Year 7 Students at Ecolinc
Learning about Ecosystems
and the Importance of Biodiversity in the Environment

This week the Year 7 students attended Ecolinc in Bacchus Marsh. Earlier in the year students learnt about ecosystems and the importance of biodiversity in the environment and this excursion was an extension of that Unit. Ecolinc is set within an indigenous landscape featuring a model wetland designed to intercept and filter storm water. The wild weather the night before proved to be fortuitous. Students explored a variety and number of macro invertebrates found in the wetland. Many macro invertebrates are highly sensitive to environmental changes and cannot easily escape pollution, which make them good indicators of the health of waterways. Students also had the opportunity to make a 2 minute movie addressing an aspect of biodiversity. Bearded dragons, long neck turtles and spotted marsh frogs filled the lead roles, however our Year 7’s were the real stars of the day!!

COMING EVENTS

DSC Working Bee – 8 November
Year 12 Valedictory Dinner – 20 November

Please note: NO SCHOOL Tuesday 4th November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
**DATES TO REMEMBER – 2014**

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**Term Dates 2014**

| Term 4    | 6 October – 19 December |

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**Principal’s News - Mr Graeme Holmes**

**Both Parties Commit Funds**

We had a visit by the Minister for Education, Martin Dixon, last Friday. The purpose of his visit was to announce a pledge by his party to provide $10 million for Stage 2 of the Daylesford Secondary College building program. This is welcome news as both of the major parties have now made a commitment to Stage 2 funding.

The College is now in a solid position to continue its planning for redevelopment. The announcement comes on the back of the guaranteed $139,000 for maintenance of the current Auto/Music/Art/Graphics building (D Block), a project which is about to begin.

**Paint & Prune**

One of the roles of our College Council is to oversee the maintenance and care of our grounds and buildings. The facilities committee plays a key role in this duty. Some of the tasks are undertaken by contractors and College employees. There are, however, a number of grounds maintenance jobs which need doing that are beyond our resources. Thus we ask that you support your school and your school council by coming along to our ‘paint and prune’ working bee on Saturday 8 November from 9am-12 noon.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

**Parent Forum**

A small, passionate group of parents attended the Parents’ Forum earlier this week. We spoke at length around curriculum choice, student management, communication, Parent/Teacher/Student interviews, car parking in Smith Street and a range of other topics.

I would like to thank the parents who attended and acknowledge their willingness to identify and commend the strengths of Daylesford Secondary as well as provide insights on areas we need to work on improving. Their input will help in planning our priorities for 2015. The next Parent Forum will be an evening session from 7-8pm on Wednesday 26 November.

**VCE Exams**

The end-of-year examinations are now well underway for the VCE students doing Unit 3 & 4 subjects. We all wish them well and hope they achieve their aspirations.

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**Online Calendar and Newsletters**

Calendar
Subscribe to Newsletter [www.daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au)
Click link “Join our Mailing List”

**Exam stress management for students and parents:**
Below are some web links for students and parents to help deal with stress at exam times.


Working Bee
8th November 9am till 12pm

Jobs that need doing
Weeding, Painting, Pruning and Digging a drain.

“Sausage sizzle” afterwards

Coming to help out for some or all of the time!
For catering purposes or more information please contact Lisa Brewer at the school (ph: 5348 2367) and let us know you are coming! Also let Lisa know if you have tools you can bring or what job you would like to work on.

Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Next Immunization Thursday, 13th November, 2014

Year 7 Boys & Girls
Gardasil 3rd and Final Dose
(4mths after the 2nd Dose)
Chickenpox Single Dose

Year 9 Boys
(Catchup Program)
Gardasil 3rd and Final Dose (4mths after the 2nd Dose)

Special Breakfast - Bendigo Bank

The Bendigo Bank staff will be providing a special breakfast of French toast and bacon and fruit salad on Tuesday 11 November to the school community.

Exam Stress Management for Students and Parents

Below are some web links for students and parents to help deal with stress at exam times.

Parent Line

Head Space

Kids Help Line

Andrew Netherway

Junior Learning Community

Head Lice

There have been several cases of head lice within the Junior School Learning Community. Please check your child’s head for lice and treat if required.
**Performance Night Afternoon Sessions’ at The Old Hepburn Hotel**

**Sunday 2 November ‘PERFORMANCE NIGHT AFTERNOON SESSIONS’ The Old Hepburn Hotel | 3pm til 6pm|$3 ENTRY FEE**

Students from Daylesford Secondary College are invited to play a part either of Daylesford Secondary or enter independently. Please see Ms. Verbyla if you would like to be included in the Daylesford Secondary College. Essentially an Open Mic Night, the Performance Night Afternoon Sessions seeks to entertain crowds whilst providing a stage for performers of all incarnations to strut their stuff and show off their talent on the first Sunday of every month. What began as a small performance space for local musicians 14 years ago has now become a well-established musical institution.

