Dear Parents,

PUPIL FREE DAY—FRIDAY JULY 26TH

We are closed to pupils this Friday, July 26th, for our third pupil free day. These days are very important for the professional learning of the staff and for enabling the staff to tackle more complex development tasks. This Friday we will be continuing with work to make the new Australian curriculum accessible to children and parents.

You will know from the end of semester 1 reports that a new curriculum for all states and territories in Australia has been introduced. At Drysdale we are committed to offering every child the best possible education. A significant part of this is making sure that the curriculum we teach is organised in the most efficient way possible and that the way we describe the curriculum to both children and parents is free of jargon. This is a complex piece of work requiring an extended period time for it to be completed effectively.

The staff have been working hard to make connections between the different elements of the new curriculum so that it makes better sense to the children. They have also been working hard to review the reports we wrote at the end of last term to identify ways in which we can provide an even higher quality of information to parents in these important documents.

You will notice changes to our reports in December and see the full effect of our curriculum changes with the start of the new school year in 2014. Every school is allocated four pupil free days each year. Our fourth and final pupil free day for 2013 is on the last day of the school year, Friday December 20th.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Each year Victoria’s Education Department organises a survey of parents’ opinion in every government school in the State. In a large school like Drysdale the survey is sent to 80 parents randomly selected from our database. The information on the surveys is collated by the central Education Department and reported back to each school. The Education Department and schools use the information, alongside similar surveys of staff and pupils, to check on the organisational health of the school.

We are sending home the surveys on Thursday, July 25th, and request that completed surveys are returned to school by the following Friday, August 2nd. Surveys should be returned sealed in the envelope provided. The school sends them sealed to the Education Department where they are opened and analysed. If you receive a survey, it is really helpful to the school if you could find a few minutes to complete the survey. In a large school we need a high proportion of the 80 surveys to be returned for the results to be representative of the whole parent community.

DOGS IN SCHOOL

Schools are dog free areas. I have noticed a few people are bringing dogs into school at the beginning or end of school. Please can I ask that all dogs are left outside the school grounds and away from the gates when collecting children. We have a number of children (and adults) who are frightened by all dogs. Thanks.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE—2ND INSTALMENT

Please ensure if you have a current Health Care Card valid on the 15th July 2013, that you see page 3, or contact the office to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance. Applications for the 2nd instalment of the EMA need to be made by Friday August 2nd.

Regards,  

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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**REMINDEERS**

**CURRICULUM DAY, NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY 26TH JULY**

EMA APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

**P.S.W. UNIFORM SHOP**

NEW OPERATING TIME

WEDNESDAYS ONLY 8:30-9:15AM & 2:45-3:45PM (APPROXIMATELY)

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Neil Searle
Vice President: Rebecca Smith
Treasurer: Phil Dunlop-Moore
Secretary: Michelle Powell

Members: Joanne Black, Mitchell Sinnott, Clare Goodier, Andrea Hoogwerf, Felicity James, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Paul Rawson, Selma Tron, Tara van Winckel.

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

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Newsletter No. 21
Tuesday 23rd July, 2013

INSERTS:  *Geelong Cats Visit/School Debating Team *Trivia Night Information
COMMUNITY NEWS

Life Be In It—Netball/Basketball
Intro to Sport Programs for Prep to Year 4. Forms were sent home last week and are due back by Thursday 25th July. Any late forms, parents will need to contact Life Be In It direct.

Bellarine Secondary College—presents Into The Woods

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. The new price list is available from the office.

NEW OPERATING HOURS: Wednesdays: 8:30-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm (approximately). 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 SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Permanent Vacancies for After School Care
We are licensed to provide care for 55 children. There are 15 vacancies for Monday, 15 for Tuesday, 21 for Wednesday, 25 for Thursday and 26 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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PARENT SURVEYS

Surveys will be sent home on Thursday 25th July to approximately 80 randomly selected families. The Surveys are due back to school by Friday 2nd August. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due back before Friday 2nd August.

READING CHALLENGE UPDATE

52 students have finished the Challenge. Well done! Don’t forget: Prep—Year 2, 30 picture story books and Years 3—6, 15 Chapter Books. We would like all Challenge Sheets handed in by 30th August. Thank you.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

CHOCOLATES
Thank you to those families that were able to sell chocolates. We have 5 boxes left to sell, so if anyone would like to sell them, please contact the office.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The school Trivia Night will take place on SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST, 7 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL HALL. Details enclosed with this Link. There will be tables of 8, so start organising your tables now! The cost will be $10 per head. Tickets available from the office.

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

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. 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.

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 2nd August, we are asking for volunteers from Years 1C, 1L, 1R, and 1S. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.
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.

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Tickets are $10 per person and are available from the office. (Order form enclosed with this Link).

So start getting your table (8 per table) organized!

Thank you for your support.

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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.

Our Nude Food winners for this week are: Edward 1R and Callum 5D. Congratulations: Year 2B, Year 3F and Year 4D for having the most people in your grade to have Nude Food.

Our Nude Food Joke:
“Why did the donut go to the dentist? Because it needed a chocolate filling.”

- The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf

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
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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 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. Please call by the office to complete an application form. NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

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Just a reminder that the camp payments for:
Year 3 Sovereign Hill, Year 4 Kangaroobie and Year 6 Canberra are due by the end of this term.

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Telephone Messages
If there are telephone messages for students, please advise the office BEFORE 3:15pm so that the message can be delivered to your child in time.

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.

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.

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Term 3 Active After School Communities Program commences this 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.

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

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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GREAT SERVICE! GREAT HOLIDAYS!
The School Debating Team has successfully completed the first round of debates against Roslyn Primary School and Barwon Heads Primary School. Team A consisted of Piper, Emma and Claire. Team B consisted of Emily, Amelie and Aidan with Aidan winning Best Speaker Award.

Both teams did an amazing job in speaking in a formal debate. Meg did a brilliant job running both debates as Chairperson. Our next debate will be in a few weeks time against St John’s Lutheran School.

The Year 6 level has been running a Leadership and Goal Setting program throughout the year and last Tuesday Tom Hawkins and Dawson Simpson paid a visit to the senior students. The Geelong footballers spoke to the students about achieving your personal best, about having a go when things are challenging and chasing your dreams. The students responded enthusiastically to this visit even if some students and teachers did not barrack for the Cats. Both Tom and Dawson were brilliant in conveying some great messages to the students. A very valuable experience enjoyed by all, particularly Mr Sinnott.
NAME: ________________________________________________________

CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________ GRADE: ____________

NO. OF TICKETS: ____________________________ ($10 PER TICKET)
(Tables of 8)

PAYMENT BY: CASH ☐ CHEQUE ☐ CREDIT CARD ☐

Card No.______ ________ ________ ________ Expiry Date: ___/___/___

Card Holder’s Name: ____________________________ (Please Print)

A great fun night. Lots of prizes!

Organize a table of 8

BYO Drinks & Nibbles

Tickets $10 each available from the office

Location:
Drysdale Primary School Hall

Drysdale Primary School Office
5251 2272