DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

**December**
- 18 Dec: Year 7-9 End of Year Activities
- 19 Dec: Annual Presentation Evening, 7pm

**January**
- 28 Jan: Term 1 Begins - Pupil Free Day
- 29 Jan: Students Commence

Term Dates 2013
- Term 4: 7 October - 20 December

Term Dates 2014
- Term 1: 28 January - 4 April
- Term 2: 22 April – 27 June
- Term 3: 14 July – 19 September
- Term 4: 6 October – 19 December

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**from Miss Holt
Principal**

It is with very mixed emotions that I am not only writing my final Principal’s newsletter article for 2013, but also my final article as the Principal of DSC. I trust all parents/guardians received their letter that indicated I would not be returning in 2014 as I have accepted the role of Principal at Apollo Bay P-12 College, beginning next year. Naturally, I am very excited by this new opportunity; however, I am also very sad to leave such an amazing school where students, staff, and parents alike, work so hard and care so passionately about education. I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Linda Flynn (former Principal of Mt. Clear College) will be taking up the role of Acting Principal for Term 1, 2014. At the beginning of Term 1 2014, College Council will also begin the official process so that the appointment of the new Principal to Daylesford Secondary College can occur as soon as possible.

One that note, I wish to say that it has indeed been my absolute privilege to have been the Principal of this school over the previous three years. Each year I have watched with great delight to see our school progress from strength to strength in so many different ways. I would like to congratulate and thank all of our students, staff and parents on what has been a tremendous journey of school improvement over this time. There will always be challenges to address and issues to overcome in any school, however, I have witnessed a College Community live their values of Respect, Cooperation, Endeavour, Honesty and Courtesy as a means to always soldier on to achieve great things, always Aiming High! I personally thank our whole school community for the ongoing support and encouragement that I have received, and for their continued contributions to this school. I especially thank so many of you for your kind and thoughtful words regarding my decision. I really do look forward to remaining in contact with DSC, and hope that we can unite our schools in some way or another to enhance all of our students learning possibilities and experiences in the future. Daylesford Secondary College has a very bright future ahead indeed.

The final two weeks of this term have been incredible! Our students have actively engaged in the 2014 KICKSTART Program, eagerly participating in the beginning of their 2014 classes and learning activities. I especially acknowledge our Senior Learning Community students, specifically our new Year 12’s, who immediately took ownership of their Year 12 room by cleaning, re-arranging the furniture and setting it up as a warm and welcome space where peers can interact and take time away from what will be a very busy year. Incredibly, they have also planted a veggie garden outside their room in hope to grow items for their lunch!!

From this……

To this……

I also thank all our staff who have worked so hard to ensure KICKSTART has been such a great success. It is a great feeling to approach the end of the school year with structure and the continuation of an orderly environment, knowing this time is being used valuably and with purpose. I also acknowledge and thank the many parents who have provided feedback to me regarding their appreciation and support of the program, expressing to me numerous
positives that have occurred for their child/children over these weeks.

On Thursday last week, students within our Middle Learning Community boarded their coach and began the long drive to Brisbane for their 5 night adventure. What a way to finish the year! From all reports the students have had a fabulous time visiting the theme parks and site seeing. I am sure there was plenty of “educational” activities in their also! A very big thank you to Ms Penelope Ellis, Ms Natalie Kirby, Ms Benita Champion, Ms Erin Low, Ms Shannon Marshall and Mr Pete Geddes who have given up their valuable time to organise and attend this tour. We look forward to hearing many stories after they return today.

- As we wind up the final week of 2013, we look forward to tomorrow nights’ Presentation Evening, beginning at 7.00pm in the College Theatre. I remind all students who are receiving an award to please arrive no later than 6.30pm. Again, I thank all our staff for their efforts to ensure this year’s night will again be a wonderful event to celebrate individual student achievements and the overall success of our College.
- I remind parents that staff will be available from 9.00am to 11.00am on Friday should they wish to discuss any matters in relation to their child’s end of year report. Please contact the General Office if you wish to make an appointment to see any of your child’s teachers during this time.
- A fabulous final whole school assembly was held this morning where we congratulated those students who again received college Values Awards and A+ Attendance Awards. Well done to Edward Cooper, who this year received our overall 2013 A+ Best Attender Award, as he did not have one absent day all year. Ted was presented with a $400 JB Hi Fi Voucher to purchase a device to support his educational needs in the future. We also congratulated 20 more students who received a JB Hi Fi voucher as their award for only missing one school day throughout 2013.
- Thank you also Ms Lois Wood who has again delivered a fabulous End of Year Activities program for our 2013 Year 7 to 9 students.

