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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 Ms Linda Flynn
Acting Principal

As we complete week four in Term 1 of what is always a short term, I wish to congratulate our student body for the outstanding way by which they have maintained a fabulous beginning to 2014. This is evident as I move around our College and see our students actively engaged in their learning and participating in daily College activities in a positive and meaningful way. It is important to note that school success is not only attributed to a positive approach but also to regular attendance. When students stay away from school their learning and friendships are affected and their teachers can become frustrated and disappointed because learning becomes disjointed and difficult. Students who stay away from school often:

- miss the introduction of new work.
- fail to complete work.
- fall behind with their learning.
- develop disjointed study routines.
- miss important notices, information and newsletters
- miss celebrations, excursions and other important events that support learning and development.

I encourage parents to monitor the attendance of their child(ren) to ensure that they maximise their child’s learning opportunities and increase their chances of success in the future.

The summer season is always a time when schools are extremely mindful of the ever present danger of a bushfire and as such, over the past few weeks the College has been reviewing, updating and practising our emergency evacuation procedures in preparation for an event if one were to present. Last week, we held an evacuation drill with students and staff which went very smoothly. I would like to remind parents that if the College is ever under threat of a bushfire, the safety and security of our students and staff is of paramount importance and will be the number one concern. It is also important that parents understand that when faced with a real evacuation, parents/guardians are able to collect their child from school. However, students will not be released to anyone but the parent/guardian unless written or verbal consent is given by the parent/guardian of that child. In the heightened...
emotion of facing a bushfire (if we were ever to face one), the College will be doing everything we can to keep the situation ordered, calm, controlled and ensure the safety and accountability of our College population.

Congratulations to Kelly Matheson-Miller, Aaron Faulkhead and Edwin O’Connor who have been involved in the Leadership Ballarat & Western Region Year 12 Leaders Forum on Wednesday 12th February. Leaders from many schools in the region were involved and they were actively engaged in information sessions regarding ‘The Head’, ‘The Heart’ and ‘The Hand’ of Leadership. The students found this to be a very valuable day and are now excited and ready to take on their responsibilities this year.

Congratulations also to Cassandra Slater who has been elected to the Vice Captaincy role as well this year.

Well done to our 2012 Alpine School students; Lotus Hackenberger, Liam Murray, Jesma Peri, Nicole Pedley, Marley Wright and Leroi Van Baer who have completed Stage 1 of their Community Learning Project - the refurbishment of the Lake Daylesford Swim sheds.

School Council 2014: Each year school council elections take place in Term 1 and the process must be completed by March 31st. All government schools in Victoria have a College Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a College within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a College Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the College provides for its students. There are three possible categories of membership:

☐ A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s College as long as they are not employed at the College.

☐ A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of College Council. The Principal of the College is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Parents on College Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the College. Those parents who become active on a College Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. The College has a vacancy for 3 Parent reps and 2 DEECD reps for the 2014 school year. Outlined below is the official notice of election and call for nominations for the 2014 College Council as well as the timeline for the election process to be completed. I encourage parents who wish to nominate to please obtain a nomination form from Ms. Lisa Brewer in the front office. Key dates are as follows:

- Notification to College population and call for nomination Friday, 21st Feb 2014
- Closing of nominations Friday, 28th Feb 2014
- Ballot (if required) Friday, 7th March 2014
- Induction to 2014 College Council (6pm Meeting), Wednesday, 19th March 2014

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the 2013 Parent and Community members; Terry Judd, Andrew Cooper, Tim Ferrier, Lorraine Hayes and Alison Wilken for their commitment and valuable contribution to school council last year. In addition, I would like to thank on behalf of the Daylesford school community, Mrs Lorraine Hayes for her leadership and support as the College Council President in 2013.

Year 7 2015 Open Evening: The College would like to invite parents and prospective students to the 2015 Year 7 Open Evening on Wednesday March 12th. The College will be open for guided tours and a formal information session to showcase what Daylesford Secondary College has to offer. Further information about the Open Evening will be published in the next newsletter and invitations will be distributed to local primary schools shortly.

Ms Linda Flynn.
Bpay Available at DSC College

Bpay option is available at Daylesford Secondary College. **Your Biller Code is unique to you and shows on the statements.** You can use Bpay for excursions, camps, booklists, swimming, i.e. any payments you make to school. When you use the Bpay facility what you are paying for is not identified when it arrives at the school. If you are simply paying your outstanding balance this won’t be a problem, however if you are selecting one item to pay out of several, you will need to tell us what you are paying for by: a note to school, *e.g. Bpay – swimming*, or by phoning Carmel in the office. We ask for your assistance in advising Carmel what you are paying for to avoid misunderstandings. In line with DEECD policy, if you do not advise within 5 working days what you are paying for, the Bpay funds will be allocated to the oldest charges on your account. If you wish to know your Bpay Biller Code, simply ring Carmel and request the information.

