Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2014 school year. It has been great to catch up with children and parents as well as welcome all our new children and parents to school. We have just over 80 children who have started Prep for the first time as well as a number who have transferred to Drysdale from other schools following house moves to the Drysdale area. I have been very impressed with the way that everyone has settled into the school year and their new classrooms.

We also have a few new teachers, even though we are familiar with many of them already. Laura Howard, Jess Fatone and Josh Burnie are teaching in Prep, Year 1 and Year 3 respectively. Andrea Laing has taken over the Phys. Ed. program and Danielle Thompson has returned from her family leave for Mondays and Tuesdays in Year 2. Ro Day is teaching the Learning Technologies program while Joanne Black steps up to the second Assistant Principal position. Emily Baker, Cathy Mullen, Alexandra Holloway and Leigh Ellis have joined our Integration Team. Congratulations to Mrs Elliot who has announced that she will be having a baby in June. She will be starting her family leave at the end of this term. Once we have appointed a replacement Prep teacher, I will let you know.

DYSRDALS’S DIRECTION 2014

A few people have asked me what is on my agenda for 2014. My agenda reflects the four year strategic plan agreed by the school community following our review in the middle of last year. The detail for 2014 is contained in the school’s Annual Implementation Plan that was agreed by the School Council at the end of last year. Both these documents are now on the school website.

We know that Drysdale is a really good and very successful school. This is reflected in these strategic plans. We also know that we have a moral and actual obligation to push on from this very high starting point to make Drysdale a school which offers the best in education, academically, socially and in terms of each child's individual talents.

There are two circumstances in which there might be other unforeseen improvements to those identified in these plans: there were instances last year when we needed to do something differently because the school's existing procedures did not meet the agreed state expectations. For example, we have adopted a policy of advertising all vacancies to bring us into line with the agreement between the State Education Department and the relevant professional associations. This is good employment practice and guarantees that the best available people are employed to work with the school's children. There were also instances when we had to find a solution to a long standing issue for which a solution had not been already planned.

For example, we moved the grades to different classrooms because the Prep intake in 2011 was over 90 which is too large for just three Year 3 grades. Therefore we needed a couple of extra teaching spaces for each of the next four years.

Now that I have been at Drysdale for a year, I am expecting that there will be fewer unforeseen circumstances and we can focus wholly on delivering the planned outcomes of the Annual Implementation Plan.

MY CONTACT DETAILS

My mantra is to make decisions that will enable every child at this school to be the best that they can be in everything. I also believe in fairness and consistency. Please feel able to test any decisions against this mantra.

I am more than happy for you to contact me directly either in person or by phone or by e mail at dunlop-moore.philip.p@edumail.vic.gov.au . I am usually in the yard at the beginning and end of school and happy to chat to anyone who wants to come over.

---

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

3-14 Feb.  Yr.5/6 Swimming, Port Pool
5 Feb.  PSW Uniform Shop 8:30-9:15am & 2:45-3:45pm
7 Feb.  Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.1F,1K,1L,1S
Swim Trials 11-12:30pm
Swim Carnival 12:30-2:00pm
10 Feb. 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 3:15-3:45pm
Active After School Communities:
Yr.2 Hockey
11 Feb. School Council Meeting, 7:30pm
12 Feb. PSW Uniform Shop 8:30-9:15am & 2:45-3:45pm
Active After School Communities:
Yrs.3/4 Girls Soccer
14 Feb. Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.2B,2C,2S,2V
16 Feb. Drysdale Market
17 Feb.  Yr. 2 Community Walk
Parents & Friends 9:30am Staff Room
AASC Yr. 2 Hockey
18 Feb. Parent Teacher Interviews 3:45-6:45pm for Yrs.1-6

**ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS**

Thank you to all parents who have paid the initial $50 for the essential educational items element of the school fees for 2014. I trust that you have found it helpful to have a detailed list of the items provided. All children will today have received their book box as they are essential educational items.

All government schools make a charge, rather than request a donation, for essential items as they are entitled to do. The total fees of $150 at Drysdale remain one of the lowest charges across schools in this area. In most recent years the school has had a shortfall in the region of $15,000 per year through non payment of these fees compared to under $1,000 in other local schools. The realities of this are that the school has to divert money from other programs or staffing to make up this difference and that the majority of parents who do pay are effectively subsidising the charge for others. This is unfair. Please can I ask that parents who have not yet paid this initial $50 make arrangements to do so as soon as possible as it adversely affects the school’s finances. Parents in receipt of EMA can arrange for payment to be made from this money. The remaining $100 is due by the end of June and can be paid any time before then either in a single payment or by instalments. Thank you.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
**NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASES ORDERS**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR**
PSW operates from a room situated opposite the infant sand pit at the back of the hall. A full range of winter and summer uniforms are available for purchasing. Customers will be able to order and pay for items at the Uniform Shop and the stock will be delivered to your home. Please note, this is different from an internet order.

