Hi everyone,

**PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE**

Due to a clash with sport on the WED 16<sup>th</sup> Feb (original date for student photo’s)

**STUDENT PHOTO’S WILL NOW BE ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

please note this change in your diaries.

Photo Day – Sibling Portrait Envelopes are available in the General Office

Thanks everyone, 😊

Tiffany Holt
Acting Principal

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**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

Application Forms are now available from the Business Manager

**~ ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ~**

Students must live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from

- the nearest Government school, or
- bus stop

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO FARE PAYING PASSENGERS.**

Students travelling to Ballarat to attend TAFE or RTO’s can also access a small amount per day.

Details available from Business Manager.

**FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)**

Parents/guardians please note that claims for the first instalment of Education Maintenance Allowance 2011 are due now. You must have a current Health Care Card to be eligible.

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**Family School Partnership Committee News**

**Next Meeting**

If you have time to be a part of this group please come to our next meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 9:15am in the school’s conference room.

For more information, contact Donna O’Mara on fspc@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au or 5348-7970.
Welcome back everyone to 2011. The College has had a fabulous start and I thank everyone within the school community for their very warm welcome. I have written a very large piece for our electronic newsletter and I ask that parents please read this carefully.

Our College has made a commitment to become a greener government school and to increase the level of funding going towards classroom teaching and learning. Consequently, the 2011 newsletter will be distributed in the following way to significantly reduce our carbon footprint and to reduce the associated photocopying costs. All students will receive a summary page (one or two sheets) on newsletter days. The full newsletter will be displayed around the College, uploaded onto the College website, emailed to parents who are on our newsletter distribution list and hard copies will be available for those parents who do not have access to the Internet.

Parents/guardians who have indicated on the Student Disaster Plan Form (Green form attached to booklist) that they want the newsletter emailed to them, will receive an e-version of the newsletter. You can also get yourself on the email distribution list by visiting: www.daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au/dsc/newsletters and clicking on Join Our Mailing List which is under the Quick Links tab.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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Year 7 Co-ordinator: Mr Roger Gooding

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Lockers: All students have been issued with their own locker. All students should have a lock on their locker at all times.

Year 7 Camp Curumbene: All relevant forms (re- medical, parental consent, indemnity and student code of conduct forms) will be issued

UNIFORM

If forced to attend out of uniform, clothing should be modest and as close to school uniform as possible. I would just like to remind students that plain black shoes with ankle support are acceptable according to the agreed school uniform policy.
out to students by Friday 18th February. Please make payments as per the payment schedule in the full newsletter.

Anthony Avotins
Junior School Assistant Principal

“LIVING MORE SUSTAINABLY”

Towards end of 2010, our Year 7 Humanities students investigated ways of living more sustainably. They developed posters to provide information on how we can reduce our impact on the planet. These posters will be included in our online newsletters.

Student Representative Council (SRC) elections will occur next week. Please give some thought to being an SRC representative in 2011.

MIPS & Careers
Update Summary

Edition 1 - Week 1
Term 1 2011

MIPs Appointments – make your appointment now!

Mentor Breakfast - Mentor Breakfast to be held on Wednesday 9th March. Year 11 girls – see us urgently.

2011 Defence Technical Scholarships
Year 11 & 12 doing Maths and one of Systems/Infotechnology/Automotive/Furniture
See MIPS & Careers and check out defencejobs.gov.au/DTS

Year 10 Work Experience
Reminder to all Year 10 students and parents - Work Experience 27th June -1st July.
Students who were absent for the OH&S training in December will be required to attend an introductory session on Thursday 17th Feb at 3.30 – 4.30 pm.
All students will need to have identified their placements (employer) by 18th March. Students who wish to do their Work Experience in Ballarat must see us urgently (we are competing against other Ballarat schools!).

Music Festival

Careers Expo

Maths Homework Dates
A list of homework due dates is included below for parents’ information.

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XMAT Mrs Belcher Thursday
XMAT Mrs Barlow Monday
XMAP Ms Arndt Friday

If any VCE maths students have yet to obtain a calculator they should see their teacher immediately for an order form.

After school help sessions will occur again this year. Talk to your teacher if you think you may want to attend after school.

Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre are again offering a “Homework Help” session for students in Years 5 - 9.
The first session is on 8th Feb (4 - 6 pm).
Ring 5348 3569 for more information or see current ‘Advocate’.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club will be running this year. You can pick up Issue 1 from the Library. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Book Club, and return to the Library before Wed 24th Feb.

Janise Slater - Library
Firstly, I would like to thank all within the Daylesford Secondary College School Community for their very warm welcome over the past week, and I especially thank those who have assisted me to ‘find my feet’ whilst I have been learning about how our school functions on a daily basis! Beginning in a new school, whether as a student, teacher, or Principal can be quite a daunting and challenging experience! I am very thankful to everyone as beginning at Daylesford SC has been an absolute pleasure, and I am very excited about what the following months have in stall for this fabulous school.

I am going to take this opportunity through our first school newsletter to communicate a number of very important things to parents, all of which you will hear me refer to on a frequent basis. Firstly, in the paragraph above I used the words “fabulous school” and from everything I have seen over the past few weeks and from my experiences in numerous other schools, I am of the firm opinion that Daylesford SC is providing outstanding educational opportunities to our students by extremely dedicated and highly experienced staff. Also, the level of extra-curricula activities available to our students here is simply outstanding, and this is a credit to all involved in providing these opportunities.

As Principal of a school I have many roles and responsibilities, and I would like to address one of these right now. Part of my role is to ensure that all of our students’ are surrounded by the best possible learning environment, and when I speak of our environment, I refer to this in both a physical and social sense. My role is to ensure an environment that is conducive to “quality learning” and one that is a safe and happy place for everyone within our school community to be. In saying this, there are a number of things I would like to see improved around the College as a matter of urgency, and I am asking all parents to support our school in this new drive for overall improvement.

My first point, I am saddened by the state of our school grounds in terms of the amount of rubbish that appears every day. I am amazed that students will not walk to a rubbish bin that is located very close by and dispose of their rubbish appropriately. This is not a difficult thing to do! Keeping our school a clean and pleasant environment is the first step towards creating a nicer place for everyone to be, and putting our rubbish in the bin is a simple and easy way to show “respect” and pride in our school! Respect is one of our College values, which I will touch on again soon, and I will be repeating this word constantly!! If every student who had a piece of rubbish, placed it in the bin rather than dropped it on the ground, then we would no longer have an issue!! PLEASE, I ask all students to use our rubbish bins, so that our yard and corridors are cleaner and nicer places for us all.

Secondly- UNIFORM!! Congratulations to the majority of students who have been attending school in full college uniform everyday, you look fantastic and again, are demonstrating pride in our school! A couple of reminders about what is NOT appropriate, nor acceptable uniform…

Not acceptable:

- Very short ‘Shorts’ with tights or stockings underneath
- Leggings under the school dress (Girls should wear their winter uniform if cold)
- Leggings worn as pants
- Shirts without collars
- School dresses unbuttoned with singlets showing
- Cardigans or other non-uniform items over dresses or shirts
- Shorts with brand names or logos in very large print.
- And several other versions/creations of what is acceptable

If your son or daughter is going to be out of uniform, I ask that parents please provide a signed written note in the student’s diary, which will be checked by section teachers. I also ask parents to support the College and ensure that when your son/daughter leaves home in the morning, they are dressed according to our college uniform policy and requirements. Students who continue to be out of college uniform without permission will find consequences occurring in the near future.

SHOES…PLEASE NOTE:

It is a requirement of the DEECD that students wear footwear to school that is deemed appropriate by OH&S standards. As a result of this, students should be wearing black leather or leather like school shoes. T-Bars and Canvas “sandshoe” styles are not deemed appropriate and are therefore not an acceptable school shoe. Whilst I understand that many parents will have recently
purchased new footwear for your son/daughter to return to school in, students who are wearing shoes that are deemed as not “safe” may not be permitted to participate in technology classes. The classroom teacher will make a decision on this. Could parents please ensure that the next time they are purchasing a new pair of school shoes that they are black leather or leather like, are solid and completely cover the foot. I will be making notes in student diaries in the near future if footwear is not appropriate. Shoes should also be completely black, with no white markings.

