Dear Parents,

BUNYIP FESTIVAL
At their last meeting earlier this month, the School Council decided that we will no longer run the Bunyip Festival as a joint venture with Clifton Springs Primary School. Historically the Bunyip Festival was started and run solely by Drysdale Primary. In the early 1990s Clifton Springs Primary was established to ease the pressure of increasing enrolments on this school. The Bunyip Festival was continued as a joint venture to allow Clifton Springs time to become established and as a single festival for the whole Drysdale and Clifton Springs community. The population at that time was in the region of 2,000 people. Clifton Springs Primary is now well established with its own identity and community. That community is going to increase rapidly with the large housing development behind the school. Already the joint population of Drysdale and Clifton Springs is approaching 7,000 people.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in creating the Bunyip Festival and making it successful. In recent years we have been particularly indebted to Michelle Powell, Casey Benson, Denise Kadenbach and Danni MacDonald who have coordinated the parents' involvement in the Festival.

This decision has been discussed for many years. It will allow the two schools to make independent decisions about the type and style of major festival/fundraising event best suited to their school community. To that end, we will be consulting with you about Drysdale Primary's choices early next term. This is an opportunity for people to offer fresh suggestions and to become involved in creating the next chapter in this school's history.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
On June 3rd I informed you about the changes to the arrangements for providing Religious Instruction introduced by the Minister for Education and effective from the start of Term 3. Thank you to everyone who returned the form indicating that they did or did not wish their child to participate in our Religious Instruction program. We have now analysed the number of returns in each year group and can confirm that we are still able to run the Religious Instruction program. There are some minor changes to the arrangements. These have been discussed and agreed with the teachers from Access Ministries who deliver the Religious Instruction program. Our Religious Instruction program will continue to be taught on Friday mornings.

From the start of Term 3 Religious Instruction lessons will be 25 minutes (previously 30.) Our standard lessons are 50 minutes. This change means the Religious Instruction lessons fit more readily into our existing lesson arrangements. Children who have permission to participate will work with one of the teachers from Access Ministries and one of the school's teachers. Children who do not have permission to participate will be supervised by one of the school’s teachers in a completely separate classroom. In line with the new regulations these children will not study any part of the Australian Curriculum.

Quite separately to the changes introduced by the Minister for Education, Eric Welsh has indicated to Access Ministries that he no longer wishes to volunteer with them. Access Ministries has been able to provide a replacement for Eric to teach Year 4 but is still looking for a volunteer to work with the Year 5 and Year 6 children. Until Access Ministries is able to fill this vacancy, there will not be any Religious Instruction teaching for the Year 5 or Year 6 children. I would like to thank Eric for his unswerving support of the school Instruction program.

END OF TERM
Term 2 ends this Friday 27th June at 2.30pm. I would like to wish everyone a relaxing holiday and I am looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 14th July for Term 3.

Regards,
Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On 27th June we are asking for volunteers from Prep E and Prep H. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

WANTED - TRAVEL SMART COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone who is willing to take on the role of our Travel Smart Coordinator. The main role is to liaise between the City of Greater Geelong’s Travel Smart team and the school, to help coordinate a record of the numbers of children riding and walking to school and to help promote riding and walking to school as healthy alternatives. It is not a particularly onerous role but one that is important to maintaining our program. If you might be interested in helping the school out in this way, please contact the school office. Thank you.

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23/6/14–6/7/14 John Sturman Alan Shurey
7/7/14–20/7/14 Brendan MacDonald A Volunteer please?
21/7/14–3/8/14 A Volunteer please? Nathan Pankhurst

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.

GEELONG STORE

You may have noticed a PSW Store in Geelong. At this time they do not stock Drysdale P.S Uniform.

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.
- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
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- Sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- Music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.
Contact Amanda Vernon on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

BORROWED CLOTHING

School uniform items that have been borrowed need to be returned, laundered, before the end of this school term. Thank you.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE, CHANGING!

In the recent School Reform Agreement, signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.
From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools.
For more information see the EMA fact sheet on the schools website.
In Term 3 the Department of Education will provide schools with more detailed information.

Scavenger hunts and gathering natural materials for play have been very popular, with students collecting stones to go in our bulb jars and leaves for leaf painting! During snack, classical music has filled our ears to engage our thinking outside the box. The response was interesting!
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 mobile number at Drysdale OSHC is 0404 427 452. If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss, please approach either Mel, Lisa or Patricia.—Drysdale OSHC Team.

NUDE FOOD WINNERS!

Thank you everyone for a great job this term! The winners for the Year Level Awards (from Prep—Year 2) is Prep W and (from Years 3-6) is 5D.
Individual winners (from Prep—Year 2) are Ciarne 2B and (from Years 3-6) Taj 4D. Congratulations!