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**
Parents/guardians please note that claims for the **first instalment** of Education Maintenance Allowance 2014 are due now. You must have a health care card current on 28th January 2014 and your child/children are under 16 years of age to be eligible.

**Please note:** Forms **CANNOT** be accepted after Friday 28th February, 2014

**Conveyance Allowance**
Application forms are now available from the General Office
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. Details available from college business manager.

**Please note:** Forms **CANNOT** be accepted after Friday 28th February, 2014

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Lisa Brewer - Business Manager

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**Diaries**
Diaries are an integral part of your student’s success in VCE or VCAL. All students are expected to have a College diary and to use it each day. We encourage parents to sit down with their child and go through the College diary as it has important VCAA policies and information, school policies and expectations and many helpful hints for the successful completion of VCE or VCAL. It is expected that students and their parents are familiar with the information in the College diary.
Other important information can be found at the College website or the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au)

**Permission To Drive To School**
Students who want to drive to and from school must see Mrs Olver or Ms Kirby for a permission to drive to school form.

**Signing In & Out**
Students who have study periods p1 & 2 or 5 & 6 and would like to study from home need to see Mrs Olver or Ms Kirby and have the relevant documents filled out. Please note students will not be granted an ongoing lunch pass.

**Wednesday Night Study Sessions**
Each Wednesday night the Senior Centre will stay open until 5pm for students to study. The session will be supervised by staff and all senior students are encouraged to attend.

**Special Exam Arrangements**
Students sitting unit 3 & 4 exams can apply for special exam arrangements. Students may be granted special exam arrangements if they met the VCAA requirements. Please note that while the College will assist with the process, the decision to grant or deny special exam arrangements is external to the College and requires all relevant forms, certified medical evidence and documentation to be submitted to VCAA before Friday 7th March.

Natalie Kirby
Senior Learning Community Manager
Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to confirm that the Year 7 Camp will be going ahead in 2014 with most of the year seven students attending.

In order for students to be able to attend the camp, the total amount of $250.00 is required to be paid prior to departure. Having paid the deposit, most families now owe $187.50. Below is a revised payment schedule to ensure that all monies are paid prior to the 7th of March, 2014. Families are welcome to pay the total balance owing prior to the final payment date.

Payment one: $62.50 paid (deposit)
Payment two: $93.75 due Friday, 28th February 2014
Payment three: $93.75 due Friday, 7th March 2014.

The College will send out an SMS to remind you of the payment dates the day prior.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr Rodger Gooding or Penelope Ellis at the College on (03) 5348 2367.

Year 7 BBQ Reminder

The Year 7 BBQ will be held on Thursday 27th Feb at 6.00pm. Parents and families of Year 7 students are invited to an informal gathering at the school.

RSVP by 21st February, phone 5348 2367.

Food & Technology

Reminder Notice to parents/Guardians re Food and Technology 2014 Fees.

This year Daylesford Secondary College has continued the lump sum payment of materials for all Food and Technology classes.

Listed below are the year level charges. These amounts cover all material costs.

We ask that all costs be paid by Friday 14th March, as after this date non-payment will result in the non-ordering of materials for your child.

Year 7: $25.00 (included in Essential Education Items)
Year 8: $40.00
Year 9 & 10: $60.00 per semester
Year 11: $80.00 per semester
Year 12: $160.00 by the end of Semester 1.

Sports

House Swimming Sports 2014

The swimming sports will be held Friday 21 February at the Daylesford Swimming 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.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 and school buses will also depart from the pool.

There are many jobs on the day that can be difficult to staff, and we are seeking assistance from parents and friends with this on the day, jobs could include setting up, packing up or during the carnival, such as time keeping. Any assistance would be much appreciated.

If you are able to assist on the day, please contact Mr Martyn Nettleton on 5348 2367.

House Athletic Sports 2014

Will be held on Monday, 3rd March at the Llanberris Reserve in Ballarat. After House meetings all students will be travelling by bus to Llanberris Reserve and returning to school at the end of the day at 3.25pm. All parents, guardians and friends are welcome to attend and there will be no pass outs issued. Students are to remain in the Llanberris Reserve boundaries throughout the day.

