Dear Parents,

Happy New Year

Welcome to school for 2015. I hope you have all had a relaxing and refreshing holiday and are ready for the many excitement of the new school year. I am particularly pleased to welcome the children starting Prep for the first time and their families, as well as the 12 children and their families who have joined our school in older year groups. These children have all made an excellent start at the school. We have three new teachers starting this term: Ingrid Blasco who is teaching Year 2 for part of the week and our Indonesian program for the other days; Kellie Thomas who is teaching our new Year 4 class and Clair Norris who is teaching in Year 3.

Quiet Area

During January the old car park between the school offices and the junior building was remodelled into a quiet area and outdoor classroom. I think it looks fantastic. I know this is an opinion shared by lots of people in our community because you have been kind enough to express your appreciation to me. While I am very happy to accept your appreciation, the real thanks goes to Lincoln Blair, one of our parents, and his company who carried out the work, the Parents and Friends Group who helped with the design and provided half the funding and our School Council who agreed to undertake the project and provided the other half of the money. The grass has taken very well and is fine to walk across but still needs some care to ensure that it becomes firmly established. Until this happens we are asking that the children do not play across this area at recess and lunchtime and do not roll down the slopes before and after school.

School Captains

Our School Captains and Vice Captains were announced in our final assembly at the end of last year. Our School Captains are Tegan Jakubzik and Bailey Hume with Tahilla Taverna and Noah Crane filling the roles of Vice Captains. I would like to congratulate them and say how much I am looking forward to working with them this year. We will be presenting the School Captains, the House Captains and the Junior School Councillors with their badges next Monday in assembly.

New for 2015

The school’s main improvement focus is to make sure that the changes introduced last year become embedded in the working practices of the school. However there are some changes which will result from the work we have started. A new curriculum introduced by the Federal Government means that each year group has rewritten the content of their teaching. During 2015 you will begin to see the effect of this with a different range of topics, new incursions and excursions and some different destinations for our camp program. We are continuing to look for ways to expand our extra-curricular activities program. Ms Hemsworth is planning to offer dance activities at lunchtime as well as start up both a junior and senior choir. Her talent, enthusiasm and energy are remarkable. We are very lucky to have her as a member of our staff.

School Council Elections

Parent representatives on our School Council are elected for two year periods, meaning that each year there are a number of vacancies. This year we are saying goodbye to some long standing councillors who have made a significant contribution to the school’s development which I will acknowledge fully when they formally finish in early March. If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor, please come and collect information from the school office and then, if you want further information, please ask me or one of our current School Council members what is involved.

Regards,                                            Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**Dates for the Diary**

2-13 Feb.  Yrs.5/6 Swimming, Port Pool
4 Feb. No Prep Students
6 Feb. Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.1D,1F,1K,1L
8 Feb. School Working Bee, 9am-12noon
9 Feb. PSW Uniform Shop: 8:45-9:30am & 2:30-4:00pm
10 Feb. School Council 7:30pm
11 Feb. No Prep Students
13 Feb. Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.2BT,2G,2S
15 Feb. Drysdale Market
16 Feb. PSW Uniform Shop Open
17 Feb. Parents & Friends 9am in Meeting Room
18 Feb. No Preps
20 Feb. Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.3A,3B,3N,3S
23 Feb. P & F 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2:45-3:30

**School Excursions & Reminders**

Students who don’t attend an excursion are expected to attend school as normal.

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**School Working Bee** THIS SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 9-12

We are seeking parent help to:
- Spread playground softfall bark on the playgrounds
- Weed garden beds
- Spread mulch on garden beds
- Clear pathways

See Working Bee Notice enclosed with this Link
PSW operates from a room situated opposite the infant sandpit at the back of the hall. There are three options available: at school, internet or parent orders. For more details, please see sign on Uniform Shop window. If you cannot get to the Uniform Shop during opening hours, please collect an order form from the school office or request that one be sent home with your child.

For any queries regarding orders placed for home delivery phone 9768 0308 direct.

OPERATING HOURS: MONDAYS: 8:45-9:30am and 2:30-4:00pm (approximately).

PAYMENT: Payment is by cash or Credit Card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

GEELONG STORE
PSW has a store at 164 Malop Street, Geelong. Ph: 5224 2229 and they stock Drysdale Primary School Uniform. Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday and 9:00am-1:00pm Saturday. - Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Welcome back to OSHC for 2015. It promises to be a busy and exciting year. The children have been enjoying the good weather by spending a lot of time outside on the playgrounds as well as playing Connect 4, engaging in dramatic play, playing checkers, drawing and playing Trouble. Children will need to bring a spare hat or give a note to the class teacher expressing the need for them to take their hat with them at the end of the day.

Lisa is going on leave from Wednesday 4th February until Monday 23rd February. A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be speaking at the school assembly on Monday 23rd February. A reminder that every Monday morning Lost Property will be placed at the back of the hall for parents to check for lost items before or after assembly. Please make sure all clothing is clearly named. It is difficult to find the owners of clothing that is found if it is not named. If items are named, our Year 6 monitors will return them to their owners.

Any items not claimed by the end of every month will be donated to Parents & Friends for their Second Hand Uniform Sales.

