Dear Parents,

**STUDENT SAFETY**

Please read the attached letter regarding student safety and the collection of students from after school activities.

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISER—FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST**

This Friday we are holding a special fund raising event to support one of our families. Craig Bullock, father of two of our students, had a very serious car accident recently. He is still in an induced coma in the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. Although there are signs that he is making some progress towards a recovery, this is going to be a long and slow progress. We would like to support the family at this very difficult and challenging time.

We are inviting children to come to school on Friday wearing their favourite hat. This can be anything from a beanie to a novelty cap to a more traditional broad brimmed sun hat. Please make sure that your favourite hat is named just in case it becomes confused with someone else’s favourite hat. In return for wearing your favourite hat, we are asking for a donation that we can pass on to the Bullock family to help support them with the extra costs they are experiencing at the moment. Thank you.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT—THIS SATURDAY**

The school’s Annual Trivia Night is being held this Saturday August 2nd in the Year 2 classrooms. Tickets cost just $10. You can sign up as a complete team of 8 with your own table or we can help organise you into a team with other parents and friends. There are door prizes, a silent auction and other games as well as the big prize of the title of School Trivia Champions. Whether you are great at Trivia or just enjoy having a go, it is great fun. Get your tickets from the office and come along.

**GEELONG CATS 2014 SIGNED FOOTY JUMPER — TRIVIA NIGHT AUCTION**

The Geelong Football Club has donated a Geelong Cats footy jumper signed by the 2014 team. This will be auctioned at the Trivia Night with all proceeds from the auction going towards the purchase of sports equipment for the school. What an amazing prize! We are very grateful to the Geelong Football Club for this very generous donation which will go a long way to supporting one of the school’s major and successful programs. So come along to the Trivia Night and bid in the auction to win this jumper!

**VICTORIAN CHILD ORAL HEALTH SURVEY**

Drysdale Primary School has been selected to participate in the Victorian Child Oral Health Survey. This on-going research project is looking at how healthy our children’s teeth are. 125 children randomly selected from across the school will receive a letter and a questionnaire inviting them to participate in the study. Parents will be asked to give permission for a team of dentist to check the health of their child’s teeth. The dental examinations will be held in school on the 19th and 20th August. Permission letters for those invited to be involved will be coming home this week. It would be great if all families invited to be a part of this research project give their permission so that the researchers can improve their understanding of dental health in Victoria.

**STAFF NEWS**

We would like to offer our congratulations to Miss Laing who announced her engagement last week.

Mr Stephens is returning from his period of long service leave tomorrow. We are looking forward to welcoming him back to school and hearing about his overseas trip. Sadly this means that we are saying goodbye to Miss Borg who has been teaching 3S in Mr Stephens’ absence. Miss Borg has done an exceptional job maintaining the standards of learning in 3S over the last term. We are expecting that Miss Borg will continue to be in school frequently as one of our regular relief teachers.

 Regards, 
Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

| 22-31 July | Life Ed Van Visit |
| 31 July | Book Club due back TODAY |
| 1 August | Return Parent Opinion Survey |
| | Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs. 2N,2C,2S,2V |
| 2 August | Parents & Friends Trivia Night, 7pm BER |
| 4 August | AASC, Dance Yrs.4/5/6 |
| | PSW Uniform Shop 8:45-9:15am & 3:15-3:45pm |
| 5 August | Regional Girls T-Ball |
| | AASC, Athletics Yrs.3/4 |
| 6 August | Yr.3 GPAC 9:30-11:30am |
| | Lone Pine Yrs.5/6 Ceremony |
| 7 August | Region Netball Championships |
| 8 August | Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs. 3A,3B,3H,3S |

**REMINDERS**

| 22ND JULY-31ST JULY | LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT |
| 31ST JULY | BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE |
| 1ST AUGUST | EMA 2ND INSTALMENT APPLICATION DUE |

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

| President: Neil Searle |
| Vice President: Rebecca Smith |
| Treasurer: Paul Rawson |
| Executive Officer: Phil Dunlop-Moore |
| Secretary: Michelle Powell |
| Members: Joanne Black, Mitchell Sinnott, Shane Kennedy, Andrea Hoogwerf, Tammy Burke, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Selma Tron, Rebecca Hoyne, Michael Jeantou. |

School Councillors can be contacted via the school office.
FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On Friday 1st August we are asking for volunteers from Years 2N, 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.

LOST PROPERTY
Parents please check names on clothing to ensure you have your child’s/children’s clothing. Please make sure all clothing is clearly named with your child’s name. Please name items. It was end of month and there were lots of unclaimed items, if you name them they will be returned. Thank you.

MOWING LIST
North Area (around oval) | South Area (Admin. buildings)
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21/7/14 – 3/8/14 | A Volunteer please? | Nathan Pankhurst
4/8/14 – 17/8/14 | Kevin McCoughtry/ Julie Penfold | Edward Hackney

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.

GEELONG STORE
You may have noticed a PSW Store in Geelong. At this time they do not stock Drysdale P.S Uniform.
For any queries regarding orders placed for home delivery phone 9768 0308 direct.

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

PAYMENT
Payment is by cash or Credit Card and EFTPOS facilities are available.
- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS
TRIVIA NIGHT
This Saturday 2nd August at 7pm in the Year 1 & 2 Building (BER). Entry: $10 per person (Adults Only) BYO Nibbles and Drinks.
All proceeds to the new “Quiet Area/Outdoor Classroom”. A Geelong CATS Football Jumper with the 2014 players signatures will be raffled. Proceeds from this will go towards school sports equipment. Don’t forget to bring your coins for the games!

