Welcome to the 2013 school year. It promises to be another exciting year with so much for everyone to achieve. I would particularly like to welcome the children who have started school in Prep. It was very exciting to see so many happy smiling faces going into their classrooms for the first time last week. As I start my own journey at Drysdale Primary, I am looking forward to sharing many adventures and learning lots together.

I would like to thank everyone who has made me feel so welcome in my first few days here now that I am part of the Drysdale Primary School family. We have a wonderful school with a group of immensely talented children supported by great staff and parents. The aim for the next few years is to retain the myriad of excellent features of the school and to ensure that we enable every child to reach their full potential academically, socially, as well as with their personal talents in music, art or sport so that they are ready to take their part as adults in the global community.

Congratulations to four members of staff who were married over the summer. Mel Ford (now Burton) our Business Manager, Melinda Twentyman (now Henderson) our Art Teacher, James Field who manages our program for supporting children with additional needs, and Mitch. Sinnott who teaches Year 6 all celebrated their weddings in December and January. On behalf of the school community I would like to offer them our best wishes as they embark on this exciting new stage of life.

The school year is already well under way, even though we are only starting the first full week. Swimming has started for the children is Years 5 and 6. This will take place over the next couple of weeks leading to the school swimming gala and from that, selection for representative competitions. Our School Captains and Vice Captains have been selected following a rigorous process on Friday. There was a very strong field of candidates who put themselves forward for these roles which made the final decision extremely difficult. I would like to congratulate Piper Griffiths and Archie Rogers who are our new School Captains for 2013 and Emily Wilson and Hamish Terry who are the Vice-Captains. I would also like to acknowledge the other thirteen children who were nominated and considered for these roles. We will now move on to selecting our House Captains and Junior School Council members.

STOP WORK ACTION
The Australian Education Union (AEU) has called a stop work action on Thursday February 14th. This will mean many of our grades will not operate for this day. I will send home a separate letter once I have received final information from the AEU about the grades involved. This stop work action is part of the AEU continuing pay dispute with the government and part of wider action in schools across Victoria.

Regards,
Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
Parents & Friends will be conducting a Secondhand Uniform Sale on Monday 11th February in front of the Canteen from 3:15-3:45pm.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
The first meeting for the year will be held on Monday 18th 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.

NEUROFOOD
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 send your child to school with a rubbish free lunch.
Please remember to label your containers. Thank you.

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 or order forms can be collected from the school office.

OPERATING HOURS:  Mondays and Tuesdays: 3.15pm-3.45pm. 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.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM
Permanent Vacancies for After School Care
We are licensed to provide care for 55 children. There are 11 vacancies for Monday, 13 for Tuesday, 19 for Wednesday, 14 for Thursday and 22 for Friday.
Call 0417 379 655 for casual vacancies.

Before School Care
Don’t forget that care is available before school from 7:15am. At the moment you do not need to book in, as long as I have completed enrolment and direct debit forms for each child attending the program.

Casual Vacancies
Even if the permanent roll is full, there may still be casual vacancies. If you would like to use casual care, please call the Co-ordinator, Susan Norris, on 0417 379 655 to book a place. If your child/ren is/are not already enrolled, you will need to get an enrolment form and a direct debit form before you can book in. It is always worth calling, even if this table is showing no vacancies. There is always a range of other activities available and children can request individual art and craft activities.

Please settle your account before the end of Term.

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SPEARING NEWS
Swimming Years 5 & 6 — 4th to 15th February
Lunch orders can still be submitted whilst the swimming program is running.

Canteen Menu
The Term 1, 2013 Canteen Menu/Price List was distributed last Wednesday 30th January. Please collect one from the office if you didn’t receive one.

- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)

Finding the cost of uniforms a challenge this year? We can help you plan for this expense.
Saver Plus is a matched savings program where you may be eligible to receive up to $500 in matched funds at the end of ten months.
You may be eligible if you:
- have a health care/pension card
- are over 18 years old
- have regular income from work (casual, part time, full time)
- have a child at school OR attending vocational education yourself

Saver Plus is a nationally recognized program developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ that is delivered in Geelong by Bethany. These funds may be used for educational purposes such as winter uniforms, school camps, swimming/music lessons, sporting costs and many more.
Contact Amanda Vernon on 52788122 or email avernon@bethany.org.au for more information.
**BACK TO SCHOOL WORKING BEE**

“A BIG THANK YOU” to the wonderful mums, dads and children who gave up the last Sunday morning of the holidays to make the school look terrific for the start of the 2013 school year.

Drains were cleared, gutters cleaned, the asphalt was swept, gardening and mowing was done, the bike shelters swept, playgrounds were mulched and repaired and the Bobcat was driven.

