Dear Parents,

**DRYSDALE PRIMARY — AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL**

The staff and School Council have undertaken a range of activities in recent weeks designed to sharpen our strategies for ensuring that Drysdale is consistent in offering an outstanding education to every single one of our children.

Last week the school had its four yearly review. Our School Council President, Neil Searle, and our Vice President, Rebecca Smith, met with the school’s senior leadership team and three external reviewers to evaluate the school’s current position and determine what the school needs to do next to improve even further. This is a process undertaken by every school every four years. When a school is already offering a very high standard of education as we do, determining what the school needs to do next is a challenge. I will be able to share the detail of this with parents once we have received the review report from our review team.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the efforts and shrewd insights of Neil and Rebecca who took (another) day off work to support this school. They are people of great integrity who hold a voluntary position ably supported by other members of the School Council. They dedicate huge amounts of time and energy to give the parent community a voice in the strategic direction of the school.

The staff used the Pupil Free Day yesterday to investigate educational and organisational theory that enables schools to perform consistently at the highest levels. There are already many aspects of this school which regularly reach these standards, foremost of which is the personal, social and emotional development of the children. Our aim is for every single aspect of the school to be outstanding for every individual child every day.

**MUSIC TUITION PROGRAM**

Thank you to everyone who returned my questionnaire about music tuition. There were 84 responses which means that there is enough support to make more definite arrangements, even if the interest shown by 84 children only becomes actual tuition for half this number. The most popular choices of instrument were guitar, piano/keyboard and drums. The next step is for me to identify and make a more formal arrangement with people who can teach these instruments. I have plenty of excellent contacts as a result of information given to me from a previous message in The Link — thank you. Once I have this information I will be able to make a formal proposal to our School Council and hope to have the first children learning instruments in August.

**SPORTING SELECTIONS**

A number of our children have been competing in district, regional and state trials over the last few weeks. Last week two of our Year 6 boys, Ben Searle and Hamish Goodier, were selected for a final trial for the State Basketball team. This places them in the best 64 primary school basketballers in the whole of Victoria. This is a very well deserved recognition of both their talent and the practice that they have put in to reach such a high standard. Last Tuesday three of our girls, Molly McKenzie, Maeve Dungey and Amalya Taylor, qualified for the South Western Victorian Region Cross Country finals. Molly won her Geelong District level race with Maeve coming 5th. Amalya competed in a younger age group and came 2nd. This is an outstanding performance. Drysdale had a total of nine runners competing in this district race which in itself shows the depth of talent we have at this school. Well done to all these children and to Mr Campbell for inspiring and training them.

**CISV FUNDRAISER DAY - THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children’s International Summer Villages Cake Stall Fundraiser last Friday. The children raised over $800! I commend the Year 6 children and the four children going overseas who organised the event. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment of the staff for their work in making sure the children’s organisation was good and their arrangements were safe. Well done to all!

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
Permanent Vacancies for After School Care
We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 14 vacancies for Monday, 19 for Tuesday, 21 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 direct debit form for each child.

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.

Our Nude Food winners are: Atlanta 2S and Tegan 4G. Congratulations! Well done to 2A, 2S and 5K for having the most people in your grades to have Nude Food.
Have you been losing your containers, well look in Lost Property because we have noticed a lot of containers there! Don’t forget to put your name on your containers—thank you. ☺

New School Uniform Purchases/Orders

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| Activities | Jigsaw Puzzles | Jigsaw Puzzles | Making Little Books | Holiday | Grand Opening of Puppet Theatre |

UP-COMING FUND RAISER, CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Every family will go home with a box of chocolates to sell on Thursday 20th June.
Please advise the school if you DO NOT wish to take part in this fundraiser.
Thank you.
**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE GARDEN**

The north end of the vegetable garden has been cleared for a Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Garden. There is a natural water course and stormwater drain we are turning into a creek bed with rocks and native plants. If you have any interesting rocks or gravel you could donate that would be fantastic.

You may have a few items lying around that could be included as planters or decorations for the fences e.g. bike wheels, hubcaps, pots, old tools, tree stumps. We also need a plastic rubbish bin with a lid to turn into a worm farm. If you have any succulents, could you please take cuttings for a waterless-garden?

HAPPY GARDENING! - Carolyn Scott

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Minke—$2 each comes with a mini muffin! This Term Only.

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**2013/2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

We have the 2013/2014 Entertainment Books available from the office. Order forms have gone home. You are also able to order and pay online. Payment is to be made at the time of ordering, otherwise the books cannot be processed.

