Dear Parents,

**END OF SEMESTER 1**

Hard though it is to believe that this is the final week of semester 1, it is the mid year holiday starting on Friday. Please be aware that school finishes at 2.30pm.

As I reflect on the first couple of terms I am very proud of what we have achieved. First and foremost, the children are amazingly capable and mature young people. We started the year with the selection of school captains, vice captains and house leaders. That has certainly set the tone for what has followed. This group of Year 6 students have set a very high standard for the rest of the school to follow. The rest of the school has not disappointed in any way.

We have had many successes. Our sports teams and individuals have been particularly successful starting with Ashley Jackson our champion track cyclist through to our girls T Ball team who qualified for the regional finals in Melbourne with a convincing 28-7 win last Wednesday. In between we have had triallists in swimming, cross country, football, basketball and netball. We have been represented in the local theatre world with two of our students appearing in “Oliver!”

A group of our oldest students have been taking time out of their studies on Wednesday mornings to visit the residents of Drysdale Grove as part of our community service program. Four of our children are flying overseas to be Australian ambassadors as part of the CISV program with visits to the USA and Costa Rica.

In between all of this we have been getting on with the core business of helping the children learn more and more. Their end of semester 1 reports reflect the depth and range of the curriculum they have tackled. Well done everyone and thank you!

**STAFF DEPARTURES**

At assembly yesterday we acknowledged the contributions of Jill Giblin and Kate Pantelimon. Jill Giblin has been providing emergency teaching for the school for 30 years. Her children came to the school. She has taught some of the parents whose children are now attending the school as well as at least one other member of staff. Being a relief teacher is a tough role. You have to be able to step into a grade — any grade — usually with little notice and be able to continue the learning programs. This is a particular skill. We have been very fortunate to have been able to call on someone with Jill’s ability and experience for such a long time. Kate Pantelimon is a part of our integration aide team and has worked with most of the children throughout the school. She is moving to Queensland. I would like to thank both Jill and Kate for helping to make Drysdale Primary such a good school.

**MUSIC TUITION**

I am enclosing a separate letter which provides detailed information about our music instrument tuition program. This will start on Wednesday July 31st. Initially this will be for children in Years 1 to 6 and be focussed on piano/keyboard, ukulele/guitar and drums. In making this decision I am following the advice of the experts who are providing the teaching and trying to establish a program that works before looking to expand to include a wider range of instruments. If your child is unsure which instrument they wish to learn, please inform the school so that we can offer some guidance.

The form to apply for a term’s lessons is available from the office. Please can parents who are interested in their child learning an instrument collect a form, fill it in and return it with the fees for the term to the office before Friday July 19th.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
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

FUND RAISER, CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
All money from the chocolate sales is to be returned before MONDAY 22ND JULY. Thank you.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE
The 2nd Hand Uniform Sale will take place on MONDAY 22ND JULY 3:00-3:45pm in front of the Canteen.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The school Trivia Night will take place on SATURDAY 17th AUGUST. Further details to follow next term.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
The P. & F. Father’s Day Stall will take place on THURSDAY 29th AUGUST. Further details to follow next term.

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 28th June, we are asking for volunteers from Prep C and Prep M. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos have arrived and have been distributed. If you have any queries, please ask your class teacher or Mrs Croxford. If we are unable to assist you at school you may contact Arthur Reed directly on 5243 4390.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking takes place every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. For students in Prep to Year 4 keep collecting your tokens. A total of 10 tokens and you will receive a prize.

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.

NUDE FOOD
Our Nude Food Winners for this week are: Jasmine 2A and Rueben 4G. Congratulations! 2B and 4D had the most Nude Food participants—well done. Congratulations to all of those grades and people who have won the draw.

Please don’t forget to put your name on your containers—thank you. ☺

Now for our Nude Food Joke:
Q: What happened to the hamburger that missed too much school?
A: He had to stay after school to ketchup.

Bring Nude Food every Tuesday and every day! —The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf
**GENERAL REMINDERS**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

Last Canteen day for this term is this Friday 28th June.