Our VALUES- Daylesford Secondary College has a clear set of Values that I would also like to refer to in today’s newsletter:

RESPECT, COURTESY, HONESTY, COOPERATION, ENDEAVOUR

Again, I will be referring to these VALUES in every newsletter, and always discussing the importance of them in some way or another. Lets take a look at them in terms of our issue of rubbish within the college grounds-

“If every student respected (cared for) our environment by endeavouring (trying their hardest) to cooperate and place all their own rubbish in the bin, then we are showing each other courtesy, and we are also being responsible for our own actions. This very simple thing, of placing our own rubbish in the bin, will assist us all to have a much more pleasant environment around us”.

I am a firm believer in the importance of everyone within the whole school community living and modelling our VALUES. I believe our VALUES should underpin everything we do around our school which include the interactions that we have with each other. Again, I hope that parents share my beliefs on this, and I trust you will help support us to create an environment here at Daylesford SC that lives and models our college values continually, an environment that best supports quality learning and one that is a happy, safe and productive for everyone.

To finish my newsletter today, I would like to express our warmest of welcomes to all the new members of staff for 2011. Our new staff are as follows;

Ms. Sarah Dowell- Humanities and Legal Studies,
Ms. Amanda Bartholomew- Art, Ceramics and Visual Communication,
Mr. Samuae Hu- Mathematics,
Mr. Marc Matthews, Mr. Hugh McKelvey and Mr. Alistair Lethlean- Instrumental Music. We also welcome Mr. David Robinson who is teaching Systems and

Mrs. Glenda Belcher teaching Mathematics who are both supporting the college during term 1 this year.

COLLEGE COUNCIL

1. PLEASE NOTE: To ensure an adequate time frame exists throughout the term, I would like to advise all members of the school community that College Council dates for Term 1 have been moved forward. The first meeting for College Council this year will now be held on WEDNESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY @ 7.00pm. I am very much looking forward to meeting our Council members on this occasion.

2. 2011 COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Exciting times are ahead for Daylesford SC, and as it is that time of the year again when we call for nominations for the 2011 College Council, I ask that all parents consider the option of nominating for a position. 2011 will a very important year for our school as we undertake as period of self-evaluation and begin the process of planning where the college is heading for the next 4-5 years. We have an opportunity to “take a fresh look” at DSC, and to really investigate the way forward in our new journey of continuous improvement. Parents do not need any past experience with school councils or any committees for that matter, and you will be supported and encouraged in your role should you become a member of council. Being a member of College Council is a great way to learn so much more about our school, and to be able to have a direct input into decisions made around the College. Nomination forms for College Council can be found on our website, or you may contact the College directly for a copy. If you wish to nominate, please complete the form and return to the General Office by 28th February, 2011.

The college has had a fantastic start to 2011, thank you to everyone for their tremendous efforts so far.

Ms Holt
Acting Principal
SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

2011 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Captains

Karl Walker
Matilda Woodroofe

Vice Captains

Bonnie Winzar
Chris Stone-Meadows

2010 RESULTS

PERCENTAGE OF 40+ STUDY SCORES

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Note: VCE study scores are normally out of a possible 50 marks
Source: Published VCE Results taken from Official VCAA figures.

SENIOR SCHOOL TIMETABLES

All senior students should have their individual timetable and a Senior School 2011 Organiser (diary). The Organiser outlines many of the school policies and VCE rules and is essential for students to be able to manage their study tasks effectively. We urge all parents of senior students to encourage full use of the organiser. Parents who would like a copy of their son’s or daughter’s timetable may request a copy via a note from home.

CHANGE OF UNITS

Any student who has an error in their enrolment or who wishes to change into a different class needs to see their level coordinator or Mr Phil White immediately.

Senior School Coordinators

The senior school coordinators for 2011 are:

Year 10 - Mr Martin Hogan
Year 11 - Mr Bromley King
Year 12 - Ms Trish Matthews

Senior School Assistant Principal – Mr Phil White.

The Senior School welcomes contact from parents.