**OPERATING HOURS:** Wednesdays: 8:30-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm (approximately). It is strongly suggested that you do not order stock online, as no extra stock is sent to me. If I don't have the item in store it is not available. If you can't get to the Uniform Shop, please request an order form from the office. If the stock is available I will send it home with your child. You will not be charged for any item that is not available.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**
I have an EFTPOS machine, so payment can be made at the time of purchase.

- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

---

**MOTION ROSTER**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>North Area (around oval)</th>
<th>South Area (Admin.buildings)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Glyn Thomason</td>
<td>Chris Skeen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17/2/14—2/3/14</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sandra Egan</td>
<td>David Rock</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/3/14—16/3/14</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

If you do not wish your child to participate in the school's Religious Education Program, could you please write a note to the classroom teacher.

If your child is doing Religious Education the cost for the year is $6. This amount will appear on your statement. If no note is received, then it will be assumed that your child is to attend. Thank you.

---

**NUDE FOOD**

We are in the process of selecting our Nude Food Dudes and will start our Nude Food lunch days shortly. Tuesdays are our rubbish free lunch days, so watch The Link for when we will commence and don't forget to send your child to school with a rubbish free lunch.

Please remember to label your containers. Thank you.

---

**STUDENT BANKING**

We operate a Student School Banking service to our students every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. The Starter Packs for Prep students will come out during Term 1.

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

---

**SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM**

Bellarine Community Health offers a School Dental program for all primary school aged children. This service is government subsidised and offers families access for their children to dental services at a cost of $30 for treatment or free for those children who are dependants of a healthcare or pension card. For an appointment ring the dental team at Pt. Lonsdale 5258 0828.

---

**REMEMBRANCES**

**LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY—MON. 10TH MARCH**

**BUNYIP FESTIVAL—SAT. 22ND MARCH**

**END OF TERM 1—FRID. 4TH APRIL, 2:30PM**

**FINISH**

**START OF TERM 2—TUESDAY 22ND APRIL**

---

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Neil Seaarle
Vice President: Rebecca Smith
Treasurer: Phil Dunlop-Moore
Secretary: Michelle Powell
Members: Joanne Black, Mitchell Sinnott, Clare Goodier, Andrea Hoogwerf, Felicity James, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Paul Rawson, Selma Tron, Stephen Barry, Samantha Schepisi.

---

Our Newsletter is available to view on line. If you would prefer to view it this way, please notify the office so that we can reduce the amount we print and be more sustainable. The Website is: www.drysdalesps.vic.edu.au
Welcome everyone, school is back and the Bunyip is stirring. This year’s Bunyip Festival will be held at Clifton Springs Primary School on Saturday 22nd March and I would like to invite anyone who would like to be apart of this to our first meeting of 2014. Any volunteers are made most welcome! The meeting is at Clifton Springs Primary School at 1pm on Monday 10th February. Firstly, a huge thank you to Naomi at Surf Junction for supporting us with an awesome 1st prize in our raffle valued at $1,000. Bendigo Bank Drysdale, Geelong Hampers and Tim Pescott Photography are just a few of our wonderful sponsors that support this event. Please feel free to start dropping off donations to either school for this year’s Major Auction and Silent Auctions. Watch this space to read about this year’s 2014 Bunyip Festival.

WOULD $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons. Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants. You may be eligible if you or your partner:
• have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
• are at least 18 years old
• have some regular income from work
• have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact Amanda Vernon, Saver Plus at Bethany Community Support on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

The team at After School Care had a great first couple of days, catching up on holiday stories from the kids, seeing some familiar faces and meeting some new kids. It was certainly a big summer of growth with many of the kids going up in height as well as shoe size! The service has transitioned to Camp Australia but we still have the same familiar faces. Lisa, Patricia, Tess and Natalie are all back this year to have fun and provide the children with a fun, engaging program.

Melanie Potter will commence as the service Co-ordinator from February 24th and is looking forward to meeting the children and families.

Reminder: Please register your children with Camp Australia through the website as the school is no longer taking bookings for before or after school care. Alternatively, Customer Service is available for your assistance and to make bookings on 130 105 343 or visit www.campaustralia.com.au

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE

Parents & Friends will be conducting a Secondhand Uniform Sale on Monday 10th February in front of the Canteen from 3:15-3:45pm.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

The first meeting for the year will be held on Monday 17th February at 9:30am—after assembly—in the staff room. All welcome.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

Take a look at the Drysdale Primary School “FOR SALE & WANTED” advertisements at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

You don’t need to be a member to look! Annual Family Membership is only $19.95 (unlimited Ads.) Payment for Uniform/Item is made directly to the parent selling the item—not online.

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 28th February, 2014.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE PROCESSED.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist some families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

• Be either a Parent or Guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
• Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, or Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPI) or be a foster parent.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28TH FEBRUARY for the 1st instalment. Your Health Care Card must be valid as of 28th January, 2014.

