants – **Cost: $36**
- **HotShots Plus** – 45 minute sessions for older participants – **Cost: $54**

**Note:** Parents must be in attendance for the duration of their child’s session.

**Registration:** Contact Natalie O’Brien on ph: 0411 504 253 or email: pnobrien@skymesh.com.au

**Where:** Mt Prospect Courts (Creswick) – Court 23.

**Bring:** Hat, racquet (if you have one), drink bottle and your registration money.

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**Driving Lessons**

[Phil Anderson  
Driver Trainer  
Ph. Phil 0487948668  
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Still need 120 hours but the Pressure is too much then call Phil I have time for you