UNIFORM

Most senior students are coming properly dressed in full uniform – well done! Some students are presenting unconvincing excuses for being out of uniform. Students must make every reasonable effort to be in full uniform (as published in the Senior Organiser). If forced to attend out of uniform, clothing should be modest and as close to school uniform as possible. I would like to remind students that plain black shoes with ankle support are acceptable according to the agreed school uniform policy. Please note: T-bar shoes and ballet shoes are not acceptable as school uniform. We ask that you support our dress code so that teachers can devote their time, effort and enthusiasm towards teaching and learning. If there are difficulties in providing correct clothing or shoes, provisions can be made. Please discuss with Student Welfare Coordinator.
**JEWELLERY**

Some students are abusing the rule regarding jewellery. The college uniform code makes mention of “minimum jewellery”. Dangling earrings, heavy necklaces and rings and chunky metal bangles are examples of items that are potentially dangerous in a school setting and are not acceptable on health and safety grounds. Very discrete rings and sleepers in pierced ears are generally acceptable but large piercings are not permissible. We seek your full cooperation in regards to this matter.

**HOME STUDY GUILDELINES**

Daylesford Secondary College students are required to do regular homework to supplement work done in class. On those occasions where there is no set homework students must do revision work, assignment work or reading. The notion that any student has no homework is not acceptable and not in the best interest of the student.

To make your home study as valuable and effective as possible:

- record in your organiser details and completion dates of all set homework
- check your organiser before going home to ensure that you have all the necessary books
- develop your own study program, allowing time for work, family commitments, leisure and study
- complete work requirements, assignments and projects by the due date. Extensions will only be granted for genuine reasons such as illness
- try and do home study in a quiet area with good light and few distractions
- concentration and effective work decreases over a lengthy period. Vary your home study activities and allow short breaks between activities
- don't allow homework to become a problem. Ask your teacher for help if you are having difficulty
- adopt a responsible and positive attitude to your home study. If there is no homework set, remember that revision, wider reading, some TV and radio programs, reading of the newspaper and family discussion are valuable.

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Where students develop and adhere to their study timetable, they give themselves the best chance to obtain results that reflect their ability and derive a sense of being ‘in control’ of the demands of their VCE/VCAL program.

*Phil White*
Senior School Assistant Principal

**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**SCHOOL ORGANISER**

All students have been issued with a Daylesford Secondary College organiser. The organiser outlines the majority of school policies relating to uniform, the code of conduct, mobile phones and Internet use. The aims and beliefs of the College, in addition to general school information, are also outlined in the organiser. It is an expectation that students use their organiser as a reference to school policies and to enter assignment deadlines, homework tasks, assessment dates, training days, rehearsals, meetings and other academic commitments. Organisers can also be used for parents/guardians and teachers to communicate with each other. It is also worthwhile noting that effectively using an organiser on a regular basis is part of the assessment criteria in certain subjects. e.g. VET Music
**JUNIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATORS**

The role of a Year Level Co-ordinator is to help support and encourage students to achieve their best in any given year level. There are instances where parents and guardians need to contact a Year-Level Co-ordinator to discuss issues relating to student management, subject selections or to simply clarify a school policy. Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Year Level Co-ordinator when you need to:

- Year 9 Co-ordinator: Miss Natalie Kirby
- Year 9 Assistant Co-ordinator: Rebecca Anderson
- Year 8 Co-ordinator: Mr Dean Jones
- Year 7 Co-ordinator: Mr Roger Gooding

**YEAR 7 CAMP**

The Year 7 Camp will run for three days and two nights at Camp Curumbene - which is located 10 minutes east of Rochester. The camp will commence on Wednesday 30 March and conclude on Friday 1st April. Students will be travelling to and from the camp via bus. Students will undertake a number of activities including abseiling, archery, raft building, initiative games, indoor rock climbing and much more. We anticipate that all Year 7 students will attend which will then enable the whole group to develop essential life skills.

Scheduled payments for the camp are:
- $50 deposit by Friday 10th December 2010.
- $50 second payment by Thursday 17th February 2011.
- $50 third payment by Thursday 3rd March 2011.
- $60 fourth payment by Thursday 17th March 2011.