Applications cannot be accepted without a copy of your Health Care Card.

Please complete an application form which is available from the school office.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ART CLASSES—POTATO Shed

Commence on Wed.12th Feb. For further information contact Kaz McGlynn Ph: 0437 582 772.

CALLING YOUNG ACTORS AND PRESENTERS

Drama with Deana 2014 Auditions are being held on Saturday 8th February at Springdale Community Centre. Call Deana on 0417 935 096 for more information.
**Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?**

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

---

**SPRINGDALE $2+ SHOP**

Shop 8/12 Hancock Street  Drysdale

Phone: 5251 1011

Friendly service to the community

---

**SINGING LESSONS**

MODERN, CLASSICAL AND MUSIC THEATER STYLES

Correct techniques taught in a nurturing and supportive environment. Qualified teacher with 20+ yrs exp teaching solo, ensembles and vocal directing for productions. Fees $25 per 1/2 hr lesson.

Enquiries: Anita Barlow-Burman: 0413784763
anita_burman@bigpond.com

---

**Soho Rose Farm**

Field grown cut roses

Classic fragrant blooms picked fresh everyday. More than 300 types of exquisite David Austin and Hybrid Teas to enhance any occasion.

www.sohorosefarm.com.au  claire@sohorosefarm.com.au
clare_russell  0412 117 570

---

**Peninsula Collision Repairs**

ERIC JAKUBZIK Manager

Phone: 5256 3240
Fax: 5256 3460
Email: ericpcr@bigpond.com
36 Everist Road, Ocean Grove, Vic, 3226.

---

**Cinnabar Bakery**

PIES, CAKES & MORE

(03) 5251 3139

Shop 2-3 Wyndham Street Drysdale.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>January 26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28 Teachers resume PSW Uniform Shop Open 10am-12noon</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30 Term 1 Starts - 9am Canteen Opens</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>February 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Yr.5/6 Swimming</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>10 Yr.5/6 Swimming Active After School Communities: Yr.2 Hockey 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 3:15-3:45pm</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Drysdale Market</td>
<td>17 Yr.2 Community Walk Parents &amp; Friends 9:30am, Staff Room AASC: Yr. 2 Hockey</td>
<td>18 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:45-6:45pm for Yrs.1-6</td>
<td>19 No Preps PSW Uniform AASC: Yrs. 3/4 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>20 Golf Vic Open Excursion 30 students: JSC &amp; House Captains</td>
<td>21 Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.2B,2C,2S,2V</td>
<td>March 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>24 AASC: Yr. 2 Hockey Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:45-5:15pm, Yrs.1-6</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26 No Preps PSW Uniform AASC: Yrs. 3/4 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28 Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.4C,4D,4V Division Swimming Kardinia Pool</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>3 Preps first full week AASC: Yr. 2 Hockey</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5 PSW Uniform AASC: Yrs. 3/4 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>6 Family BBQ 6pm Family Dance 7pm</td>
<td>7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Drysdale Market</td>
<td>17 Parents &amp; Friends AGM AASC: Yr. 2 Hockey</td>
<td>18 Yr.4 Pt.Lonsdale/ Queenscliff Fort Excursion</td>
<td>19 Bunyip Activity Day PSW Uniform AASC: Yrs. 3/4 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21 Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep M &amp; Prep W</td>
<td>22 Bunyip Festival at Clifton Springs P.S.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>24 Responsible Pet Ownership Preps: 10:00 – 10:40 2B &amp; 2C: 11:15 –11:55 2S &amp; 2 V: 12:00 – 12:40 AASC: Yr. 2 Hockey</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26 Yrs. 3-6 Cross Country 1:50-3:30pm PSW Uniform AASC: Yrs. 3/4 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28 Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.5B,5C,5D</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>31 AASC: Yr. 2 Hockey</td>
<td>April 1</td>
<td>2 PSW Uniform Shop</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4 Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.6C,6P,6S 10:30am Healthy Eating Walk End of Term 1 2:30pm Finish</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The school relies heavily on parental support to maintain the grounds at your child’s school. This task takes approximately 1½ hours. (We do not mow the school ovals). Several vacancies exist on the roster to replace those parents of children that have graduated from the school last year.

If we get enough volunteers, you will only be required to mow a section of the school grounds once per year. Volunteers will be given more information when the roster is completed.

If you would like to help out by joining our fabulous group of volunteers on the mowing roster, please fill out the form below and return it to the school office. If you were on the 2013 roster and are unable to help out in 2014, please let the office know.

Volunteer Mowing List 2014

I………………………………………………………. would like to join the 2014 Mowing List.

Child’s Name………………………………………………………… Year…………………

Phone…………………………………………………………

Time of year you are unable to mow (if any): ……………………………

Please return to the school office as soon as possible, thank you.