Dear Parents,

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS—FOR YEARS 1—6 ONLY**

The Parent Teacher Interviews will run between 3.45pm and 6.45pm on Tuesday February 18th and between 3.45pm and 5.15pm on Monday February 24th. Appointments can be made by accessing the on line booking system at www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au. Appointments are for ten minutes and intended as an early opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teacher to discuss the start of the year and exchange any important information. Specialist teachers will be available on Monday 24th February for any parent who wishes to meet them separately and discuss any aspect of the specialist program.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

It is at this time of the year that schools around Victoria are re-forming their School Councils. Our School Council is a very effective, cohesive, friendly group which meets twice every term to discuss school events, monitor the safety of the school environment, go through the budgets, and review and form policies. Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills which can help shape the direction of the school.

In this Newsletter I am calling for nominations for School Council. In this election period we have four Parent Vacancies for a two year appointment and two DEECD Employee Member Vacancies for a two year appointment. If any parent would like to discuss the role of Council I would be more than happy to provide advice and information. Please also refer to “The Notice of Election and Call for Nominations” posters which are located around the school.

Nominations for School Council will open today, Tuesday 11th February and will close on Tuesday 18th February at 4.00pm. Nomination forms are available from the school office. The election meeting, if required, will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday March 11th.

**PARKING**

Parking is a continuing issue in almost every school for the simple reasons that there are lots of people all trying to find a park at a similar time at the beginning and end of school which only adds to the inherent dangers of mixing cars and children. Please can I ask that all parents respect these guidelines:

- Children should not enter or leave the school through the staff car park on Clifton Springs Road near the oval.
- Disabled parking spaces are reserved for parents with valid disabled parking permits.

We have opened a space in the school fence at the end of the path which runs on the Year 2 side of the BER building. This means that parents and children coming up Clifton Springs Road can walk across the car park exit and find a safe way into school a few metres further along.

There is one disabled parking space in the school’s staff car park and three public spaces for disabled permit holders by the oval gate on Stonehouse Place. These are unreserved, other than for holders of valid permits. We do have a number of families who hold valid permits because they need to be able to park close to school.

**SCHOOL CROSSINGS**

There are a few families who are not using the school crossing to get safely across Clifton Springs Road. With the number of cars around school at the beginning and end of the day with many parents slightly distracted by the need to search for a parking space, this is very dangerous. I am delighted that all children walking or cycling on their own are using the school crossings. It is important that everyone crossing this busy road uses the crossings to ensure everyone’s safety. Thank you.

Regards,  
Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASE ORDERS

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.

OPERATING HOURS: Wednesdays: 8:45-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm (approximately).

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

Thank you for choosing PSW as your uniform supplier.

- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

MOBILE ROSTER

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
If you do not wish your child to participate in the school’s Religious Education Program, could you please write a note to the classroom teacher.
If your child is doing Religious Education the cost for the year is $6. This amount will appear on your statement. If no note is received, then it will be assumed that your child is to attend. Thank you.

NUDE FOOD
We are in the process of selecting our Nude Food Dudes and will start our Nude Food lunch days shortly. Tuesdays are our rubbish free lunch days, so watch The Link for when we will commence and don’t forget to send your child to school with a rubbish free lunch. Please remember to label your containers. Thank you.

STUDENT BANKING
We operate a Student School Banking service to our students every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. The Starter Packs for Prep students will come out during Term 1.
If there are any students who wish to commence Student Banking, please visit the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank, go on line or speak with the volunteer banking ladies of a Tuesday morning in the Staff Room.
It would be appreciated if coins are sent, that they are counted and bagged to assist the volunteer banking ladies.
Banking Tokens are no longer given out. They will be processed electronically. When 10 tokens are reached the student will be able to receive a reward. There will be one reward per term for those students that bank every week.

Swimming Years 5 & 6 — 3rd to 14th February
Lunch orders can still be submitted whilst the swimming program is running.

CANTEEN MENU
The Term 1, 2014 Canteen Menu/Price List has been distributed. Please collect one from the office if you didn’t receive one.
- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)

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. On Friday 14th February we are asking for volunteers from Yrs. 2B, 2C, 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.

SCHOOL HATS
Our school has adopted the policy of broad brimmed hats to be worn during Terms 1 and 4. The wearing of hats is compulsory in Term 1. The children are required to wear hats during recess, lunchtime and other outdoor activities.

GENERAL REMINDERS
PAYMENTS
When paying cash for excursions, etc., it would be appreciated that the correct money is submitted to the office in an envelope with your child’s name, grade and details of the payment. Cash is not kept on the premises. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES
If there are telephone messages for students, please advise the office BEFORE 3:10pm so that the message can be delivered to your child in time.

ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL/MEDICAL DETAILS?
Please advise the office if you have had any changes to your details so that we can update our records. Thank you.

SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM
Bellarine Community Health offers a School Dental program for all primary school aged children. This service is government subsidised and offers families access for their children to dental services at a cost of $30 for treatment or free for those children who are dependants of a healthcare or pension card. For an appointment ring the dental team at Pt. Lonsdale 5258 0828.

REMINDERS
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS YRS.1-6 ONLY
TUE.18TH FEB. & MON.24TH FEB. (BOOK ONLINE)
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY—MON.10TH MARCH
BUNYIP FESTIVAL—SAT. 22ND MARCH
END OF TERM 1—FRID. 4TH APRIL, 2:30PM FINISH

Our Newsletter is available to view on line. If you would prefer to view it this way, please notify the office so that we can reduce the amount we print and be more sustainable. The Website is: www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au
This year’s Bunyip Festival will be held at Clifton Springs Primary School on Saturday 22nd March. Any volunteers are made most welcome! Please feel free to start dropping off donations to either school for this year’s Major Auction and Silent Auctions. Watch this space to read about this year’s 2014 Bunyip Festival.

Enclosed with today’s Link is the Bunyip Parent Rosters for each class. Please fill them out and return them to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. Many hands make light work and parent help is definitely required on the day.

We are starting to collect items for our Silent Auction and Prep-loved Book Stall. If you have any suitable items, please deliver these to Clifton Springs Primary School.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Drysdales Tennis Club**
Tennis Training Nights, Fridays after school 4:00pm-5:30pm at the Drysdale Tennis Club, Collins St, Drysdale. All abilities welcome. For further details contact: Kerry 0400 078 337.

**New Government Dental Scheme for Children**
Children (aged 2-17yrs) will receive $1,000 over a two year period to spend on selected dental services. Pacific Smiles Dental Drysdale is accepting “Child Dental Benefits Schedule” patients. Contact the centre on 5253 1555 or pacificsmiledental.com.au or visit 41 High St, Drysdale.

**Bellarine Boogie**
A social event for people with special needs, their families, friends and carers. Dance the night away at St James Hall, Collins St, Drysdale on Sat. 1st March from 6:30-10pm. Cost $10 Families, $5 single with carer. Gold coin for supper. Details from Mandy 5253 2635.

**Drysdales Hawks Football Club Jnr. Registration**
Will be held at Drysdale Football Clubrooms Sun.23rd Feb. 10am-1pm and Wed.Feb.26th 6pm-8pm. Details from Phill Taylor Ph: 0418 284 055.

**Bellarine Sharks Soccer**
Junior meet and greet at Collendina Beach (end Bonnyvale Rd) Sun.23rd Feb.11am Ph: 5257 2106 for details.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM**

Reminder: Please register your children with Camp Australia through the website as the school is no longer taking bookings for before or after school care. Alternatively, Customer Service is available for your assistance and to make bookings on 130 105 343 or visit www.campaustralia.com.au

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING**
The first meeting for the year will be held on Monday 17th February at 9:30am—after assembly—in the staff room. All welcome.

**Sustainable School Shop**
Take a look at the Drysdale Primary School “FOR SALE & WANTED” advertisements at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
You don’t need to be a member to look! Annual Family Membership is only $19.95 (unlimited Ads.) Payment for Uniform/Item is made directly to the parent selling the item—not online.

**Conveyance Allowance**
The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance for parents/carers to transport children to and from school in rural and regional Victoria. Allowances are available for public transport, private car and private bus.

To be eligible a student must:

- Attend their closest government or non-government school
- Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school attended
- Reside within the Designated Transport Area for the government specialist school attended
- Attend nearest appropriate non-government specialist school

If you believe you are eligible please collect an application from the office and return it before 28th February, 2014.

**Education Maintenance Allowance**
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist some families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a Parent or Guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, or Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPI) or be a foster parent.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28TH FEBRUARY for the 1st instalment. Your Health Care Card must be valid as of 28th January, 2014.

Applications cannot be accepted without a copy of your Health Care Card.

Please complete an application form which is available from the school office.

**Active After School Communities**

This term we are running two programs after school. Both programs have created a lot of interest from students. Yr.2 Hockey is being held on Mondays (3.45 – 4.45pm) and Yrs.3/4 Girls Soccer is being held on Wednesdays (3.45 – 4.45pm). While the Yr.2 Hockey program is fully booked there are still 2 vacancies for the Wednesday Soccer Program. If your child is in Year 3 or 4 and is interested in participating, please contact Mrs Black at the school.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call

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