The Year 7 Junior School Team invites parents/guardians to attend the camp in a voluntary role. All relevant forms (re- medical, parental consent, indemnity and student code of conduct forms) will be issued out to students by Friday 18 February.

**HOMEWORK IN YEARS 7-9**

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework is set to support and extend classroom learning, to develop positive study habits and to develop a responsibility for self-learning.

In general, homework is set on a weekly basis in Maths and English, fortnightly in Science and on a less regular basis in other subjects. Homework tasks may include independent reading, the continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays, studying and research. In Years 7-9, homework will generally be between 45 and 90 minutes per day and may be set during weekends and school vacations.

**TIMETABLES**

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**LOCKERS**

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**YEAR 7 BBQ**

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**REMINDER – PERSONAL, VALUABLE ITEMS MUST NOT BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

Reminder Radios, skateboards, portable music players, electronic equipment and other such items of personal property or apparel must not be brought to school. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to such items. Money or valuables must never be left in change rooms, bags or unlocked locker. All lockers must be secured with a suitable padlock supplied by the student.

Anthony Avotins
Junior School Assistant Principal
Welcome to all the new students and their families, our Acting Principal Tiffany Holt and new teachers.

Communication Survey
Thanks to everyone who completed the 2010 survey. There are 75 completed surveys and the results will be shared with the school community soon.

Sun Protection & Smoke Free Policy
There will be a launch of these policies in the coming weeks and they will be available on the website.

Volunteer Form
Please fill this out if you have time to be involved in some way at the school. If you have sent in your form you will be contacted in the next 2 weeks.

Next Meeting
If you have time to be a part of this group please come to our next meeting on Monday 21st February 9:15am in the school’s conference room. For more information, contact Donna O’Mara on fspec@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au or 5348-7970.

STUDENT UNIFORM
If you are able to donate any DSC uniform items then it would be greatly appreciated. Such items will be used to support our Uniform Policy and help out families who are in need.

PLEASE NOTE
A PRICE LIST OF FOOD AVAILABLE FROM CANTEEN IS ATTACHED AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.
“LIVING MORE SUSTAINABLY”

Towards end of 2010, our Year 7 Humanities students investigated ways of living more sustainably. They developed posters to provide information on how we can reduce our impact on our planet. These posters will be included in our online newsletters.

Student Representative Council (SRC) elections will occur next week. Please give some thought to being an SRC representative in 2011.

When you are painting try to use water based paints!

Walk to school instead of taking the car!

On sunny days hang your clothes on the washing line instead of using the dryer.

Use energy efficient light bulbs.

Make a vegetable patch.

Buy your groceries from local farms and markets.

Reuse plastic bottles.

Do all your ironing at one time.

Only run your dishwasher when it is full.

Don't leave taps dripping.

After you have had your lunch put the wrapper in the bin.

Bring your own bags to the grocery store.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS 2011

The swimming sports will be held on Wednesday 23rd February at the Daylesford pool. This is a compulsory school event for both swimmers and non-swimmers.

We ask all students to get behind the day by wearing house colours, cheering and competing in events. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and cheer.

There will be no pass-outs this year, so students will need to bring lunch from home. There will be a BBQ available for students to buy a sausage or hamburger. Students will be dismissed from the pool at 3.20pm.

Congratulations to the following teachers and students who have taken on leadership roles within their respective houses.

HOUSE LEADERS AND CAPTAINS

GIRLS HOUSES

Flinders
House Teachers: Mrs Olver
Captains: A. Gibbs
Vice-Captains: T. Develyn

Sturt
House Teachers: Ms Williams
Captains: J. Booth-Millicham
Vice-Captains: J. Sabo & I. Vanzetta

Hume
House Teachers: Ms Anderson
Captains: B. Milesi
Vice-Captains: E. Thiesz

BOYS HOUSES

Mr Geddes
K. Walker
A. Brown

Mr Jones
R. Glen
N. Whan
M. Barton

Ms Kirby
J. Liversidge
T. Micklewright-Hill
Burke House Teachers:
Mr Gooding          Ms Cattanach
Captains:
S. Powell          G. Williams
Vice-Captains:
L. Scott          T. Cooper

Maths Faculty News

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 should have a 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. Suitable calculators may be purchased from the school.