Over 40 people attended the successful event. Special mention to a new parent—Pete Carew who worked into the afternoon to finish some playground repairs.

Thanks everyone.

Matt. Green, Environment Committee

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**JUNIOR MARLINS WATER POLO**

At Kardinia Aquatic Centre. Held on Monday nights until Easter. Flippa Ball for 6-12yrs and Junior for 13-17yrs.

Contact John: 0418 343 132 or Julie 0415 514 418 or Email: geelongwaterpolo@eftel.net.au

**FREE YOGA TRIAL FOR KIDS**

Book your Free 20 minute iSDA Kids Yoga today. Trials 9th/10th & 16th/17th Feb. For 2-12yrs. 6 children per class. Bookings with Tami 0417 057 566. iSDA Wellbeing Centre 29 Princess St, Drysdale.

**DRYSDALE HAWKS JNR. REGISTRATION**

Sun.10th Feb. 10am-1pm and Wed. 13th Feb. 6pm-8pm at the club rooms. U10, U12, U14 and U16 age groups.

Details on website: www.drysdalefc.com.au

**ALL STARS DANCE**


Details from Suzanna Bowen Ph:5258 3247 Mob:0422 817 401.

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**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays.

We are rostering year levels on each week. Next Friday 15th February, we are asking for volunteers from Prep C and Prep L. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking will take place every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room.

The starter packs for Prep students will come out during Term 1.

If there are any students who want to commence Student Banking, please notify the office. Student banking is operated by the Commonwealth Bank.

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**BUNYIP FESTIVAL 2013**

The 2013 Bunyip Festival will take place on Saturday 23rd March, 2013 at Drysdale Primary School. We are taking applications for outdoor stalls. Application forms are available from the Drysdale Primary School office.

We have a new Bunyip Festival Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/#!/The BunyipFestival

Check it out!

**BUNYIP MEETING**

Will take place in the meeting room at Drysdale Primary School on Wednesday 13th February at 4p.m.

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**CENTREPAY**

Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay school expenses by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment.

Drysdale Primary School’s minimum payment amount from Centrepay deductions is $20.00 per fortnight.

If you are interested in starting Centrepay, deduction forms can be obtained from the school office.

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**DENTAL SERVICE**

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 on 5258 0828.

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**RED FLEXIBLE PLASTIC RECYCLING**

We are recycling all our flexible plastic waste. With the RED project, we can prevent a lot of plastic heading into landfill from our school. Flexible plastics include: Supermarket Carry Bags, Bread Bags, Pasta Bags, Fruit & Vegetable Bags, Cling Wrap, Frozen Food Bags, Zip Lock Bags, Old “Green” Bags.

The plastic is collected and then recycled into products like outdoor seating, tables, signs and playground equipment that we can use here at school. For each kilogram of plastic we collect for the rest of the year, we will receive $5 towards the purchase of these products.

So collect your plastics at home and bring them to school and put them in the Year 5 classroom Big Red Bin. Thank you.

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**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 2013 for the 1st instalment.

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

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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Our New Play Ground!

Most of you will have noticed the new pyramid which has arrived between the BER building and the oval. We are always looking for ways to make recess and lunchtime a more interesting and challenging experience for the children. As you can see from the photograph this is proving to be a very popular addition to the activities available. This play ground is for the Year 5 and 6 children to use so they have their own play ground and because the challenge involved in using the pyramid is much better suited to older children.

Thanks to Steve Barry and Matt Green for sourcing this fantastic equipment which has come all the way from northern Europe.

Four Generations!

We were thrilled to welcome the fourth generation of the Davis family to be educated at Drysdale Primary when Mia Davis followed in the footsteps of her father Shaun, her grandfather John and her great grandfather Kel. It is exciting to be able to trace a shared history with the Drysdale Community back through the years. Kel was recalling a time when there was a paddock just down the road where the children left the horses they had ridden to school. Some parts of 21st Century living have changed; but a love of the community of Drysdale and a commitment to its school continue as strong as ever.

Ashley Cycling Champion!

Our own Ashley Jackson took part in the South Western Cycling Championships in the U/13 competition at the weekend in Hamilton. Ashley is a very talented cyclist who has been competing for four years. She won two silver and one bronze medal in the different track cycling disciplines. Congratulations, Ashley! We look forward to you bringing Olympic gold back to Drysdale in future years.
WANTED

VOLUNTEERS FOR 2013 MOWING ROSTER

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 Mar. Matthew Green at school. If you were on the 2012 roster and are unable to help out this year, please let the office know.

Matthew Green
Environment Committee

Volunteer Mowing Roster 2013

I………………………………………………………. would like to join the 2013 Mowing Roster.

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.*