Dear Parents,

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Last Wednesday a large group of Drysdale children competed in the District Cross Country at Eastern Beach. We had a very successful event with nine children qualifying for the Western Metropolitan race in a few days time. Three of our runners, including Amaliya Taylor 4V and Molly McKenzie 6C won their individual races which is a brilliant performance by them and for the school.

I would like to acknowledge the children’s ability as well as the guidance and support they have received from Mr Campbell and other teachers. The children’s voluntary participation in our Kilometre Club at recess has obviously paid dividends. This has been well supported by the teachers of our senior grades.

**ATTENDANCE**

Good attendance is fundamental to children’s learning. Most of our children have good attendance but it would be great if we could find ways of making it even better. As adults, whether it is as a parent or a teacher, we constantly have to balance the knowledge that children only get the benefits of education when they are in school with the knowledge that there are times when children are not well enough to attend or something else significant prevents them coming to school.

The Education Department is working with all schools to increase children’s attendance. The generally accepted boundaries are that there is concern when a child misses more than 10% of school, one day per fortnight on average, and that there needs to be a plan agreed between parents and a school when a child misses more than 20% of school, on average one day each week.

Across ‘western’ school systems children miss, on average 7% of the school year through illness and other unavoidable events. When absence stretches beyond a day a fortnight there is an effect on children’s learning. Missing a day a week, 20%, is clearly more than double the average absence and a significant concern, even if those absences have been notified to the school.

There are ways in which we can work together to improve attendance which most of our families are already very good at doing. If children are feeling really unwell, they need to be off school and at home recovering. If children are feeling a little unwell, are not infectious but could manage at school, they can come to school. If children need to go for an appointment e.g. an eye test, we are more than happy for them to go to the appointment and then come back to school.

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

Traditionally schools hold open mornings during Education Week. We shall be opening our doors between 9 am and 11 am 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 be returned to school by the end of May.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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**REMINDERS**

**STUDENT FREE DAY—MONDAY 3RD JUNE**

**QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY—MONDAY 10TH JUNE**

**FREDDO SHOW BAGS FOR SALE @ $5 EACH IN OFFICE. PROCEEDS TO BUNYIP FESTIVAL**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Neil Searle  
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, Tara van Winckel.

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.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au
ART ROOM

WANTED! OLD KEYS
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 Teachers

MOWING ROSTER

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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. 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 taken payments made by credit card from orders placed as far back as the start of Term 4, 2012. I have waited until the end of the school holidays to put these payments through so it did not leave any of you short of money. My apologies for not informing each one of you individually.
In the past I had to ring your payments through and this was difficult and time consuming. As I now have an EFTPOS machine, payment can be made at the time of purchase and this should help with a more efficient running of the uniform shop.
Thank you. Kathleen.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Permanent Vacancies for After School Care
We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 14 vacancies for Monday, 16 for Tuesday, 25 for Wednesday, 25 for Thursday and 27 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 a completed enrolment form and direct debit form 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. It is always a range of other activities available and children can request individual art and craft activities.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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

**TUNING INTO KIDS—Emotionally Intelligent Parenting**
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.

**PARENT CHILD YOGA—CONNECTING FAMILIES**
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.

**ALL STARS DANCE**

**BASKETBALLERS WANTED!**
You need to be Under 14, free on a Thursday night and interested in playing basketball. The Golden Knights are looking for some boys to join their team. Details from Lou Ph: 0407 309 174.

**GEELONG JUNIOR CHESS OPEN 2013**

**LEOPOLD LAKERS BASKETBALL**
Leopold Lakers Basketball Club needs U12 boys to play at Life Be In It on Saturday afternoons. If you are interested, please contact Raph Trinidad on 0417480389 for more information.

**GEELONG JUNIOR WATER POLO CLUB**
Junior Water Polo sessions—Winter season. Male and female experienced or beginner, all welcome. Held at Geelong College Recreation Centre, Talbot St, Newtown 6pm Mondays. Details: John O’Callaghan P.0418 343 132.

**INFORMATION SESSIONS YR.7 2014**
Listed below are the Information Nights for parents of 2014 Year 7 students that have been planned for our main feeder Secondary Schools.

- **Geelong High School**
  Ryrie St, East Geelong
  P.5225 4100
  Monday 20 May
  7:00pm: Information Session, CA Love Hall

- **Newcomb Secondary College**
  81 – 85 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb
  P.5240 5800
  Tuesday 21 May
  7:00pm Information Session in Cliff Watkins Hall

- **Bellarine Secondary College**
  Ocean Grove Campus
  70 Shell Road, Ocean Grove
  P.5251 9000
  Thursday 23 May
  6:30–8:30pm: College Tours
  7:00 and 8:00pm Information Session

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 24TH MAY**
All students are encouraged to walk or ride to school on this day.

This is a National community event which encompasses road safety, health, public transport and the environment. It’s for our children and our future.

Go to walk.com.au to get involved.

Download the FREE APP.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**OVEN BAKED CORN JACKS ARE NOW BEING SOLD AT THE CANTEEN FOR $2 EACH.**

**REBEL SPORT REWARDS**
Drysdale Primary School is registered at Rebel Sport with a “Season Pass”. If you purchase something from Rebel Sport, please mention Drysdale Primary School. Our school then receives points towards sporting equipment for the school.

**PREP ENROLMENTS**
Prep enrolments for 2014 are to be finalised. If you have a child at school with a sibling, please make sure you submit your Prep Enrolment Form by 31st May. 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 2013.

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.
6. In exceptional circumstances, compassionate grounds.

**Do you volunteer at your school helping in the classroom?**
Are you interested in gaining a qualification to support the work you do? There is a great opportunity to gain a recognised qualification in this area:

- CHC30812 Certificate III in Education Support
- CHC 41712 Certificate IV in Education Support

These courses give you the skills to work in a range of education settings including public and independent schools and community education settings that provide assistance and support to teachers and students under broad based supervision. You will gain skills in areas such as behaviour management, rules and regulations and supporting literacy learning.

If you think this would suit you, or you are interested in becoming a Teacher’s Aide, contact us for a chat about how this training can be tailored for you.

CONTACT Lisa Trevorrow at Diversitat Training 5224 2329 or lisa.trevorrow@diversitat.org.au

Diversitat Training trading as Diversitat, RTO 5819. Training at Diversitat is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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GREAT SERVICE GREAT HOLIDAY!
The following Drysdale Primary School students were successful in the Connewarre Primary School Sports Association Cross Country held on Wednesday 8th May.

Girls 10 Years & Under: Amaliya 4V
Boys 10 Years & Under: Josh 4V & Jack 3C

Girls 11 Years & Under: Maeve 5K & Sian 5B
Boys 11 Years & Under: Bailey 5K

Girls 12 Years & Under: Molly 6C
Boys 12 Years & Under: Jack 6S

These students will now compete in the Division Cross Country on 28th May.
Our thanks to Alison Dumbell (parent) for providing some of these photos.