Dear Parents,

**Enrolment to Prep 2015**

We are currently accepting enrolments for Prep 2015. There is usually considerable pressure on places with an official cap of 80 across the four grades. It is really helpful to our organisation if parents who are intending to send their children to Drysdale Primary School next year, make an enrolment application over the next few weeks. This includes children who have an older brother or sister already in the school. Enrolment forms are available from the school’s office.

Parents who would like to arrange a tour of the school to help inform their decision are most welcome to organise this by contacting the office. I will be pleased to meet any parent who wants to find out more about the school and answer any questions.

**NAPLAN**

The children in Years 3 and 5 are beginning the National tests today. These tests are done by all children in Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Over the next three days the children will work on reading, writing, grammar and punctuation, spelling and numeracy.

While any sort of test concentrates people’s feelings, it is important to remember that everyone is different and that all we ask of anyone on any day is that they try their hardest to be the best that they can be. These tests check the children’s understanding in work that they have been taught up to the end of Year 2 and Year 4. The results are returned to school in September and provide a snapshot of how the children and the school is doing compared to other similar schools and children across Australia.

**Co Maths Program**

Next week children and teachers from Years 3 and 4 at Drysdale Primary begin a Co-Maths program with children and teachers from these year groups at Leopold Primary and Mandama Primary. This program follows a model developed in Ontario, Canada, that allows small groups of teachers from different schools to plan and teach jointly maths lessons. These lessons are observed by other members of the group leading to the teachers to recognise and share best practice. The research done in Ontario shows that this is very effective in raising the teachers’ abilities and confidence in teaching maths effectively. The three schools successfully applied for funding from the Education Department to support this program that will now run until the end of the year.

We are also running a separate program internally to raise the outcomes of the higher attaining children in our Year 5 and Year 6 grades. Both programs, along with the revised reading approach in grades Prep to Year 3, are aiming to make what is already very good into something which is consistently outstanding. This is in line with the goals set in our school review last year that focus jointly on excellence and innovation.

**Fresh Fruit Friday Grant**

We were very pleased to welcome representatives from the Bendigo Bank to assembly yesterday to present a cheque for $2,500 as a grant to support our Fresh Fruit Friday program. Through this program we are able to offer every child a fruit snack on Fridays. I would like to thank the Bendigo Bank very much for their generous support of this program and the school. I would also like to thank Naomi Avery and the team of parents who meet in the staff room at 9am on Fridays to cut up the fruit to go out to the classrooms.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore
Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- **14 May**  Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- **15 May**  Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- **16 May**  Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.1F,1K,1L,1S
- **18 May**  LAST DRYSDALE MARKET OF THE SEASON
- **20 May**  Parents & Friends Meeting 9am & 4C Step Up at Bellarine SC
- **21 May**  Lightning Premiership
- **22 May**  Yr 4 & 5 Starlab
- **23 May**  Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs 2B, 2C, 2S & 2V
- **27 May**  4D & 4V Step Up at Bellarine SC

**REMINDERS**

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY 9TH JUNE

**TERM DATES**

- **Term 2**: 22 April - 27 June
- **Term 3**: 14 July - 19 September
- **Term 4**: 06 October-19 December
The students receiving awards this week:
James PH
Arda PM
Liam PW
Indigo 1L
Caleb 2C
Kayden 3A
Paityn 3H
Cayde 4C
Jeremiah 5D
Chloe 6P
WELL DONE!

NUDE FOOD AWARD WINNERS!

Tuesdays are our rubbish free lunch days, so don’t forget to send your child to school with a wrapper free lunch, to go in the draw to win a Baker’s Delight Voucher.

The winners for the **Year Level** Awards (from Prep—Year 2) is **PREP W** and (from Years 3-6) is **3H**.

**Individual winners** (from Prep—Year 2) are **Mae PW** and (from Years 3-6) **Eli 5C**.

Congratulations!

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**PREP ENROLMENTS**

Prep 2015 Enrolment Forms are to be returned by 30th May, enrolment forms are available from the office. Drysdale Primary School has a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development approved ceiling on enrolments.

Status of placement will be advised by 31st July 2014.

Priority order of placement:
1. Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school.
2. Students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time.
3. Where the Regional Director has restricted the enrolment, students who reside nearest the school.
4. Students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds.
5. All other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

**PAST STUDENT SUCCESS**

One of our past students, Liam Erck, filmed a TV show for ABC3. It premiered on Saturday 26th April. There are another 12 episodes to go and they will be screened at 6pm on ABC3 every Saturday.

The show is called *The Worst Year of My Life Again*. Here is the link to the show: [http://www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/worst-year-of-my-life-again/](http://www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/worst-year-of-my-life-again/)

Liam’s sister attends Drysdale Primary School (Phoebe 3S) she is very excited to see her big brother on television.
PARENTS & FRIENDS

MOTHER’S DAY
Hope all the mums enjoyed their presents on Sunday as much as the children did deciding what to get for their special mums. A big thank you to the parents that helped out on the day, without their help the stall would not be possible.

NEXT MEETING
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th May at 9am in the Meeting Room.

COMMUNITY NEWS

‘May There Be Art’ Youth Art Exhibition 2014. The members of the Youth Action Crew encourage young people to enter any artwork they may have, for a chance to sell, or just display. This could be photography, canvas, video, sculpture, paintings and more. If you are interested in entering please see the notice boards for more information or contact Aleisha Harling 0421 583 369 or ahalring@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

Our Newsletter is available to view online. 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.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au

MOWING LIST

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In our before and after school care programs we have been involved in many fun activities! On cold mornings we have been spending time huddled in the OSHC room with the heater on playing games like celebrity heads, card games, board games and we have re-introduced the perler/harma beads which the students have been very creative with, making unique designs! There is no containing the boys though, they are eager to run around and play no matter how cold it is in the hall!!

During after school care we are shaking things up a bit, slightly altering the routine, so that we are not always doing the same thing every afternoon! The students adapt well to small changes and are having more fun when the routine is more flexible! Its great to see so many smiling faces.

The students are having more input into the program also, which has seen us doing more art and craft activities, singing and dancing to music, playing group games such as hedgehogs and having group discussions about a topic chosen by a students.

Thank you to the parents that have been donating goods, these are much appreciated.

If you would like to register your child for OSHC or book in visit www.campaustralia.com.au or call the Camp Australia Customer Service on 1300 105 343.

Please note: The new mobile number at Drysdale OSHC is 0404 427 452. If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to approach either Mel, Lisa or Patricia.

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