STUDENT MEDICATION
A Department of Education policy is that parents need to bring student medication to the office and complete a school medical authority form for any student who requires medication whilst at school.

Any student medication needs to be in the original packaging. Prescribed medication must have the pharmacy label with the student’s name.

MOWING LIST

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CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance for parents/carers to transport children to and from school in rural and regional Victoria. Allowances are available for public transport, private car and private bus.

To be eligible a student must:
• Attend their closest government or non-government school
• Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school attended
• Reside within the Designated Transport Area for the government specialist school attended
• Attend nearest appropriate non-government specialist school

If you believe you are eligible please collect an application from the office and return it before 27th February, 2015. NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE PROCESSED.

MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS
If there are telephone messages for students, please advise the office BEFORE 3:10pm so that the message can be delivered to your child in time.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
President: Neil Searle Vice President: Rebecca Smith
Treasurer: Paul Rawson
Executive Officer: Phil Dunlop-Moore
Secretary: Michelle Powell
Members: Joanne Black, Mitchell Sinnott, Shane Kennedy, Andrea Hoogwerf, Tammy Burke, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Selma Tron, Rebecca Hoyne, Michael Jeantou. School Councillors can be contacted via the school office.

TERM DATES
TERM 1: 29 JANUARY 2015—27 MARCH
TERM 2: 23 APRIL—26 JUNE
TERM 3: 13 JULY—18 SEPTEMBER
TERM 4: 5 OCTOBER—18 DECEMBER

STUDENT BANKING
We operate a Student School Banking service to our students every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. Every student will receive a Student Banking Starter Pack. They will be sent home during Term 1.

If there any students who wish to commence Student Banking, please visit the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank, go on line or speak with the volunteer banking ladies of a Tuesday morning in the Staff Room.

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MEETING
Tuesday 17th February, 9 am, Meeting Room. All current and new parents are most welcome.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE
Monday 23rd February, 2:45-3:30pm in the Canteen area. Laundered items of uniform are gratefully received. Thank you.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP
Buy and sell secondhand uniforms. Brochure is available from the school or visit: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

IRON KIDS—SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
Compete in kid’s only version of Ironman 70.3. Kids aged 7-13. Eastern Beach Reserve, Geelong. 7:30am check in and registration. Enter online www.ironmangeelong.com

HEMLEY’S
Fitness Made Fun (Yrs.3-6) 8 week group fitness sessions. Active Skills 4 Life (Prep-Yr.3) 8 week motor skill development active play. Personal Training (10-18 yrs.) Individuals and small groups for general health and fitness. Email: michelle@hemleys.com.au

THE BALLET SCHOOL, POTATO SHED DRYSDALE
Enrolments for 2015. Details: 5251 2651, 0432 784 312, Email: info@theballetschool.net.au

KAREN FELDMAN’S DANCE STUDIO, GEELONG CITY STUDIO
Mixed style dance classes. Commence 7th Feb. Details: 5276 1357, 0432 493 527, Email: feldmans@ncable.net.au www.karenfeldmansdancestudio.com
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0408 109 647 - Marti
0414 461112 - Paul
www.drysdalesc.com.au

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Working Bee THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8th 2015

This year we are seeking parent help with our grounds.

We aim to have one Working Bee each term to target specific areas in need of maintenance.

This term we need to:

- Spread playground softfall bark on the playgrounds
- Weed garden beds
- Spread mulch on garden beds
- Clear pathways

Equipment required – if you can bring along any of the following it would assist:

Rake, shovel, forks, wheelbarrow, garden gloves, weeding tools, garden broom.

MOWER INDUCTION

We will have the two mowers – The SCAG and the COX mower on the oval for any parent volunteers who would like to be shown how to use these.

This would be a great time for any current or new mowing volunteers to experience use of the larger SCAG mower as this will cut mowing time down immensely.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Redmond and Kevin Godfrey for mowing over the holiday period.

MORE HANDS MAKE FOR LESS WORK!! SO PLEASE COME ALONG!!
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SUNDAY.

If you can assist, can you please return the attached form or alternatively you can email drysdale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by this Friday 6th February so we can best organise the day to work efficiently.

SCHOOL GROUNDS HELP – SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY

Parent Name: ___________________________ Contact Phone Number: ________________

Child/ren Names: ________________________________________________________________

I can bring: RAKE □ SHOVEL □ WHEELBARROW □ Other: _____________________________
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**SNACKS**

- Cheese & Crackers x 4 $2.00
- Vegemite & Crackers x 4 $1.50
- Rice Cake each $1.00
- Rice Crackers or Pretzels each $1.00
- Choc Chip Cookie or Muffin $1.00
- Gingerbread Man, Homemade $1.50
- Sea Salt/Honey Soy Chips $1.30
- Salt & Vinegar & Chicken JJ’s $1.30
- Bag of Shapes or Tiny Teddies $0.80

**PLANNED SPECIALS**

TUESDAY ONLY:

- Pizza: Ham & Pineapple $3.00

WEDNESDAY ONLY:

- 3 x Fish Fingers & Chips & Slush P. $6.00

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**PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES ON BAGS**

*If any item is required at recess, please write on bag so it can be ready for your child.

*Gluten Free Items

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*Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)*