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**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:

- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- 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

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**BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE**

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

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**GENERAL REMINDERS**

**YEAR 4 CAMP**

The Year 4 deposit for the Kangarooie Camp ($100) is due to be paid by 14th June.

**SIGN IN/OUT**

Reminder that parents are to sign their child out from the office if their child is leaving school early, collect an early release card and then go to the classroom to collect your child.

Also, please make sure you sign late students in at the office.

**YEAR 5 NETBOOK INSTALMENT**

The next instalment is due on Friday 21st June. The amount of $200 will be deducted if you have submitted credit card details to the office on this date.

If paying cash/cheque please mark this date in your diary.

**STATEMENTS**

Financial Statements for Prep to Year 6 will be sent home this week.

**BORROWED CLOTHING**

If your child has borrowed clothing from the school first aid centre, please return items laundered to the school office, as soon as possible.

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**SUPERVISION**

Parents, please be advised that students are supervised in the school grounds from 8.45a.m. Do not drop your child off prior to this time as they will not be supervised.

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**COMPULSORY PARENT PAYMENT SCHOOL FEES**

If you have not paid your child’s compulsory school fees or made an arrangement to pay these fees, could you please organise payment as soon as possible. This compulsory payment covers your child’s essential education items.

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**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

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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.

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Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

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GREAT SERVICE GREAT HOLIDAY!
SPORTING RESULTS

Over the past couple of weeks we have had some of our students achieving some wonderful results in sport. Ashley competed in the Victorian Country Road Cycling Race and finished first! Well done.

Molly won the Division Cross Country Championship and along with Amaliya who came 2nd and Maeve who came 5th in their age groups. They will all go on to the Western Region at Brimbank Park Keilor this Thursday.

Hamish and Ben have qualified for State Selection in Basketball and will head off to Coburg for the final trials to show their talents against 64 other basketballers from all over the State.

Our school Football and T-Ball (boys and girls) have qualified for Division Championships.

Good luck to all our talented sports people. A great term!

CISV FUNDRAISER - THANK YOU

Firstly we would like to say "thank you" to all Junior School Councillors and all of the staff who helped out for the CISV fundraiser last Friday. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the students of Drysdale Primary School too. It is amazing how much money we raised — close to $800! It will certainly help us with our trips ahead.

Finally, our appreciation goes to all the parents and everyone who baked or bought cup cakes to sell.

- Amy, Liam, Cooper and Molly
RAAF Museum Poems by 3F

Felt very sad for Elmo our guide. Had the most fun ever. The best was being in the Hercules.—Sophia
I liked the museum. It was great. I liked the tour guide. Planes I love. It was the most fun ever.—Harry
I felt joyful and excited. Saw amazing aeroplanes. Loved going in the cockpit. I enjoyed it. It started to rain.—Genaya
Old rusty planes. Went in a big plane, so fun. Flying around. Cool glider. Big birds. Best time ever.—April
Felt scared for Elmo. Felt sick on bus. Cockpit cool. Vampire planes are fast. Lots of interesting planes.—Coby
Big planes go by. Helicopters with their big propellers. Control stick controlling the plane. I want to go again.—Paige

RAAF Museum Writing by 3S

I learnt that the F1-11 Bomber can travel at 2322 km/h. I would like to go in more planes.—Jasmine
I learnt the Hercules buttons in the cockpit travel to wires in the roof. I would like to go in a helicopter.—Emelia
I got to sit in the navigator chair, the engineer chair and the pilot seat. I would like to go in more planes.—Jacob
I saw where they make planes. I saw a giant Hercules Cargo Plane. Learnt it was boring being a navigator.—Chloe
The seats in a Cargo Plane aren’t comfortable. We saw amazing things.—Ella
BARBER OF SEVILLE PERFORMANCE FOR YEARS 2 - 6

Finish Term 2 on a high note! Students in Years 2 – 6 will see an Auslan interpreted performance on the last day of term, **Friday June 28th from 10am until 11am**.

The performance will be held in the school hall. The cost is $7.00 for D.P.S. student’s **payable before the performance to school**.

Parents, grandparents, teachers and visitors are most welcome to attend and $10 is to be paid on the day at the door.

**Please return the form below to school with payment before the event for your child.**

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**THE BARBER OF SEVILLE PERFORMANCE – FRIDAY 28TH JUNE, 2013**
**FOR YEARS 2 – 6 IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**STUDENT’S NAME:** ___________________________  **GRADE:** _____________

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE:** _____________________________

**$7.00 CASH ENCLOSED**