Finally, for now, I trust everyone will enjoy a well-earned break with friends and family over the coming Christmas and holiday period. I wish everyone in our college community health, wealth and happiness in all their future endeavours. I look forward in anticipation of hearing the great stories to come about the continued achievements from within this amazing college community. Always remember…… “no one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it”.

Kindest regards to everyone.

Tiffany Holt.
Week 10 Term 4 2013

Merry Christmas and happy holidays

To all our students and their families – current and past, the very best for the season.

Hopefully our 2014 year 10 students will take the opportunity, while catching up with relatives and family friends, to seek out exciting Work Experiences placements! Remember : 23 – 27th June 2014.

2013 Year 12 students

Remember, now you have your results, the next important date in your diary is First Round offers on the 17th January at 2 pm. We would like to see and/or speak to you at that time. You have our contact numbers in your booklet.

We will be at school that afternoon and again on the following Monday 20th from 10am until 2 pm. As the school will probably be closed – you may have to come in through the Career’s back door.

Science Program - CSIRO Melbourne

Programs available for primary students and for 10-13 year olds.

See: www.csiro.au/VicHolidays

Family School Partnership Committee - FSPC

Family School Partnership Committee 2014

This is my last newsletter and the future of this committee is yet to be decided by school council. Thanks to Dee, Alison, Ange, Tracy, Helen, Vicki, Steph and the college student wellbeing staff Elaine and Sue for your support each month.

Family-school communication still needs improving to meet the needs of parents, but there are signs of change ahead. Look for news of this in 2014.

Thanks

Thank-you Michelle from Harvest Cafe for welcoming us for our monthly catch-up throughout 2013.

Farewell Tiffany Holt

We wish Tiffany all the best for 2014 in her new role as Principal of Apollo Bay P-12. Tiffany thanks for your hard work over the last few years and wish us luck as the search for a new Principal begins.

Christmas / New Year Holiday Break

And to the college staff – all the best during your well deserved break. And farewell to any staff leaving.

And good luck to any student finishing their secondary schooling as they head out into the world of work, travel and/or further study. And lastly welcome to the new Year 7s. I saw some of them last week at the Daylesford Primary School Presentation night and they are excited to be finishing primary school and looking forward to starting secondary school.

Contact Details for FSPC

fspc@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au or 5348-2367.

Community News

Melissa Banks Music Studio Daylesford

Teaching Piano, French Horn, Trumpet and Theory
Member of the BSO (Ballarat Symphony Orchestra)
And BWO (Ballarat Wind Orchestra)
Beginners to advanced: AMEB, Jazz or Popular.
BMUS (Bachelor of Music)
Teaching Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s
Rates: $25 half hour $40 per hour
Phone: 53481187
Mobile: 0417694741
Email: midoribee@hotmail.com

www.melissabanksmusic.com

The community bus travels along five routes in and out of Daylesford. Arrive in Daylesford at 10.30 and leave at 1 pm or leave Daylesford after 9am and return before 2.30pm.

Get picked up anywhere along the way and choose from one of 4 stops in Daylesford - Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre, corner of Camp St and Central Springs Rd, Bridport St bus stop or Springs Medical Centre.

This is a great way to get to the pool, skate park, library or catch up with friends.

Child seats (0-7 years) and hoist are available on request.

The bus is driven by volunteers and a gold coin donation is requested. Bookings are ESSENTIAL - call 1300 44 35 34 before NOON the day before travelling. Everyone is welcome, including young people and families!

Note that the community bus will not run from 23 Dec to 3 Jan.

Summer School Holiday Craft Workshops

Threadneedle Craft will hold craft workshops for school children once again during the school holidays.

The workshops will include beading, paper craft and beginners sewing to inspire kids’ creativity. A full program will be available to download from www.threadneedle.com.au.

Workshops will be held at Threadneedle Craft, 2/52A Vincent Street, Daylesford. Class sizes will be limited to six, so please book in advance.

Please contact Merrilyn Sim on Ph. 5348 4277 for enquiries or for bookings.