Every Year 7 to 10 student has a weekly 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 as both a way to get involved and to improve your student’s performance. If help is needed, the Maths Mates website (www.mathsmate.net) is a useful resource.

A list of homework due dates is included below for parents’ information.

7.1 Friday Mr Geddes
7.2 Wednesday Mrs Belcher
7.3 Thursday Mrs Barlow
7.4 Tuesday Mrs Barlow
8.1 Thursday Mrs Olver
8.2 Friday Ms Arndt/Mr Hu
8.3 Friday Mr Hu/Mr Geddes
8.4 Friday Mr Geddes
9.1 Thursday Ms Arndt
9.2 Wednesday Mr Hu
9.3 Thursday Mrs Olver
9.4 Tuesday Mrs Belcher/Ms Arndt
XMAT Mrs Belcher Thursday
XMAT Mrs Barlow Monday
XMAP Ms Arndt Friday

All VCE maths students must have a CAS calculator. If any VCE maths students have yet to obtain a calculator should see their teacher immediately for an order form.

After school help sessions will occur again this year. The faculty is still sorting out days and teachers. Talk to your teacher if you think you may want to attend after school.

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

Karel Arndt for the Maths Faculty

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club will be running this year. You can pick up Issue 1 from the Library. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Bookclub, and return to the Library before Wed 24th Feb.

Janise Slater, from the library

MUSIC NEWS

Music Lessons Available

Daylesford Secondary College offers private lessons on site for students interested in learning the drum kit, guitar, bass guitar and singing. Permission forms are available outside the General Office. All lessons are $25.00 per lesson to be paid in advance.

LIKE TO LEARN THE DRUMS

* $15 Dollars per lesson ($120 per Term) for a 48 minute class.
* Class size maximum of 4 (only twelve spots available!!)
* Grab an application form at the office.
MIPS & Careers Update
Edition 1 - Week 1 Term 1 2011

MIPs Appointments
Students 15 years and above – you can make your appointment on the sheets outside our office. Remember to check with your teacher if you are missing class-time (before you make the appointment) – then please ensure you attend at the time you have selected.

Mentor Breakfast
Girls in year 11 – there is a Mentor Breakfast to be held on Wednesday 9th March at Peppers Springs Retreat, to celebrate International Women’s Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with local professional women but places are limited. Please see us on Monday or Tuesday if interested.

2011 Defence Technical Scholarships
defencejobs.gov.au/DTS |

Students undertaking a maths and any of the following subjects should investigate this scholarship opportunity (there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school).

Subjects:
Systems Infotechnology Automotive Furniture

Our school has had successful applicants in past years.
A Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students, intending to pursue an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects.

Year 11 recipients will receive $2000, paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive $3000, paid over two semesters. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, you will be required to tell us why you are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process.

Application Period
Applications are open and close at midnight on Friday 11 March 2011

2011 DTS Application Forms and brochures are available online at defencejobs.gov.au/DTS. If you are interested PLEASE see Marg or Mrs Barlow immediately!

Year 10 Work Experience
Reminder to all Year 10 students and parents - Work Experience 27th June - 1st July.
Students who were absent for the OH&S training in December will be required to attend an introductory session on Thursday 17th Feb at 3.30 – 4.30 pm. All OH&S will need to be completed by Friday 25th Feb (including those students who did not pass their initial attempt).

All students will need to have identified their placements (employer) by 18th March. Students who wish to do their Work Experience in Ballarat must see us urgently (we are competing against other Ballarat schools!).

Music Festival

Careers Expo

COMMUNITY NEWS

Homework Group For Grades 5 - 9

Get help with your homework! Come along after school for homework and project support including study skills, organisation, and maths and literacy assistance with a qualified tutor. Homework group is free and an after-school snack is provided. Bring your homework. Tuesdays (during school term) 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Call the Centre to register your interest on 5348 3569.

Nadeeka Wimalasuriya
Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre
13 Camp Street
Daylesford VIC 3460

Visit us at ourneighbourhood.org.au and on Facebook.

Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre is dedicated to providing a happy, inclusive community place for learning, gathering and sharing.
Hepburn Health Service is delivering a Flood Recovery Service

Hepburn Health Service is delivering a Flood Recovery Service to the flood affected residents of Hepburn Shire. The purpose of this service is to provide practical support and co-ordinated referral for individuals and families affected by the floods.

Working in collaboration with the Hepburn Shire and other support agencies we acknowledge the impact such disasters can have on individuals, families and businesses.

If you require support please contact the case worker on 0400466324.

HEPBURN SHIRE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY HONOUR ROLL CELEBRATION
Thursday, 10 March 2011
At Daylesford Town hall
Commencing 5pm

Each year, the Shire inducts up to four women to the Women’s Honour Roll in acknowledgement of women’s achievements.

This year Ms. Joan Kirner will be the keynote speaker accompanied by young speakers by Vida Voices.

Light Finger food and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event.

We look forward to you, your family and friends joining us.

Smith St, Daylesford
next to the Secondary College.
Tel: 5348 1777

What’s On At The ARC

COMMUNITY SPORTS NIGHT
EVERY FRIDAY 3.45PM – 6.00PM.
EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED
COST: Gold coin donation to Ballarat YMCA’s Open Doors Program.

Bring your friends and family and play badminton; basketball; netball; soccer; or volleyball just for fun!

For more information call 5348 177 or email: lissa.mcildowney@ymca.org.au

State Selection For Local Volleyball Player

MacKenzie Cavarra has been selected in the Victorian U 15 Boys Volleyball Squad which will contest the 2011 Australian U 15 Championships in Albury NSW between 18th and 21st April.

MacKenzie has only taken up volleyball in 2010 and plays in the Daylesford Volleyball
Association competition on Monday nights and also represented the school in the Year 7 team that won the Ballarat Regional Championships in 2010. MacKenzie’s school coach Colin Priest said MacKenzie has shown dedication and a willingness to learn and with his height and his commitment to training has the potential to be a future champion.

MacKenzie was selected at the State trials in December from 67 players from across Victoria. Training now starts with 10 three hours sessions each Sunday at the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong. Also included is a warm up tournament in Geelong on Sunday 5th March.

MacKenzie is part of a group of young players that have reached state selection in the last few years with more trying out in 2011. Daylesford Volleyball Association is highly regarded by Volleyball Victoria for producing such outstanding players.

Adults or students interested in playing volleyball Monday nights at the ARC contact Colin Priest 53487674 or just turnup at 6.30pm

We build strong PEOPLE strong FAMILIES strong COMMUNITIES

In June/July 2011, students aged 14 – 19 years from Europe, the USA and South America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice another language, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family….and your relatives and friends….will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. http://studentexchange.org.au

Are you Digital Ready?

Join Refit n’ Save and get a discount when you upgrade to digital television or purchase a set top box. Visit our demonstration display and get the best energy smart advice about the right TV for your needs.

Where Retravision, Vincent St. Daylesford
When Friday Feb 11th, 1-4pm & Sat Feb 12th, 10-12noon
Contact Tanya Black T: 5309 2664 or Email: hepburn@refitnsave.org.au
Open Mornings 9.00am – 10.30am – Thursday February 17 and Thursday February 24.

The closing date for 2012 enrolments is Friday 4/3/2011
If you would like to know more about either the Information Evening or Open Mornings please contact the college on 53372222 or visit http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/

Capture the Flag & Pizza Night
When: Fri 25th Feb
Time: 5.30am-8.00pm
Cost: $3.00
For: All Youth
Venue : “The Rock” 16a Camp St
Daylesford
Bookings Essential: Ph. Elaine Anderson 53485533 or 0403355992
Ran by Daylesford Community Church & Daylesford Presbyterian Church
**FOOD AVAILABLE FROM CANTEEN**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY NEEDS**
**PLEASE SEE CANTEEN STAFF AT RECESS**

**PRICE LIST FROM 11TH FEBRUARY 2011**

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Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of

DAYLESFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on

28/02/2011 (insert date and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

11/03/2011 (insert date and year)

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal

Tiffany Holt

Principal