Dear Parents,

**LONE PINE COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

Our school has made a commitment to host and support a service in recognition of the Battle of Lone Pine. The Battle of the Lone Pine marks a significant point in our nation’s development and history. It was fought as part of the Gallipoli campaign of 1915 and is described as some of the fiercest fighting of the war. Seven Australians were awarded the Victoria Cross for extreme bravery. The Lone Pine memorial in Gallipoli is the site of the annual dawn service to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Representatives from the Drysdale Branch of the RSL will officiate at the service which will be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday 6th August. Guest speakers will make presentations and former Drysdale P.S. student Isabella Searle will play “The Last Post”. I would like to invite interested families to attend the service. The service will be held at the front of the school where a descendant of the original Lone Pine is planted and continues to grow.

**GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE PERSON**

I am delighted to inform you that the school has appointed John Gowlett to be our grounds and maintenance person. John’s role will be to look after our school grounds and do routine maintenance tasks around the school. John is father to two of our children and has already been busily involved in looking after the school as part of our parent volunteer team, as were others whom we interviewed. John officially starts on Monday.

I would like to thank all our parents who have been involved in working bees and the mowing roster. We will still need your help and support and acknowledge your continuing commitment to the school.

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Last Friday the school held its third pupil free day of the year. During the day the staff worked incredibly hard on interpreting and adapting the new National Australian Curriculum so that it is in language easily understood by children and parents. The importance of this is that the language the teachers use to explain learning to the children matches the language used to explain each student’s next step of learning and the language used in our twice yearly reports to parents. When a similar piece of work was done for the previous curriculum, without the translation to child friendly language, it took eight teachers a day a week for 40 weeks. The Drysdale staff have largely completed this in a single day. I would like to commend them for their hard work and the commitment they show to the children’s learning. This work needs to be linked to some other work we are doing to implement the new curriculum, to make the curriculum as engaging as possible and to ensure that the education we offer is the best it can possibly be. Consequently it will become fully operational during 2014.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

We sent out 80 surveys to parents last Thursday as part of the State Education Department’s Annual Survey of parents’ views of their children’s school. Please can I remind parents who received a survey, that the deadline for returning them is this Friday August 2nd.

**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
COMMUNITY NEWS

Bellarine Secondary College—presents: Into The Woods

Bellarine Storm Girl’s Skills Day
Sunday 4th August 1pm—3:30pm at Barwon Heads Primary School, Golf Links Road. $5 per child. All participants need to bring a basketball and drink bottle. Details from Shelley 0409 540 409.

MOWING ROSTER

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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, 16 for Tuesday, 26 for Wednesday, 25 for Thursday and 29 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 were 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.

The winners of the Chocolate Prize Draw were: Jarrod 5K, Harry 1L and Patrick 4D. Congratulations.

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 for sale in 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.

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 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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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

If you wish to receive a copy of the school magazine, please pay $15 to the office before the end of this term.

Statements will be sent home shortly. These will indicate whether you have already paid for the magazine or not.

**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 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.

**NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

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**CAMP PAYMENTS**

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

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**BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE**

Mention Drysdale Primary School at Drysdale Bakers Delight and the school will receive 5%.

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**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.

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**NUDE FOOD**

Tuesdays are our Nude Food Days. So, bring a rubbish free lunch of a Tuesday and you could be a winner! The oval only just looks clean, so can you please pick up any rubbish.

Our Nude Food winners for this week are: Blake Prep C and Ryan 5D. Congratulations: Year 2A, and Year 4D for having the most people in your grade to have Nude Food.

Our Nude Food Joke:
“What did the mother ghost tell the baby ghost when she ate too fast?” Stop goblin your food.
- 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
- 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

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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.

**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.

**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.

**ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL DETAILS?**

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

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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On Friday 26th July, our Girl’s Football Team played at Ervin Reserve in Newcomb. Ten schools competed in the Bellarine Division Football Championships for Girl’s. Drysdale Primary School won! They defeated Torquay College in the Grand Final. Congratulations to all the players. Maeve 5K won the best player. They now go on to the Western Metropolitan Region on August 8th at South Barwon.
D.P.S. TRIVIA NIGHT
TICKET ORDER FORM
SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST, 7 P.M.

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