Dear Parents,

**SCHOOL HOUSE NAMES**

In assembly yesterday we formally announced the names of the school’s four houses. We are retaining the same four colours but adding a name with a strong local connection to each house. The purpose of adding these names is to give the children a long lasting connection to this community so that wherever in the world they make their homes as adults, they will always have a strong sense of belonging to Drysdale. People benefit from a sense of security and identity. In a society which allows adults to move so much more freely between places, states and even countries, this is increasingly important.

We were joined in our assembly by Pam Davis from the Drysdale RSL, Zeta Wilson from the Education Department’s Koori Support Services, Neil Searle who is our School Council President and Jaime Dumbell from Year 6 who is our most senior indigenous student and a House Vice Captain. These four guests helped name the houses with the help of our current House Captains. The four house names are:

- **Gold House is McLeod.** McLeod is the earliest name given to Drysdale by Anglo-European settlers. It remains the name of the reserve where Drysdale Football and Netball Club play and where the school holds its market each month. We have chosen the name to honour the first European settlers of this area.

- **Red House is Bengalat.** Bengalat is the name of the local Wathaurong clan who are the traditional owners of the land on which the school is built. The school’s oval and the area opposite with the tennis courts is called the Wathaurong Reserve. This name honours the Wathaurong people and the Bengalat clan’s custody of this land over thousands of years.

- **Green House is Davis.** Henry Stanley Davis was a student at Drysdale Primary School in the early part of the last century. One hundred years ago when the First World War started Henry Davis enlisted to fight as one of the first ANZACs. Henry Davis fought courageously at both Gallipoli and in France where he won a medal, the Croix de Guerre, for his bravery. He was killed in 1917. Many of his distant relatives still live in Drysdale. The name honours all the school’s ANZACs.

- **Blue House is Dan Dan Nook.** Dan Dan Nook was an outstanding indigenous athlete who used to participate in the Highland Gathering every year from mid 1850’s to late 1800’s. He participated in the Athletic Competition and would win every one. A medal was struck by the Scottish group and presented to him. This medal is being held by the Historical/Cultural Museum in Geelong (based at the Government Offices). He is buried in the Herne Hill Cemetery. This name honours all outstanding athletes.

These names were chosen after consultation with the school community. I am grateful to the Drysdale RSL and the Wathaurong Community for their nominations and permission to use names that enhance our connections with them. We will now allocate all children to one of these four houses. Over time we will be able to use this house structure to organise the children occasionally into groups drawn from across year groups and grades which can be important in certain engagement and well being activities. We will also be able to organise more Inter House Sports.

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PERMISSION DUE BACK BY FRIDAY**

Please can I ask that parents who want their child(ren) to take part in our Religious Instruction program to return the permission form sent home last Thursday before the end of this week. Thank you.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

28 May   Yrs. 5/6 Golf Clinic
30 May   Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.3A,3B,3H,3S
2 June   PSW Uniform Shop : 8:45-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm
          Active After School Communities: Golf
3 June   Nude Food Day
          UNSW Science Competition
          Active After School Communities: Tennis
6 June   Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.4C,4D,4V.
9 June   QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
10 June  Active After School Communities: Tennis
          School Council 7:30pm
11 June  Yr. 1 Bravehearts
13 June  Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs. 5B, 5C, 5D

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**REMINDERS**

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY MONDAY 9TH JUNE

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FORM DUE BACK THIS FRIDAY. PARENTS MUST TICK THE YES OR NO BOX ON THE FORM & RETURN IT TO THE CLASS TEACHER

TERM DATES

Term 2: 22 April - 27 June
Term 3: 14 July - 19 September
Term 4: 06 October-19 December
We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On Friday 30th May we are asking for volunteers from Yrs. 3A, 3B, 3H, 3S. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

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.

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

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

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place in late June. Can parents please make sure your Email Address is correct so that in mid June we can send out the Log On details for the on line booking system. Thank you.

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

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.

The winners for the Year Level Awards (from Prep—Year 2) is Prep H and (from Years 3-6) is Year 5C.

Individual winners (from Prep—Year 2) are Jarvis Prep T and Nathan 3A (from Years 3-6). Congratulations!

Entertainment Books
There are still some Entertainment Books for sale at the office.

Parents and Friends will be having a Secondhand Uniform Sale on MONDAY 16TH JUNE.

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.

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 Hoyne, Michael Jeantou.

School Councillors can be contacted via the school office.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Last week our Year 6 girls Olga and Ellie took a group of children for an activity where they made Lava Lamps. Six children took part in the activity where they experimented with water, oil and salt to cause a reaction similar to that of a Lava Lamp. It was great to see the older students taking on leadership roles and the younger children getting involved and having fun. The Year 6 students will be taking more activities this week including gymnastics and making robots! We look forward to seeing the end result:)!

We are introducing our Better Buddies program in OSHC where the older students will be buddies with younger students, so that each student has someone to approach if they are feeling unsettled. Buddy Bear will be adventuring around OSHC and is available for students to take home on adventures!

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.
Mixed B Team also did a great job with Neeson who was required to play all 4 quarters of ALL games. They won one of three games so unfortunately didn’t make it through, but they had a great day!

The last of the Drysdale markets, until next October, was held in May. You may not be aware that Drysdale Primary School runs the Drysdale market and receives money from stallholders that goes towards fundraising for our school. Our School Councillors are rostered to each market to put out the advertising board on High Street, open and close the gates, send the stallholders to their correct positions and remove the rubbish at the end of the day. Our school Council Secretary, Michelle Powell, is also the Market Co-ordinator and does a great job managing the stall applications, positioning and any issues that occur during market day.

Our last School Council meeting was a particularly busy one. We received reports from Parents and Friends that their excellent Mother’s Day Stall had raised around $1000 for the school. The Bunyip Festival subcommittee advised that our school should receive around $16,000 from this year’s festival. A remarkable result and a big thanks to everyone involved from Drysdale Primary.

Other areas of discussion included:

- The future development of the area between the office and the new BER building.
- A subcommittee was established to look at policy matters associated with student wellbeing
- OH&S issues identified in an audit of DPS
- An investigation into the use of smartphone apps to communicate school information with parents and carers. - Neil Searle

On Wednesday 21st thirty one Drysdale students attended the Lighting Premiership Netball Championships. We all played very well and the other schools were very talented and very skilled. But luckily the Drysdale A’s had the best team. We only lost 1 game to South Geelong, who we then had to play in the finals. They gave us a challenge but we were the champions with a final score of 10 to 5. We are now very excited for the next level.

The students receiving awards this week:

WELL DONE!

The new House Names were presented at assembly by Neil Searle, Pam Davis (Drysdale RSL), and Zeta Wilson (Koorie Education Officer). Photo—Blue House which is Dan Dan Nook– Zeta Wilson, Corey & Tarni

DPS NETBALL VICTORY!

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