Dear Parents,

**Ruby Margret Elliott**
I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Lizzie Elliott gave birth to her first child last Thursday. Ruby Margret Elliott arrived safely at 5.30 a.m. This was around three weeks early but both Ruby and Lizzie are doing fine. Ruby weighed in at 6lb 6oz (slightly less than 3kg.) I would like to offer Lizzie and Glen our best wishes. We are looking forward to meeting Ruby soon.

**Behaviour Management Policy**
The school has been working on a Behaviour Management Policy for much of the past year. While we do not particularly need a Behaviour Management Policy in the sense that the children’s behaviour at Drysdale Primary is extremely good, it is certainly good practice that children and parents and staff understand the expectations and the common approaches that we take to rewarding good behaviour as well as the consequences of not meeting these expectations. I would like to acknowledge and thank the contributions of the staff in drawing up this policy as well as of the many parents who responded to the initial consultation. I would also like to thank our school councillors for offering their advice and support as critical friends. Our policy is much stronger as a result. This can be viewed on the school’s website.

**Student Well-Being and Engagement Working Group**
The school will be creating a Student Well-Being and Engagement Working Group to consider this important part of our school and help create a policy that formalises the common approaches. This will establish an overall vision for enhancing student engagement and well being as well identifying a range of policies that sit within that vision. Behaviour Management is one such policy. Others might include attendance, welfare and personal development. If any parent is interested in joining a group that also includes staff and school councillors, please can you let me know by Friday June 6th.

**Religious Instruction**
Judging by the amount and range of communications I received from parents, this is a very important subject for many people with strong feelings being expressed both in favour of religious instruction and in opposition to it. All schools received altered requirements from the Minister of Education last week that must be implemented from the beginning of Term 3 this year. This sets out very clearly the circumstances in which schools must offer religious instruction, the rights of parents to choose whether or not their child participates, the supervision arrangements for children who are participating and for those who are not and the requirements of those people teaching religious instruction. There are two steps to this process which must be repeated annually. Schools must offer religious instruction to parents. Where schools have sufficient interest from parents they must then arrange the lessons unless this is impractical within the good organisation of the school.

Given the strength of feelings expressed by people both in favour of religious instruction and in opposition to religious instruction, I am advising you that a letter will come home on Thursday asking if you wish your child to participate in our religious instruction program. This will need to be returned by Friday June 6th. On receipt of those replies I will impartially determine if the school is able to make reasonable arrangements for religious instruction lessons within the requirements set out by the Minister of Education.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**Dates for the Diary**

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**Queen’s Birthday Holiday**
Monday 9th June

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27th May at 9am** in the Meeting Room.

**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On Friday 23rd May we are asking for volunteers from Yrs. **2B, 2C, 2S, 2V**. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

**LOST PROPERTY**

A reminder that every Monday morning Lost Property will be placed at the back of the hall for parents to check for lost items before or after assembly. If items are named our Year 6 monitors will return them to their owners.

Any items not claimed by the end of every month will be donated to Parents & Friends for their Second Hand Uniform Sales.

**MOWING LIST**

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR**

PSW operates from a room situated opposite the infant sand pit at the back of the hall. There are three options available: at school, internet or parent orders. For more details, please see sign on Uniform Shop window. If you cannot get to the Uniform Shop during opening hours, please collect an order form from the school office or request that one be sent home with your child. For any queries regarding orders placed for home delivery phone 9768 0308 direct.

**OPERATING HOURS: MONDAYS:** 8:45-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm (approximately).

**PAYMENT**

Payment is by cash or Credit Card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

**GEELONG STORE**

You may have noticed a PSW Store in Geelong. At this time they do not stock Drysdale P.S Uniform. - Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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**ESSENTIAL EDUCATION FEE INSTALMENTS**

The second instalment was due on 13th May. If you have not arranged payment, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**GENERAL PAYMENTS**

If parents pay for excursions, etc., with cash, it would be appreciated that the correct money is submitted to the office as cash is not kept on the premises. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

**REBEL SPORT**

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.

**REMINDER**

As part of the essential items, we ask that every student supplies a box of tissues. If you have not already done so, could you please supply a box of tissues to your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you.

**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.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Neil Searle

Vice President: Rebecca Smith

Treasurer: Paul Rawson

Executive Officer: Phil Dunlop-Moore

Secretary: Michelle Powell

Members: Joanne Black, Mitchell Sinnott, Shane Kennedy, Andrea Hoogwerf, Tammy Burke, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Selma Tron, Rebecca Hayne, Michael Jeantou.

School Councillors can be contacted via the school office.

**NORTH AREA**

Around oval

**SOUTH AREA**

Admin. buildings

**12/5/14 — 25/5/14**

Ross MacKenzie Stacey O’Dwyer

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Last week we took advantage of the nice weather and spent many long afternoons outside soaking up the sun and playing on the playgrounds and climbing frame! Patricia took a group for a relaxation activity which was very successful! The students practised concentrating on their breathing and lay very still. It was very impressive!

This week we had a fashion parade, developed by Olga and Ellie. The girls made cameras with the students and organised everything for the event! There was paparazzi, balloons, music and colourful clothing. The students were very excited and everyone showed off and had a good time. 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.

Thanks, The Team at Drysdale OSHC
The students receiving awards this week:
Owen Prep M,
Jarvis Prep T,
Kayd 1S,
Jonathan 2T/V,
Emella 4D,
Erin 3B,
Lachlan 5B,
Jaime 6S,
Joshua Prep H,
Indi 1S,
Mila 3S,
Lochlan 3H.
WELL DONE!

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

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 Year 5D. Individual winners (from Prep—Year 2) are Joshua PH and (from Years 3-6) Sarah 3A. Congratulations!

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.
6. In exceptional circumstances, compassionate grounds.

STUDENT BANKING

ADVENTURE HOLIDAY TO WIN! Make three or more deposits in Term 2 to automatically go into the draw. Student School Banking is held on Tuesday every week.

If there are any students who wish to commence Student Banking, please visit the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank, go on line or speak with the volunteer banking ladies of a Tuesday morning in the Staff Room.

A reminder to parents that no more tokens will be sent out as everything is now computerised. The banking ladies will notify you when you reach 10 tokens.

Bank Deposit Slips need to be filled in correctly. Please take the time to fill them in correctly as it is a Commonwealth Bank and audit requirement. If the slips are not filled in correctly your child’s deposit book will be sent home unprocessed.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

THIS FRIDAY 23RD 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Clifton Springs Tennis Club runs a ladies competition on a Thursday Night at the Clifton Springs Tennis Courts in Jetty Road, Clifton Springs. We are always looking for new players, from beginners through to experienced. It is a great way to meet new people and just have a night out. Starting time is 7pm to 9.30/10pm. If you are interested please contact either Julie on 0417 015 742 or Sharon 0412 677 630.

Ocean Grove Pre-School invites all prospective parents and children to its upcoming meet and greet.

Date: Tuesday May 27th
Time: 2-3pm
Venue: Ocean Grove Pre School, 114 The Avenue, Ocean Grove

Please feel free to call us on 5255 1940 or email us at ocean.grove.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
We look forward to meeting you and showing you what our great community kindergarten has to offer your child.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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- Junior soccer training 6:15pm at Clifton Springs Primary School Oval starts Wednesday 26th Feb
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