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
Families have been randomly selected to participate in the 2014 Parent Opinion Survey. If you were selected, please return your completed survey to school by FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST, 2014.

COMMUNITY NEWS
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY CARBON NEXUS OPEN NIGHT
Deakin’s new, world class carbon fibre facility, Carbon Nexus is holding an open night for secondary school students and the general public on Tues. 29th July 5:30-7:30pm, to be held at the seminar room Waurn Ponds Campus. Places are limited so book you place now: sebe-events@deakin.edu.au

PORTARLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FAMILY DISCO
Frid. Sept. 12th, 5:30-7:30pm. All age alcohol free event. BYO snacks and drinks and enjoy DJ Mitch. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: $10 family or $5 per head. Ph: 5259 2290 or Email: enquiry@portn.org.au

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE, CHANGING!
In the recent School Reform Agreement, signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.
From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools.
For more information see the EMA fact sheet on the schools website.
In Term 3 the Department of Education will provide schools with more detailed information.

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 1st AUGUST for the 2nd instalment. Your Health Care Card must be valid as of 14th July, 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.
NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

If you would like to register your child for OSHC or book in, visit www.campaustralia.com.au or call the Camp Australia Customer Service on 1300 105 343. Please note the mobile number at Drysdale OSHC is 0404 427 452. If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss, please approach either Mel, Lisa or Patricia.—Drysdale OSHC Team.
On Friday the Year 2 students were visited by Mrs Kellie Clitheroe and her Year 7 students from Bellarine Secondary College. We were treated to amazing Science demonstrations and after that we worked in small groups with the students who showed us how magnets and microscopes work, how to make Sherbet (yummy), how to make a circuit with batteries and a Coke Fountain. One of the boys showed his wonderful rock, mineral and fossil collection. One experiment even made our hair stand on end-literally! We loved the incursion and learnt a lot about science. We hope we can do it again.

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The students receiving awards this week are:
Flynn Prep M  Marisa 4C
Ashlyn Prep T  Rebekah 4C
Owen 1K  Bridie 4V
Riley 2 T/V  Christian 5C
Angus 3A  Kalob 6P
Jordan 3B
Congratulations!

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**GENERAL REMINDERS**

**BOOK CLUB**
Book Club orders are due in by this **THURSDAY 31ST JULY**.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**
Selected families to return the Parent Opinion Survey by this **FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST**.

**VICTORIAN CHILD ORAL HEALTH SURVEY**
Selected families to return the Victorian Child Oral Health Survey Permission.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**
We still have some 2014/2015 Entertainment Books for sale at the office at a cost of $55.

**BORROWED CLOTHING FROM SCHOOL**
If your child has borrowed clothing and or underwear from the school, it would be appreciated if it could be returned laundered as soon as possible. At this time of the year our resources are stretched to the limit. Thank you.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**
Donations of any secondhand school uniform items would be greatly appreciated as our stock is low. Please leave items at the office. Thank you.

**CAMP PAYMENTS**
All camp payments need to be finalised for Years 3,4,5,6 before the end of this term. Thank you.

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TRIVIA NIGHT THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BOOK A TICKET OR A TABLE!

7pm in the B.E.R. Building

Entry: $10 (Adults Only)  BYO Nibbles & Drinks

All proceeds towards new “Quiet Area/Outdoor Classroom”

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR COINS FOR THE GAMES!
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

SPRINGDALE $2+ SHOP
Shop 8/12 Hancock Street  Drysdale
Phone: 5251 1011
Friendly service to the community

New Ad Coming Soon

It is important for young families to be aware of Orthodontic problems that are often apparent from about the age of seven. Early orthodontic treatment can help correct dental problems and also help minimize extensive treatment at an older age. All our consultations are free and no referral from a dentist is required.

Drysdale Soccer Club
0408 109 647 - Marti  0414 461112 - Paul
www.drysdalesc.com.au

- Junior soccer training 6:15pm at Clifton Springs Primary School Oval starts Wednesday 26th Feb
- Boys and girls of all abilities very welcome
- Games in social competition Sunday mornings
- Provider of Outside Hours School Care soccer programs to your school
- We are proud supporters of Bravehearts

Axe Welding

Mick & Megan
Lot 3, 35-37 Murarrie Rd, Drysdale
5251 2639  0408 059 373
Email: aoxwelding@bigpond.com
www.axewelding.com.au

D&C FEAR CONCRETE CONSTRUCTIONS
DANIEL 0403 693 794

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CINNABAR BAKERY
PIES, CAKES & MORE
(03) 5251 3139
Shop 2-3 Wyndham Street Drysdale.
29th July 2014

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that there was a serious incident shortly before 5pm yesterday in which a man tried to persuade one of our students into his vehicle. This happened as the student was riding home from an after school activity. Our student responded extremely well by refusing and making sure that he caught up with other students also cycling home from the same event.

Please can I ask that we all take extra care to ensure that our children are as safe as possible. In particular, please can parents ensure that children taking part in activities that continue after the normal end of school are collected from school rather than making their own way home. Please can you also speak with your children about appropriate strategies to use.

As a school we have spoken with the children in each year to remind them of the messages of stranger danger. Our staff are aware of this incident and will be extra vigilant especially during recess and lunchtimes when the children are outside.

Yours sincerely

Phil Dunlop-Moore
Principal