The Canteen will re open for Term 3 on **Tuesday 16th July**.

**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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Christian College Bellarine Holiday Club**
40 Collins St, Drysdale has vacation care available. Phone: 0452 213 817 or www.campaustralia.com.au

**Photo Competition—Life on the Bellarine**
Photo can be an image, a landmark, a community, sporting or social event. Entries must be high definition, on a USB to either Portarlington or Drysdale Community Bank Branches or emailed to rduuran@bigpond.net.au

**City of Greater Geelong—School Holiday Care**
Available from various locations including Leopold and Ocean Grove. Ph: 5272 4805 or email: holidayclub@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

**SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Vacation Care**
Vacation care available. Phone: 5253 1960 or email office@springdale.org.au

**Beleza School Uniform Sale**
School Uniform End of Financial Year Sale! 20% off on all Beleza Branded items and 10% off all other brands. 17th June to 28th June. 107 Ryrue Street, Geelong. Ph: 5221 8545.

**School Holiday Intensive Swimming Program**
Portarlington Holiday Units & Pool, 84 Smythe Street Portarlington is offering an intensive school holiday swimming program for children 4 years and above, Monday 8th July—Friday 12th July. $45 for 5 x 35 minute lessons. For details phone: 5259 2910.

**DEAL**
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.

**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

**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

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Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

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On Tuesday 18th June we went on a train to the Marine Discovery Centre. I saw a great white shark’s tooth, it was massive! I loved the parrot fish, it had teeth. The train was noisy and it was like a Christmas train. It was fun and exciting! By Madison 1R

On Tuesday 18th June we went on a train to the Marine Discovery Centre. First we went to the touch tank. I got the starfish but I kept it under the water. I found a sea snail in some seaweed. We were allowed to have a look around then we had some snack on the balcony. Our Mum & Dad came to pick us up, and then we went home. By Stella 1R

On Tuesday 18th June we went on a train to the Marine Discovery Centre. I saw a great white shark’s tooth and a puffer fish. There was a big star fish and it was stuck to the glass! We got to make a sea creature. After the Marine Discovery Centre, we went to the park and had lunch. I played on the big swing then we went to the pier. After the pier we went back to the train station, and then we went on the train home. By Liam 1R

On Tuesday 18th June we went on a train to the Marine Discovery Centre. I got to go to the touch tank and touch a biscuit sea star and a crab. I saw an 11-armed sea star and a shark’s mouth and teeth. We walked to Queenscliff and we went in a tower with 135 steps! I went to the park and ate lunch and then we came home on the train. By Cody 1R

I learnt that lots of creatures can live in rock pools even though you can’t see them. My favourite part was the touch tank.—Sophie 1S

I learnt that plankton is really small and you need a microscope to see it. My favourite part was when I felt the animals in the touch tank.—Curtis 1S

My favourite part was everything. I learnt how big a turtle can get.—Rylan 1S

I liked hearing about the biscuit star. I learnt that there are worms on land and worms in the sea too.—Coco 1S

I learnt that we shouldn’t throw rubbish in the sea because fish and blue whales can die. My favourite bit was touching the biscuit sea star.—Marcel 1S

I learnt that a sharks set of teeth can be really big. I liked touching the sea stars.—Ryan 1S
On Wednesday 19th June, Andrew Plant came to Drysdale Primary School. The first thing was naming dinosaurs. 2B named 33, we named 34. We named one more than 2B. Next, he showed us some fake dinosaur things like a T-Rex tooth and a thumb claw. Last he showed us how to draw a dinosaur. I think it was outstanding. I really liked his visit because he was intelligent and I like paleontologists. By Indiah 2A

On Wednesday 19th June, we went to see Andrew Plant. First we told him 34 dinosaur names! We then got to see fossils. Then he showed us a painting he did. I did not think he did it, it was that good! He showed us how to draw a baby T-Rex. It had feathers, I didn’t know they had feathers! I had a really good time because I wanted to draw a dinosaur. By Jessica 2A