PARENTS & FRIENDS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We have raised over $1,300 to date from the sale of the Entertainment Books. There are still a limited number of Entertainment Books for sale for family and friends at a cost of $55. Please contact the school office before Friday of this week if you would like to purchase one.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 2nd August. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 14th July. More information to follow in Term 3.

CANTEEN NEWS

The school Canteen will operate as normal for the week up to and including this Friday. If I happen to run out of any hot food item that has been ordered, it will be replaced by a substitute.
The Canteen will re open on Tuesday 15th July in Term 3. Thank you.
- Di Ward, Canteen Manageress
The students receiving awards this week:
Daisy—Prep T, Will—Prep M, Chloe—1S, Skye—2B,
Chris—3A, Rebekah—4C, Isaac—5B, Amy—6P,
Olivia—1S, Alysha—6P, Alyssa—5B, Zac 5C.

WELL DONE!

Ryan—1L received an Environment Award at assembly for his efforts in assisting to keep the school grounds clean. WELL DONE!

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in Government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State Governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form.

More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx) or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

We still require assistance and have not received many responses. Please could you take the time to check your calendar and if available, return the slip below or leave your details with the school office. Thank you.

**PREP—YEAR 1**  
Parent help required—infant playground.
The P-1 infant playground is in need of fresh soft fall to make it safe for our children. We can easily order the mulch but we really need some support from our wonderful parents to help spread it around.

**YEARS 3—6**  
Parent help required—athletics equipment.
The Years 3-6 children participate in athletics next term as a major component of their physical education program. Currently the long jump pit is in need of an overhaul. Once again we can order the sand but require support to move it all. Our Physical Education teacher Andrea Laing would also appreciate some support to shift equipment around for easy access in the storeroom.

We are also in need of as many rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows as possible. **PLEASE if you can assist, can you return the attached note to your classroom teacher by Friday 20th June to ensure we have enough help to go ahead and organise the materials required.**

Looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible.  
- Joanne Black

**SCHOOL GROUNDS HELP—SUNDAY 13TH JULY**

Parent name: __________________________________________  Contact Phone: ________________
Child’s Name: __________________________________________ Grade: _______________________
I can bring:  Rake ☐  Shovel ☐  Wheelbarrow ☐  Other: ______________________

Please return this form to your class teacher before Friday 20th June. Thank you.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?
For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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Dear Parents

As part of our drug and health education next term we are having the Life Education mobile classroom visit our school from: **Tuesday, 22nd July until Thursday, 31st July 2014. TERM THREE/Weeks 2-3.**

Life Education is visiting our school for the **first time** this year! We are confident that it will be a real highlight of the children’s year! It will help to facilitate the development of the life skills in students to prevent and minimise the harm of drug misuse.

Lessons are age appropriate and the children will be covering a wide range of drug and health related topics, ranging from the human body and how it works, healthy eating and nutrition, medicines and drugs, bullying, resilience and social skills. Healthy Harold, the much loved Life Education giraffe mascot is a much anticipated element of the Life Education visit. The sessions are fun, interactive and really extend and develop the children’s understanding of the topics covered. We will be further broadening these topics in class both prior to and after the Life Education visit with the student workbook which is included in the cost of the visit. It is important that your child attends this session.

As a charity, Life Education relies heavily on the generosity of local organisations to keep its fleet of mobile classrooms on the road delivering positive health and life messages to over 200,000 children in Victoria alone.

**The cost for this incursion is $9.00 per child, which covers 50% of the actual cost. The cost of this incursion has been included within the Essential Education levy. It would be appreciated if you have not paid your levy that you do so prior to the end of Term 2.**

**Please fill out the attached permission slip and return to the school office by Friday 18th July.**

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**LIFE EDUCATION VICTORIA 2014 VISIT PERMISSION SLIP**

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- [ ] Will be attending Life Education
- [ ] Will not be attending Life Education

Signature (Parent / Guardian)
Dear Parents

As part of our drug and health education this term we are offering you the opportunity to visit our Life Education mobile classroom, while it's here at our school. If you have a toddler you are welcome to attend and bring him/her with you. Have you ever considered the following?

What is my child learning in Life Education?
Have you seen inside the Life Education mobile classroom or know of Harold?
What drug education is appropriate for primary school students?
Why do we have health and drug education?
How is health and drug education integrated into your school's curriculum?

Want to know more?
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.

The Life Education mobile classroom will be at our school:

Tuesday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} July 2014 starting at 9:00am and finishing at 9:30am

Please return the slip to the office if attending before Friday 18th July

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