Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that everyone has had a relaxing holiday and is ready for the second half of the school year. There are lots of things that we are intending to achieve. Traditionally Term 3 is the term when children make the most progress and define how good their year is going to be overall. I would like to encourage everyone to take a second look at the part of the report sent home at the end of last term which indicates the next areas of work. This is what we will be concentrating on over the next few months.

There are a number of other events happening during this term. Preparations are already well under way for our annual school concert which is happening on September 11th and 12th. This is a highlight of the year for many children and their families and has played a huge part in school life for a long time. I would recommend making a note of those dates in your diaries and planning to come along and enjoy the shows.

Before then our wonderful Parents and Friends Group are planning a Trivia Night on Saturday August 17th. It is time to start thinking about who is going to be in your team and how you can get an edge over the others whether it is to answer more questions, have more fun or both.

Internally the staff will be working on a number of projects. Improvement is a continuous process especially for high performers. The all conquering Australian cricket teams of the Waugh, Warne, McGrath era were constantly finding new ways to improve (and torture the English.) It is no different for schools, although I could happily do without the torture. Our work in school will centre on creating a new strategic plan for the next four years following our very successful review last term. Our primary objective agreed in the review, is to generate excellence throughout the school for all children. As part of this the staff will be looking at creating even greater precision and consistency in the planning and assessment of the curriculum. We shall also be looking at ways of making our reports to parents more informative and with less jargon so that they are more easily understood.

ATTENDANCE

As part of our review of semester 1 we will be looking at our attendance rates. As a general rule children’s attendance at primary school averages 93%. Our interest in maximising attendance is that we can only teach the children when they are in school. We would consider it a concern if a child’s attendance dropped below 90% (the equivalent of one day each fortnight). It is rare for a child’s attendance to drop below 80% (the equivalent of one day each week) and the absences to be unavoidable unless there has been a significant illness requiring hospital treatment. As part of our review of attendance rates, we shall be making contact with families of children whose attendance falls below 80% to discuss any underlying issues and to identify a plan for increasing school attendance.

GEELONG CATS PLAYERS VISIT

We have welcomed two of the Geelong Cats players to school today. Dawson Simpson and Tom Hawkins spent an hour this morning talking with our Year 6 children. The theme for their discussions was leadership, with the players sharing the approach needed by professional athletes to reach consistently the standards of excellence. This fits so well with our school aims to enable every child to identify their personal goals and then find a way of reaching those goals.

Regards,
Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
COMMUNITY NEWS

MEET THE ALPACAS, SATURDAY 20TH JULY 10AM-3PM
Wallington’s WRG. Alpaca husbandry and spinning demonstrations throughout the day.
www.piazollaparkalpacas.com

DCSCA PUBLIC FORUM, CLIFTON SPRINGS FORESHORE
Held in the Springdale Community Hall 7pm. Speaker Ralph Roob, Snr. Environmental Engineer, Environment & Natural Resources Department City of Greater Geelong. Representatives from DEPI (formerly DSE) will present details on the planned renourishment of the beach at the western end of Edgewater Drive.

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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. Uniform prices have changed and the new price list is available from the 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. 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 an EFTPOS machine, so 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.

OUTSIDE SCHOOLS 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, 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 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.

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FUND RAISER, CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
All money from the chocolate sales is to be returned before MONDAY 22ND JULY. All unsold boxes of chocolates are to be returned. Families that sold full boxes of chocolates and returned the money will go in the prize draw for a Bunnings Voucher or a Coles/Myer Voucher. Thank you.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE
The Secondhand Uniform Sale will take place on MONDAY 22ND JULY 3:00-3:45pm in front of the Canteen. Donations of secondhand clothing in good condition, would be appreciated. Please leave at the office. Thank you.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The school Trivia Night will take place on SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST. There will be tables of 8, so start organising your tables now! The cost will be $10 per head.

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

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 19th July, we are asking for volunteers from Prep V and Prep W. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking takes place every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. If there are any students who want to commence Student Banking, please see the Banking ladies of a Tuesday morning or go direct to the Commonwealth Bank if you don’t have online access.
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 need to be 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
Just a reminder that Tuesdays are our Nude Food Days. So, bring a rubbish free lunch of a Tuesday and you could be a winner! Please don’t forget to put your name on your containers.

2013/2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
We have the 2013/2014 Entertainment Books available from the office. 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.
**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.

**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

Diversitat Training trading as Diversitat, RTO 5819. Training at Diversitat is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.

**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 (TP1) or be a foster parent.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 2ND AUGUST for the 2nd instalment, Health Care Card must be valid by or on 15th July 2013. There is no need to re-apply if you have already applied in Term 1 and your circumstances or Health Care Card have not changed.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school prior to 2nd August 2013.

**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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SCHOOL’S TRIVIA NIGHT**

**BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE**
Mention Drysdale Primary School at Drysdale Bakers Delight and the school will receive 5%.

**REBEL SPORT**
Drysdale Primary School is registered at Rebel Sport with a “Season Pass”. If you purchase something from Rebel Sport, please mention Drysdale Primary School. Our school then receives points towards sporting equipment for the school.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**
Term 3 Active After School Communities Program commences next week. This term we are running two programs after school. If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 and is interested in participating, please contact Mr Barry at school.

**WEDNESDAYS for Year 1—Cricket commencing Wednesday 24th July, 3:30pm-4:45pm**

**THURSDAYS for Year 2—Hockey commencing Thursday 25th July, 3:30-4:45pm.** The programs run for 7 weeks.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
Drysdale Primary School “Parents and Friends” are holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 17th August 2013. It will commence at 7pm in the school hall. BYO drinks and nibbles.

Please support the school community, by gathering together a few friends for a fun night out. You don’t have to be a whizz at trivia!

We are sure it will prove to be a fantastic night of fun, as well as being a great fundraiser for the school.

Tickets are $10 per person and will be on sale shortly. So start getting your table (8 per table) organized!

Thank you for your support.
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