Eureka Swimming Sports 2014

Will be held on Tuesday 4th March at the Eureka Pool in Ballarat for those students who qualified at the House Swimming Sports.

Stanley Hammond Awards

Ruby for having a lot of consideration for other students.

Kobi – for finding and returning a staff member’s car keys
Week 4 Term 1 2014

2013 Year 12 students
Despite being a small class, the destinations of our 2013 Year 12 students are diverse. We have a good number attending Federation University (University of Ballarat). Theses students are doing Nursing, Exercise and Sports Science, Health Sciences, Science, and Food and Nutritional Science. The next most popular university is the University of Melbourne where we will have three students studying Science. Other students are undertaking courses at Deakin (both Melbourne and Geelong), RMIT, La Trobe (both Melbourne and Bendigo). These students are enrolled in courses such as Secondary Teaching (Music), Exercise and Sports Science, Legal Studies (deferred) and Health Science.

We have two girls who have already begun their Advanced Diploma of Agriculture at Longrenong Horsham and another two at Gordon TAFE pursuing their dream to work with animals by undertaking a qualification in Animal Studies.

Other students have deferred courses while they work and save and another who is going overseas (very soon) to do volunteer work through the Lattitude Program.

We wish them all the very best in their undertakings and hope to hear from them all soon.

Health News
Deakin University advises that if you are interested in a career in health but are unsure of your direction, the Bachelor of Health Sciences could be a good option. Possible areas of study include: environmental health, exercise science, food studies, health promotion, nutrition, disability, psychology and sport coaching. Other universities offer a Health Science degree, but with different ‘major’ studies.

Year 12 – UMAT
The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)
Any Year 12 student interested in undertaking the UMAT should advise Marg Cattanach or Mrs Barlow as soon as possible.

Results from this test are used as part of the selection process for some Australian and New Zealand university degrees. In Victoria the only university degree now requiring this test for Year 12 selection is Medicine at Monash Clayton (physiotherapy no longer requires it). However, some interstate and NZ universities also use it. Registrations for UMAT2014 are now open, and close at 5pm (EST) on Friday 6 June. The test will take place on Wednesday 30 July 2014. The UMAT Information Booklet is available from the UMAT website: www.umat.acer.edu.au.

NOTE: Practice materials are available through the UMAT website and can only be completed online. There are currently three full-length tests available. There are also some ‘how to’ clips and a quiz available on the UMAT website. Watch the videos and complete the quiz questions before registering for the test. Further clips will be released over the coming months.

Medicine at Monash - changes
Monash has two medicine/surgery (MBBS) degrees. One is an undergraduate degree at Monash Clayton campus, the other is a Graduate-entry program run at Gippsland campus.

The Clayton undergraduate degree selects students on the basis of their Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admissions Test (UMAT) results, an interview, and the ATAR. Applicants for this program cannot have commenced another university degree.

The Gippsland Graduate-entry program currently selects students on the basis of undergraduate degree results in an appropriate degree and Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT). However, from 2017, at least 50 of the 75 domestic places available into the Graduate Entry MBBS will be reserved for students who have completed Monash University’s Bachelor of Biomedical Science. The remaining 25 places in this program will be open to students who have completed the following Monash University degrees: Bachelor of Biomedical Science (including double degrees), Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Physiotherapy and Bachelor of Science (dependent on the completion of designated units). Selection of students for the Graduate-entry MBBS will include a multiple mini interview; the GAMSAT will not be required.

Further info: www.med.monash.edu.au/medicall/gippsland/mbbs-pathways.html; ph 1800 MONASH (666 274) or email future@monash.edu.

NOTE: Other institutions in Victoria offering medicine degrees are: University of Melbourne (post-graduate) and Deakin University (post-graduate). Many applicants for medicine degrees apply for interstate universities, and sometimes for NZ universities (Universities of Auckland and of Otago), to increase
their chances of being accepted into a medicine degree, as competition for places is fierce.

**Monash University - the ‘At Monash’ seminar series**

Prospective students have a great opportunity to find out more about courses that interest them. Monash is, once again, holding the ‘At Monash’ seminar series, where you can hear from current students, graduates and staff. The ones coming up shortly are (all 6.30-8.00pm):

- Business and Economics at the Peninsula campus, Tues 4 March
- Nursing, Midwifery and Emergency Health at Peninsula, Thurs 6 March
- Business and Economics at Clayton, Wed 12 March
- Science at Clayton, Thurs 13 March
- Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy at Peninsula, Tues 18 Mar
- Information Technology at Caulfield, Wed 19 March
- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Parkville, Thurs 20 March

More dates to follow or check out dates for other seminars and register your attendance at: www.monash.edu/seminars. Information: 1800 MONASH.

