Dear Parents,

**PREP 2014 — SCHOOL OPEN MORNING—TUESDAY MAY 21ST**

Traditionally schools hold open mornings during Education Week. We shall be opening our doors between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday May 21st to allow any parents interested in enrolling their children for 2014 to have a look around. This is really an opportunity for families who do not know the school to find out more. If you are already familiar with Drysdale Primary and have a child due to start school in 2014, please collect an enrolment form from the office. As we have a limit of 80 children in prep each year, it is helpful to us for enrolment forms to have been returned to school by the end of May.

**NAPLAN**

Next week on Monday to Thursday the children in Year 3 and Year 5 take the annual NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. These are tests which children across Australia take in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. There are two main purposes in these tests. The first is to provide for all children, the parents and teachers of how each child is doing compared to other children in Australia. The second is to provide for the school, the regional education office and the state education department a comparison of how each school is doing compared to others. These are, therefore, important tests. They are not, however, tests that individual children or parents need to be unduly worried about. As we already know how well each child is doing, the results are probably more important to the school than to individuals. The children are well prepared and will be asked questions about work they will have been taught by the end of Year 2 (for the Year 3 tests) and by the end of Year 4 (for the Year 5 tests.)

At Drysdale Primary we do encourage everyone to be their best in everything they do. Please can I ask that children who are taking the NAPLAN tests next week come to school ready for that experience with a good night’s sleep and a positive determination to try their hardest. Please can I ask that other children understand that these tests are happening and are even quieter than usual around the school each morning next week between the start of school and recess. Thank you.

**SCHOOL GROUNDS**

A number of people have (rightly) asked me about the school grounds and how we are going to tidy them up. There are some leaves etc., which need to be collected as well as some rubbish which has accumulated. We have been investigating longer term solutions to maintaining our large school grounds. In the short term Mr Barry will be organising a Working Bee when as many people as possible can help for an hour or two to tidy up around the school grounds.

**EARLY MORNING ARRIVALS**

I have noticed that there are a few children arriving at school long before there are any teachers out in the yard to provide supervision which happens at 8.45. Although there are teaching staff in school before 8.45 they are very busy setting up their classrooms for the day and are not able to supervise children who arrive very early. We do run a Before School Care Program (see Outside School Hours Care article in this Link, Pg.2). Places in this program can be arranged by contacting Susan Norris on 0417 379 655.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
The children have been busy having lots of fun in the Art Room this term.
If you have any old keys you would like to donate to the Art Room, could you please send them along to school. They would be very much appreciated.

Melinda Henderson & Liz Miles

**ART ROOM**

**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.
This Friday 10th May, we are asking for volunteers from Prep V and Prep W. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Drysdale Primary School have registered with the Woolworths Earn And Learn Rewards program. Last year it was an outstanding success and we received some amazing equipment and resources throughout the school.
We have more microscopes in the Year 6 area to new tables in the Prep and Year 1 areas. All you need to do is collect the point sheets from Woolworths and fill the sheets in and bring the filled sheets to school. JSC has a box set up in the Year 6 end of the BER building where they can be placed. Thank you for your support. - JSC

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

MONDAY 3RD JUNE
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY — MONDAY 10TH JUNE

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking takes place every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. If there are any students who want to commence Student Banking, applications can be obtained from the Drysdale Commonwealth Bank.

**NUDE FOOD**

Our Nude Food winners are: Alexander 1L and Amelia 4D. Congratulations! Prep V and 4D had the most Nude Food participants—well done. Remember on Tuesdays to bring Nude Food for your chance to win a Baker’s Delight Voucher.
Now for our Nude Food Joke:
What did the salad say to the refrigerator?
Close the door, I’m dressing!
Watch out for us on Monday at assembly! Bring Nude Food every Tuesday and every day! Please label your containers though. —The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**DOLLARMITES TREASURE HUNT COMPETITION**

Just make three or more deposits during Term 2 and you’ll be in the competition! 1st prize $5,000 family holiday, 25 runners-up prizes—Adventure Packs worth $700 each.
Details: commbank.com.au/adventureisland

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

Will take place on Thursday 9th May. Every child will have the opportunity to purchase a gift. Details enclosed in this Link.

**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.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**OVEN BAKED CORN JACKS**

Are now being sold at the canteen for $2 each.
DRAMA WITH DEANA
Drama/Presentation Skills for children in Years 1-6. Wednesdays at 4:20-5:30pm Springdale Hall, 17-21 High St, Drysdale. Call Deana on: 0417 935 096

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A six session parenting program to help children learn to understand and regulate their emotions which in turn leads to them becoming more resilient. Every Thursday for 6 weeks. 2nd May—6th June. 9:30am-11:30am Bellarine Community Health, Palmerston St, Drysdale. Stefanie Szlapa Speech Pathologist 5251 2291. Cost $15. Registration is essential.

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Bookings for Term 2 are now open for parents and children aged 8-12yrs. Sessions designed to assist families increase happiness, health and wellbeing while promoting harmonious relationships. Wed. 4-5pm at St James Hall, 55 Collins St, Drysdale. $15 per class bookings essential. Details: Selma Tron Mobile: 0413 081 602 or Email: selma@connectkids.com.au

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5. All other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.
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SPORT

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Selected students will participate in the Connewarre District Cross Country on Wednesday 8th May at Eastern Gardens, leaving 11:20am. Cost $5. Bring drink and lunch and wear appropriate clothing for their event and weather.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Hamish Goodier 6C has been selected to attend the Western Conference Basketball Trial as a progression to the 12 years and under School Sport Victoria State Teams Selection Camp.

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Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call
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GREAT SERVICE GREAT HOLIDAY!
Dear Families,

This Thursday 9th May, Parents & Friends will be holding a Mother's Day Stall at school.

Children have the opportunity to purchase one gift from the stall. Gifts will be available to purchase for $5 or $10.

There may be an opportunity for children to purchase an extra gift at Friday lunch time, depending on what is available. An announcement will be made Thursday afternoon if this is possible.

We hope that this will provide our children with the experience to make their own choices and spoil mums on Mother's Day.

Thank you,

Parents & Friends
02 May 2013

Dear Parent / Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as ‘crypto’) is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. **This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends** - it is being provided across the State and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

**To prevent the spread of disease, parents / guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:**

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks;
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool;
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy;
- Avoid swallowing pool water.


If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child, please consider seeking medical advice. A simple stool (poo) test is available to diagnose crypto infection if your doctor considers that crypto may be a cause of symptoms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Rosemary Lester
Chief Health Officer