Audiences vote with Applause & ‘best act of the day’ wins the Door $$. You can pre-book a 20 or 30min spot by contacting Nelephant Productions on or info@findlocalmusic.com.au or just turn up for a 5 min open stage.

**Children’s Landscape Exhibition**

Hepburn Primary School and the Swiss and Italian Fiesta present the Children’s Landscape Exhibition, inspired by the 2014 theme “Memories.” All interpretations on this theme are encouraged. The competition will be judged in year groups: Pre-school, Prep, Grade 1, 2, 3&4, 5&6, 7&8, 9&10 and 11&12 by Kim Percy. Daylesford Secondary College musicians will provide a variety of musical entertainment for your enjoyment during the afternoon on Wednesday 12th November. Refreshments will be available. Sausage sizzle and a great fun afternoon for all.

Entries due by Monday 3rd November and should be delivered to Hepburn Primary School between 8:45am and 4pm Mon-Fri (or by appointment prior to November 3rd)

Prizes will be provided by Dulux and awarded as follows: Pre-school $10, Prep $15, Grade 1 $20, Grade 2 $25, Grade 3&4 $30, Grade 5&6 $35, Grade 7&8 $40, Grade 9&10 $45, Grade 11&12 $50.

Winning rosettes kindly produced and donated by Threadneedle Craft, Daylesford.

**State Athletics**

On the 17th October the State Athletics was conducted at the Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne. Daylesford Secondary College was represented by two students Jordan Barry and Amy Naylor, both in the 12/13 Age group. Jordan finished 3rd in the Long Jump, 4th in the 200m and 6th in the 100m. Amy was placed 8th in the Triple Jump.

To reach the State finals is a wonderful achievement and both students should be congratulated on their efforts in track and field in 2014.
Unit 2 biology students helped plant the native bird habitat at Cornish Hill last Friday.
Science Help Tuesdays

If you are behind with your Science homework or if you just need a bit of science help then lunchtime Tuesday in A8 is for you! Bring your lunch and whatever you need help with of a science nature.

After School Maths Help continues in Term 4.

Maths teachers are available to help students with their homework or other maths work after school every Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30 in B4.

MIPS & Careers Update

Week 4 Term 4 2014

Year 10 – Local Labour Market study
Last week the Year 10 careers class made a bus trip around town to identify the variety of local businesses and industries. Back in class they looked at the range of employment opportunities these offered and the associated skills and training required.

Year 9 students
Students should be thinking about the type of industry they might be interested in for their 2015 work experience. Later this term we will be conducting an introduction to Pathway Planning and doing the prescribed Occupational Health and Safety training required for Work Experience.

Year 9 girls
Interested in Programming Challenge 4 Girls (PC4G)? No prior experience necessary and no cost for participation. See http://www.pc4g.org.nz/ and let Mr. Pethica know if you are interested!

Uniform: Daylesford Clothing is the official supplier of school uniform. The clothing purchased at Daylesford Clothing meet the Daylesford Secondary College Council uniform policy.

Please support your local uniform supplier.

College Notices

Daylesford Secondary College Statement of Values

Over the past few newsletters the school values statement has been summarised. Today we look at some of the responsibilities of the Principal and School Leaders.

As Principal and School Leaders we will:
- Identify and support students who are or may be at risk.
- Do our best to ensure every child achieves their personal and learning potential.

Community News

Hepburn Springs Golf Club

GIVE GOLF a GO!

Hepburn Springs Golf club is offering beginners adult (over 16 yrs), a chance to learn the basics of golf in 5 one and half hour sessions.

DATES: THURSDAYS, November: 6, 13, 20, 27 and December: 4,
TIME: 5-6.30PM
COST: $50

Registration or enquiries to Jan THOMPSON 0412 499 872, 5348 4840 or strongjan@bigpond.com
Daylesford Disability Parent Support Group

**Daylesford Disability Parent Support Group**
Come and join other local parents of children with a disability to gain support and knowledge about disabilities, services and parenting. Enjoy a cuppa and make friends in a relaxed, child-friendly space.

**Where:** Daylesford Community Health Centre.
Corner Hospital Street & Jamieson Street
Daylesford.

**When:** 2nd Monday of the month during the school term:
November 10th, December 8th, 2014.

**Time:** 10.30am -12.30pm. **Cost:** Free

**For more information:**
Melissa, Parent Support Coordinator. Phone: 5329 1361
mdelalanddesfosses@pinarc.org.au

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**Centacare Workshop**

**Positive Parenting**
This session will cover the following topics of interest to parents including positive discipline, encouragement, attachment and brain development, managing anger and self care.

**Wednesday 19 November 9:30am-1pm (with morning tea provided)**
Centacare: Geraldine White
$40

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Men’s Health Clinic