On Wednesday the 19th, Andrew Plant came here. He was a paleontologist. The first thing we did was name dinosaurs. We had to beat 33. We got 34. We beat 2B. Next, he showed us a tooth from a T-Rex, a bone and a claw. After that, he showed us a painting. When I saw it I was like WOW! It was cool! Lastly, he showed us how to draw a dinosaur. I thought it was good. By Kaylah 2A

On Wednesday 19th June, Andrew Plant came. It was fun. First we had to name lots of dinosaurs. We got 34! It was unbelievable! Then we learned about teeth and saw a thumb claw size. We drew a dinosaur next. We started with the body, then the arms and legs then we added the details. It was fun! It was fun because dinosaurs are fun to learn about and because I like drawing. By Elle 2A

Andrew Plant taught 2B how to draw a Dilong Mei Long Dinosaur. It was hard for some people. He also showed us an amazing painting of a Giganotosaurus. He said that in museums the bones are actually casts not the real bones, so that they don’t get damaged. We learnt that Edmontonia carries its very strong tail. By Christopher 2B

The children made a list of 33 Dinosaur names and Andrew showed his paintings. We drew a Dilong Dinosaur. We learnt that Pterosaurs were not dinosaurs. They were flying reptiles. We had an enjoyable time. By Sarah 2B

The students told Andrew Plant 33 different dinosaur names. He told us that Pterosaurs were not a Dinosaur, they were flying reptiles. He showed 2B his wonderful painting of a huge Giganotosaurus head. Everyone thought that it was amazing. He showed us a cast of a Tyrannosaurus tooth. It was dark black and it was so sharp. By Caitlin 2B
Dear Parents

MUSIC PROGRAM – INSTRUMENT TUITION

I am writing to seek firm requests for a place in our instrumental music tuition program which will begin on Wednesday 31st July 2013.

Since I last wrote I have been able to find three teachers who are able to offer tuition in piano / keyboards, ukulele / guitar and drums. My intention is to start with these instruments which were the most popular choices and look to expand the program to include other instruments in 2014 as demand requires. On the advice of these teachers the program is for children in Year 1 and above. The youngest children (Years 1 to 3) will start with the ukulele rather than the guitar. Piano / keyboard lessons will happen on Wednesdays or Fridays, drums on Thursdays and ukulele / guitar lessons on Wednesdays. There are eight lesson times on each of these days which have been arranged so that they only cut into one of our lessons.

Each lesson will be 30 minutes with a standard charge of $30 for an individual lesson and $10 for a lesson shared with two other students. Shared lessons are possible except for piano. Children will need a note book to record lesson notes and write down particular homework tasks. Parents need to be willing to buy a text book – this would have second hand value after a child had progressed to the next stage.

Children will need to have their own instrument so that they can practise at home. Prices for instruments suitable for beginners are:

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<td>Keyboard (61 keys, touch sensitivity, 5 year warranty)</td>
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(A full drum kit costs upwards of $1,000)

These instruments would all have resale value and last well beyond the time when a child would still be considered a beginner.

Children are expected to practise at home for a minimum of 10 minutes four times each week in Years 1 to 3 and for 20 minutes 4 to 5 times each week in Year 4 and above. The more children practise, the more quickly they learn.

Payment of the tuition fees is to be strictly cash or cheque directly to the music teacher. The school will collect tuition fees but pass this directly to the music teacher. Fees are non refundable except when the teacher or child is absent due to illness or the lesson is missed as a result of an action by the school e.g. an excursion. The fees for lessons missed for any other reason will not be refundable. We will try to rearrange lessons missed through the teacher’s illness or a school action.

**How to arrange a lesson:**
Please complete the music tuition form available from the school office and return this to the school office with the appropriate fee by **Friday July 19th**.
Lessons will be organised with priority given to those who have returned the form and paid for the term’s lessons in full. Term 3 fees for an individual lesson (8 weeks) are $240, for a shared lesson fees are $80.

Yours sincerely

Phil Dunlop-Moore
Principal