**RMIT – short courses**


**Box Hill Institute News**

Bachelor of Fashion Merchandising - fashion merchandising, retailing, marketing, fashion buying, … creating merchandising displays, developing a fashion website or marketing a fashion brand using social media.

If you are creative, enjoy using social media and technology and are business minded, the course will inspire you to pursue your ultimate fashion retail career. More information: YouTube clips at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RII0nU9C0ps http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVXe4Cgs_jw&list=UU_LweUp25BxY7NcaNTK8aNg.

**Student Engagement & Wellbeing**

**Special Pancake Breakfast**

**Tue 4th March**
8.15-9.00am
School Cafeteria
Hosted by Hepburn Health Services

**The Lounge - Hosting Pancake Day**

The Lounge is hosting PANCAKE DAY

What is The Lounge?

It’s a Free and confidential youth space for 12 to 25 years of age!
Providing a broad range of health and welfare services relevant to young people.
There is a qualified GP- Dr. Edna Correal that can see you for general health issues, Coughs, colds, sports injuries, injuries, asthma, mental health, sexual health etc.
Youth Outreach Worker- Karina Brooks for counselling, just a chat or information around bullying, anger management, self-esteem issues, smoking, alcohol & other drugs, mental health etc.

The Lounge also provides you with information or accessing Youth Dental, Physiotherapist, Psychology, Podiatry and Dietician.

More info or appointments please phone or text Karina PH: 0408935514
Daylesford Secondary College PH: (03) 5348 2367
Or just walk in!! Located in the ARC

**Community News**

**After School Activities @ the ARC**

Wondering what to do each day after school?
Well **The Illuminate Youth Space** is now open **every day** after school from 3:30pm until 6:30pm, where registered volunteers with relevant checks will be supervising and running different activities each day of the week.
Curently Monday night is Creative Writing, Newspaper and Study Time, Tuesday is Art with Heart, Wednesday is Games Night, Thursday is Girl Talk – a night just for girls with Danielle and Kareena, and Friday night is Movie and 8-ball Pool Night.
If none of those float your boat, just let us know what you would like to see happen at the ARC. We are always open to trying new activities. All students are welcome to attend even if they just want a space to hang but don't want to take part in the programmed activities. If you want to know more then please drop by between 3:30-6:30pm weekdays or contact Sebastian at (03) 5348 1777 or sebastiank@ourneighbourhood.org.au

Daylesford Youth Group 2014

Events and outings on the last Friday of every month. The 1st outing for this year is a BEACH TRIP.
Where: Eastern Beach Geelong
When: Fri 28th Feb.
Cost: $15
Time: Depart 4.45pm – Return 10.30pm
Departure and return to “The Rock” 16a Camp St Daylesford.
BYO bathers, towel & spending money.
Macc’s stop on way home if time permits.
All Welcome– Organised by youth for youth.

Booking essential Elaine Anderson 53485533 or 0403355992.
Organised by Daylesford Community Church

Daylesford Soccer Club - Wanted Soccer Players - 13 Years and Under

Contact Coach Shankar on 0478 608 529 or 5476 4118.

Sprung Circus Classes - Acrobatics, tumbling, all things circus, term 1 2014

Mondays 8 yrs -12 yrs 4pm
Wednesdays prep - 8 yrs 4pm;
Wednesdays 12 yrs - adults 5.30pm
basic training and extended training programs.
We are now looking for dedicated students in all age groups who would like to train harder and form a performing group. Coaches: gymnastics qualified
Ivo - Bulgarian National Acrobat Team, silver medal in World Championships, Coached Circus Oz, Nica, FFF, Cirkids and continues to perform.
Mara - 17 yrs coaching in Daylesford/Castlemaine and love it. Info and booking call Mara 0477499342, or Ivo 0419880067

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

A dynamic, contemporary singing group for young people (high school age) is starting in Daylesford. ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.
Leaders: Anni Coyne & Suzanne Hobson
Venue: Court 3, The ARC
Time: Mondays, 3.45 – 5pm

For more information and to add your name to the list, email…….
Suzannehobson1@gmail.com
Places are limited.

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Phone: 53481187 Mobile: 0417694741
Email: midoribee@hotmail.com
www.melissabanksmusic.com
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

[insert date and year].

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

[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