Samuel Johnson Raises Over $1,000,000

Help Us Welcome A Local Hero: We’re planning a big event and we want you to help us! Come along, wear crazy pink outfits, and celebrate the fantastic and amazing achievement by our local lad. Sam so far has raised well over $ 1000 000 for cancer research. He's pedalled his unicycle nearly 13 000 kilometres. On January 8 he'll ride back into his home town and we want to show him just how proud of him we are. So we're planning a welcome event at
The Savioa Hotel from 6pm. Watch this space for more details as we plan a huge welcome as Sam and the Love Your Sister Team rides in from the roundabout near the IGA down the bike path to the Savoia Hotel. The fundraising extravaganza will include bands, performances, charity auctions, friends and much more. Keep your eye on the local paper for more info or visit the website: www.loveyoursister.org

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**Hepburn Libraries**

**Closed for Christmas**

from 3pm on

Tuesday 24th December
to Thursday 2nd January

After hours returns will be cleared during this time.

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**What's on in January @ Daylesford Library**

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Are you eligible for public dental care?

**Who can access public dental care?**

1. All children 0-12 years old
2. Youth 13-17 years who have or are dependants of health care or pensioner concession card holders
3. All youth 13-17 years who are in out-of home care provided by the Department of Human Services or those in custodial care
4. All adults who are health care or pensioner concession cardholder
5. All refugees and asylum seekers

**What kind of treatment can I get?**

General, denture and emergency care is available. Minimal charges and waiting lists may apply.

**What is priority access?**

Priority access means you don’t have to go on a waiting list, you will be given the next available appointment. Eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, homeless people and those at risk of homelessness, pregnant women, registered clients of mental health and disability services (with a letter of recommendation) and all refugees and asylum seekers are able to get priority access at our clinics. For more details or to book an appointment contact your preferred service.
The Performance Night BONANZA | Fri 7\textsuperscript{th} Feb 2014 | 6pm til late

Now in its 14\textsuperscript{th} year, the Performance Night is a well-established musical institution, creating a dynamic and live space for amateur, emerging and professional musicians and performers to showcase their talent in front of a local audience.

Essentially an Open Mic night the Performance Night has been wowing crowds with a wealth of diverse talent since its humble beginnings in 2000, and has been a stage for more than 850 ensembles of all genres, styles and abilities at over 150 performance nights over the past 14 years.

This February we celebrate the Performance Night with an outdoor BONANZA event, showcasing performers of all abilities, styles and ages in two heats over a marathon 5 hour event.

For the first time the Performance Night will have a designated ‘youth’ heat, where performers under 20yrs can showcase their talent in a bid to win recording time with Local Musician Steve Douglass (Family Farm band & The Resignators). There will also be an over 20’s heat where performers go into the running to win the $ from the Door.

Both heats will be eligible to win a ‘paid’ spot performing at the Old Hepburn Hotel as well as other prizes.

The ‘youth’ heat will kick off the event from 6pm with music running right through til late. $5 entry fee (kids under 12 free) with all the money from the door pooled together as first prize for the best acts of the night.

We look forward to a HUGE BONANZA of local talent and a real opportunity for performers of all ages to connect and network with other musicians, performers and venues owners throughout the area.

Performance spots available range from 5mins to 30mins, to book your spot please fill out the questions below & email to info@findlocalmusic.com.au by January 15\textsuperscript{th} 2014.
Application form

Name of Act/band: __________________________  Contact Name: __________________________
Phone: __________________________  Email: __________________________
Will you be entering the Under 20yrs or over 20years heat: __________________________
Act/band member’s names & instruments: __________________________

A short sentence explaining the type of music you perform:

Performance Night History:

What began as a small performance space back in June 2000 has now become a well-established musical institution.
‘Performance Night’ has a great history, having welcomed performers from all over Victoria and also attracted musicians on tour from The UK and Europe.
Our history includes, performances by emerging & now well established musicians when they first started out, full of nerves and speckled in angst & pimples....
Think a very young Mia Dyson & even younger Declan Sykes to name a few.
As well as continuing to present an excellent show of variety and diverse talents,
‘Performance Night’ provides artists with a chance to make themselves known to venue holders and audiences right throughout Victoria, forging a strong alliance between musicians, artists & audiences in our local community.
Audiences vote with applause and the best act of the night wins the door money, as well as a chance to win a ‘paid’ spot at the old Hepburn Hotel at a future date.
We welcome performers of all abilities and styles, to participate, encourage and inspire at The Performance Night, on the first Friday of every month at the Old Hepburn Hotel.

For more info please call Nel Staite of Nelephant Productions on 0437 628 911
or email info@findlocalmusic.com.au