Dear Parents,

**STOP WORK. THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**

The Australian Education Union (AEU) has been in dispute with the state government for a long time about pay and conditions. The AEU has put in place a number of work bans and arranged a series of stop work actions to draw attention to their campaign. The next stop work action is set for this Thursday. The only grades at Drysdale which will be working as usual are: 5B Mr Terry Bradford and 6C Mrs Katrina Campbell. These two classes will be going swimming as usual.

**CHILDREN IN ALL OTHER GRADES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL ON THURSDAY as their teachers will be taking stop work action.**

**AEU WORK BANS**

Other work bans include AEU members only attending at school for the 38 hours per week set out in the current agreement. Most teachers work for many more hours per week than this and are regularly in attendance at school for more than 38 hours when there are events such as parent teacher interviews, residential excursions and community events. The AEU members recognize and regret that some of these work bans adversely affect the high quality of education this school offers. They also wish to support their professional association’s campaign.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Unlike many other schools, the AEU members here have negotiated a compromise that will allow parent teacher interviews to proceed. The total amount of time available for parent teacher interviews is less than in previous years but remains sufficient for every parent to arrange their normal ten minute appointment. The impact of the reduced time is that scheduling might be tighter and there will be less flexibility in the appointment times available. Please arrange an appointment early to have the greatest choice of times. The Parent Teacher Interviews will run between 3:40pm - 7:00pm on Monday February 18th and between 3:40pm - 5:00pm on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th for children in Years 1 to 6, however, due to Industrial Action currently being undertaken by teachers, not all of these times will be available. Appointments can be made by accessing the on line booking system at www.drysdale.vic.edu.au

**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 and one for a one 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 12th February and will close on Tuesday 19th 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 12th.

Regards,  
Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW NOTICE FOR YEARS 1 TO 6 HAS BEEN ENCLOSED WITH THIS LINK. MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY FROM 3:40 TO 7:00PM; TUESDAY 19TH FROM 3:40 TO 5:00PM & ON WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 3:40PM TO 5:00PM. INTERNET BOOKING SYSTEM APPLIES. GO TO www.drysdale.vic.edu.au

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**STATEMENTS**

Family Statements will be sent home this week. Please check your child’s bag. Thank you.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Neil Searle  
Vice President: Rebecca Smith  
Treasurer: Stephen Barry  
Vice Treasurer: Matthew Green  
Secretary: Michelle Powell  
Members: Joanne Black, Jenny Carroll, Mitchell Sinnott, Clare Goodier, Andrea Hoogwerf, Felicity James, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Selma Tron, Tara van Winckel.
**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

This term we are running two programs after school. Both have created a lot of interest from students. Athletics is being held on Friday (3.45 – 4.45pm) and Soccer is being held on Tuesday (3.45 – 4.45pm). While the Athletics program is fully booked there are still some vacancies for the Tuesday Soccer Program. If your child is in Year 3, 4 or 5 and is interested in participating please contact Mr Barry at the school.

**MOWING ROSTER**

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**NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASES ORDERS**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR**

PSW operates from a room situated opposite the infant sand pit at the back of the hall. A full range of winter and summer uniforms are available for purchasing or order forms can be collected from the school office.

**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.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM**

**Permanent Vacancies for After School Care**

We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 12 vacancies for Monday, 15 for Tuesday, 22 for Wednesday, 18 for Thursday and 24 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 completed enrolment and direct debit forms 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 a direct debit form before you can book in. It is always worth calling, even if this table is showing no vacancies. There is always a range of other activities available and children can request individual art and craft activities.

**PLEASE SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNT BEFORE THE END OF TERM.**

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**MRS TARA VAN WINCKEL**

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs van Winckel is expecting a baby in August. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating her and her husband on this exciting news. The school will now start the process of finding a replacement teacher who will take over her grade from the start of term 3 for the period of her family leave. The appointment process takes approximately 8 weeks. As we have news of this, I will keep you informed. - Phil Dunlop-Moore

**NUDE FOOD**

Our Nude Food Tuesdays will begin again next Tuesday 19th February. We are pleased to announce that Baker’s Delight will be sponsoring the programme once again in 2013. Send your child to school on Tuesdays with a wrapper free lunch to go in the draw to win a Baker’s Delight Voucher. Please remember to label your containers.

Thank you. - Mrs Tara van Winckel

**BOOK CLUB**

Orders are due back to Miss Daffy by FRIDAY 8th MARCH, 2013.

**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 no note is received, then it will be assumed that your child is to attend. Thank you.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

The first meeting for the year will be held on Monday 18th 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.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Swimming Years 5 & 6 — 4th to 15th February

Lunch orders can still be submitted whilst the swimming program is running.

**Canteen Closure**

The Canteen will not be open this THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY. - Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)

Finding the cost of uniforms a challenge this year? We can help you plan for this expense.

Saver Plus is a matched savings program where you may be eligible to receive up to $500 in matched funds at the end of ten months.

You may be eligible if you:

- have a health care/pension card
- are over 18 years old
- have regular income from work (casual, part time, full time)
- have a child at school OR attending vocational education yourself

Saver Plus is a nationally recognized program developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ that is delivered in Geelong by Bethany. These funds may be used for educational purposes such as winter uniforms, school camps, swimming/music lessons, sporting costs and many more.

