Dear Parents,

**EDUCATION WEEK**

This week is Education Week. The commonest question in Education Week is “What makes a good school?” For Drysdale Primary this is actually an irrelevance because the school is already a good school. What matters to us, is “What makes an outstanding school?”

At one level the answer is simple. An outstanding school is one which consistently provides the highest quality of learning for every single one of its children. At another level it is more complicated because there are many factors which go into creating an environment in which every child can reach their full potential, academically, socially and in the development of their individual talents.

For children to reach their full potential academically, all teachers need to know what all the children in their grade need to know next and then make sure that they teach them that element of the curriculum. But not all children learn at the same rate. A child who is great in maths may struggle in reading and/or writing. A child who is great in geography may struggle in history. A child who is great at sport may find art or music a mystery. At Drysdale we aim to know every child’s strengths and weaknesses and work to improve both. We have very knowledgeable and experienced teachers and teachers who are students themselves of research into best practice in teaching.

The Federal Government is introducing a new Australian Curriculum for all schools across the country. At Drysdale we will be using this as an opportunity to review the curriculum we teach and make sure that it addresses the needs of every one of our children and make sure that our approach to teaching means that every child reaches the end of Year 6 ready to move on to the challenges of secondary school at a standard higher than the standard reached by similar children in similar schools.

Primary schools must also develop their children’s social skills. This is an area in which Drysdale Primary already excels. That is not to say that we are complacent about this or believe that there is nothing we could do better. I come back to the fact that when I interviewed our Year 6 children for the roles of School Captain, many of them presented as more rounded people than some adults I have interviewed in other schools for jobs as teachers. Over the coming terms, we will be consulting widely with parents about defining a consistent behaviour management protocol. This is something we don’t have; essentially because the children’s behaviour is so good we don’t need it! But to be an outstanding school, we need to attend to the small differences that will secure perfection.

The third element of an outstanding school is one in which children’s individual talents are nurtured. For some children this means enabling them to make a career in sport, art or music. For others it means enabling them to play sport, create music or art at a social level that exceeds their expectations. By attending to the children as individuals we know what they can do now and have a sense of how good they could become. With a vision for creating universal excellence, we will provide opportunities and encouragement for them to be the best they can be. This is where our proposed music tuition program, our encouragement for children to join international camps and the promotion of the school concert, play an essential part in developing our school.

Above all, education is a partnership between home and school. We value your contributions and aspirations for your children. We aim to work with you to enable your children to meet their ambitions and fulfil your expectations.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
ART ROOM

WANTED—ASSORTED BOXES!

We are in desperate need of assorted boxes. For example: ceral boxes, biscuit boxes, boxes of various sizes. Thank you. -Melinda Henderson & Liz Miles, Art Teachers

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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. Uniform prices have changed and the new price list is available from the 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 only available to me on specific days and times. This was very 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, 17 for Tuesday, 25 for Wednesday, 24 for Thursday and 28 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. There is always a range of other activities available and children can request individual art and craft activities.

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 24th May, we are asking for volunteers from 2A, 2B, 2S and 2V. 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

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Card program is going well. Junior School Council would like to thank everyone for their support. Each day we have students visiting our Woolworths box and putting in their sheets.

This week Junior School Council will visit classes and give out sticker sheets.

Keep supporting our school, remember the sticker sheet mail box is in the Year 6 area.

Thank you for your support. - JSC

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.

Bank Deposit Slips are not being 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.

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

NUDE FOOD

Our Nude Food winners are: Dominic Prep M and Dylan 3S. Congratulations! 2B 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 kind of food should you eat to increase your vision?

Answer: Seafood.

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

UP-COMING FUND RAISER, CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Every family will go home with a box of chocolates to sell over the up coming school holidays.

A note is enclosed with this Link for you to complete if you DO NOT wish to take part in this fundraiser. Please return the note to the office by FRIDAY 31ST MAY.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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
Sat. June 8, 2pm Courthouse Arts Centre, 1st Floor cnr Gheringhap & Lt.Malop Sts. Under 15 yrs. Book prize for top 3 male and female players. Entry $10 per person. Entries close 3rd June. Enquiries: 0421 871 859 or 5241 2918 or geelongchessclub@gmail.com

GEELONG MARLINS 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.

WOULD $500 assist you with education costs?
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons. Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.
You may be eligible if you or your partner:
1. have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
2. are at least 18 years old
3. have some regular income from work
4. have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact Amanda Vernon, Saver Plus at Bethany Community Support on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

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.

BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE
Mention Drysdale Primary School at Drysdale Bakers Delight and the school will receive 5%.

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.

Newcomb Secondary College
81 – 85 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb P.5240 5800

Bellarine Secondary College
Ocean Grove Campus
70 Shell Road, Ocean Grove P.5251 9000

Tuesday 21 May
7:00pm Information Session in Cliff Watkins Hall

Thursday 23 May
6:30–8:30pm: College Tours 7:00 and 8:00pm Information Session

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
THIS 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.

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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Parents & Friends

Cadbury Chocolate Drive Fundraiser

Every family will receive a box of chocolates to sell over the next School Holidays, more information to follow. If you do not wish to take part in this fundraiser please return the slip below to the office by Friday 31st May.

We do not wish to take part in the Cadbury Fundraiser.

Eldest Student............................................................................................................................................

Year........................

Parent Signature........................................................................Date..................................................