Contact Amanda Vernon on 52788122 or email avernon@bethany.org.au for more information.

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.drysalepvs.vic.edu.au
Head Lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Drysdale Primary School. Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide (conditioner will help fix this problem).
- Head Lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance. Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the ‘glue’ showed nothing would dissolve it.

**THE GOOD NEWS...**

We know where they live and we know how to find them. If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of Head Lice in your home will be greatly improved.

**Step 1**
Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled)** hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.

**Step 2**
Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 3**
Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 4**
If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated.

**Step 5**
If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat, since the eggs could be from the old infection.

If your child has Head Lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for Head Lice.

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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 15th February, 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.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HAWKS JUNIOR REGISTRATION**
Wed.13th Feb. from 6pm-8pm at the club rooms. Details on website: www.drysdalefc.com.au and follow the link to Junior Section.—Phillip Taylor, Junior Co-ordinator

**FREE YOGA TRIAL FOR KIDS**
Book your Free 20 minute ISDA Kids Yoga today. Trials will take place on 16th & 17th Feb. for 2-12yrs. 6 children per class. Bookings with Tami 0417 057 566. ISDA Wellbeing Centre 29 Princess St, Drysdale.

**HOCKEY ON THE BELLARINE**
For Primary school age children. Fridays 4:30-5:30pm at St Ignatius College Drysdale enter via Gillies Rd. $3 per week commences Friday 15th February. Details from Gillie on 0439 309 081.

**DRAMA WITH DEANA**
Drama/presentation skills workshops that will give your children the confidence to SHINE! For Years 1-6. Tues.& Wed. at 4pm, Springdale Hall, High St, Drysdale. Deana Ph: 0417 935 096 or 5251 3858.

**HEAD LICE**

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking will take place 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 want to commence Student Banking, please notify the office. Student banking is operated by the Commonwealth Bank.

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**BUNYIP FESTIVAL 2013**

The 2013 Bunyip Festival will take place on Saturday 23rd March, 2013 at Drysdale Primary School. We are taking applications for outdoor stalls. Application forms are available from the Drysdale Primary School office.

We have a new Bunyip Festival Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/#!/TheBunyipFestival

Check it out!

**BUNYIP MEETING**

Will take place in the meeting room at Drysdale Primary School this Wednesday 13th February at 4p.m.

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**CENTREPAY**

Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay school expenses by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment.

Drysdale Primary School’s minimum payment amount for Centrepay deductions is $20.00 per fortnight. If you are interested in starting Centrepay, deduction forms can be obtained from the school office.

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**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 2013 for the 1st instalment. Please complete an application form which is available from the school office.

**NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**
New advertisement coming here soon

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Congratulations to Archie and Piper, our School Captains for 2013 and to Emily and Hamish our School Vice Captains. Leadership by the children is a very important part of our school. We are fortunate to have a number of outstanding leaders who make a huge contribution to our school.

House Captains and Vice Captains were presented with their badges at assembly yesterday. Congratulations to these children.

**Blue House:** Hamish & Casey — Captains; Jarvis & Molly — Vice Captains

**Green House:** Ashley & Toby — Captains; Lexi & Mitch — Vice Captains

**Red House:** Jessie & Jack — Captains; Meg & Jacob — Vice Captains

**Gold House:** Belle & Ben — Captains; Emma & Ben — Vice Captains
February 12th 2013

Dear Parents,

TEACHERS STOP WORK ACTION - THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

Almost all children are not required to attend school on Thursday this week.

On Thursday, February 14th, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours (a full school day). Almost all members of our teaching staff are participating in this action and as a consequence we will not be able to run a full program as normal for our students. The grades that are not operating are:

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Parents of all children in these grades are asked to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their child on Thursday (the day of the stop work) as there will be no class teachers in school.

Parents unable to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their children on the day of the stop work are asked to inform the school as soon as possible and by no later than midday on Wednesday February 13th, 2013.

The two grades that will be working as usual are 5B with Mr Bradford and 6C with Mrs Campbell. These children will also go swimming as usual.

Yours sincerely

Phil Dunlop-Moore
Principal
12th February 2013

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS FEBRUARY 2013

Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years 1 to 6 from 3:40pm to 7:00pm on Monday 18th, 3:40pm to 5:00pm on Tuesday 19th and 3:40pm to 5:00pm on Wednesday 20th February.

Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration.

For these interviews we are using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students!

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. Please contact the school office if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

Please access the system as follows:
- Go to the school’s home page www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au
- Click the Parent Teacher On-line logo on left hand side of page under Quick Links
- Click Obtain PIN/Password and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children.
- You will only see time slots that are available at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings any time from 7:00am Wednesday 13th February up to 12 Midnight on Sunday 17th February.
- If you see this symbol displayed along side the class name, it means this teacher recommends that you book an interview.
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.

If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact Steve Barry by phone on 5251 2272.

I am sure the system will be of benefit to students, parents and staff. Any feedback you may wish to provide will be most welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Dunlop-Moore
Principal