Dear Parents,

Today is the Lone Pine Commemoration which is such an important part of this community’s year and identity. As a school we know that what matters most is helping each and every one of our children to grow and develop into the best people that they can be—socially, academically and with their unique talents. However, we also know that what children remember most about their time at school are the events and excursions.

It is important that everyone has a sense of identity and belonging; that we all know who we are and what we stand for. We commemorate historical events for many reasons. Not least of these reasons is because it is a moment when our character and values as a nation were shaped. Courage and a commitment to keep going are two world renown characteristics of Australians. These characteristics have grown from their collective origin in the army of the first world war to become included in all aspects of our modern culture.

We promote a sense of belonging because this gives every child a sense of place and a shared history. In the modern world, former Drysdale students will be living and working all across the globe. We would like every one of them to feel that their roots belong in this community and that the connection with the school has given them a firm foundation on which to build a successful and happy life. One way of doing this is to offer the children opportunities to challenge themselves.

**Music**

This week our music instrument tuition program is starting. 34 of our children in Years 1 to 5 will begin learning to play piano, guitar, drums or ukulele. For some of these children it is the first attempt to master music while for others it is the next step in a journey they have already begun. It doesn’t matter if we end up with 34 professional musicians or none. Everyone has a level of musical ability; it is our role to help children explore this ability and extend the upper level.

**Sport**

Our sporting teams are continuing to do well in regional competitions. Our girls’ T Ball team competed in the south west Victoria finals on Monday and came so close to progressing to the state level finals. We finished with the same number of points as the eventual winners but missed out because we scored a single run fewer across all the games. This is a brilliant effort by our girls who should feel enormously proud of their performance. They have represented the school with distinction and learnt a lot about themselves at the same time.

**School Grounds**

Many thanks to Alison Dumbell, mother of a couple of our children, who came into school over the weekend and weeded the front garden beds. This is a fantastic effort and shows a great dedication to the school and our community. With the efforts of volunteers like Alison and those of John Goullet, our newly appointed grounds person, we are already seeing a huge difference to the appearance of the school. We are intending to continue with the mowing roster to help keep our outside spaces looking attractive.

**Rear Entrance**

We are concerned that children are being dropped off in the Stonehouse Place area by the church and running into school. This takes them across the entrance/exit to the Drysdale Retirement Village. There is a risk that cars leaving the Retirement Village will not see the children because of the height of the fence. Please, can I ask parents to be aware of this risk and supervise the children right into school. Regards, Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
**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 stock 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

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**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**

This is a reminder to parents that Drysdale Primary School offers Before School Care every week morning from 7:15am. As long as your child is enrolled for Outside School Hours Care, your child can attend before and/or after school care. As far as Before School Care is concerned you do not have to make a booking or let us know if the child is attending. You just bring the child any time after 7:15am and sign them in. The full fee for before school care is currently $12.50 per session but most parents are eligible for Child Care Benefit and all parents are eligible for Child Care Rebate which reduces this fee.

The children attending before school care have access to a huge range of games and activities, which they choose and they get to play in a warm, safe, dry environment. If you cannot drop your child off as they walk to school, they can still come into before school care by themselves as long as they have a note signed by the parent. If you would like more details, please speak with Susan Norris (Ph: 0417 379 655) or the OSHC Co-ordinator or the office.

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**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM**

**Permanent Vacancies for After School Care**

We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 15 vacancies for Monday, 15 for Tuesday, 24 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 children 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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Parents and Friends thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesdays are our Nude Food Days. So, bring a rubbish free lunch of a Tuesday and you could be a winner! We have new members of Nude Food: Sarah Strawberry and Bob Broccoli.

Our Nude Food winners for this week are: Nathan 2A and Thomas 5B. Congratulations: Year 2A and Year 4D for having the most people in your grade to have Nude Food.

Our Nude Food Joke: “What did Mr & Mrs Hamburger name their daughter? Answer: Patty.
- The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf

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.

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.

There was a great response to the Parent Information Session in the brand new mobile learning centre. We spoke about some of the issues discussed with the children who attended. One was in relation to cyber safety and another about healthy food choices. These are some links for parents to check out:
www.cybersmart.gov.au
www.mcafee.com.au
Search for: Australian Guide to Healthy Eating
- Gaye Slater, Educator

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.

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.

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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You really don’t have to be great at trivia, it’s just a fun night out!

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On Friday August 2nd it was Grandparents Afternoon. One of the grandparents brought in a Coffee Grinder. Grace and I went around the room because we were learning about the olden days. I learnt that it took a long time to grind coffee with a Coffee Grinder. I learnt in the olden days they sheared a sheep with a very sharp blade so they had to hold the sheep so it wouldn’t run away. My favourite thing was when I got to grind the coffee beans and we got to see how it changed when you grinded it. We did not make real coffee. That was the best day of my life.—Imogen 2V

My grandparents couldn’t come in because two of them live in New Zealand and the others are on holiday. Some grandparents brought in old money. Another grandparent brought in a watch and something to cut the wool off sheep. My favourite part was when we held the thing to cut wool with.—Ben H. 2V

Some grandparents brought readers from when they were at school. Some even brought in old cameras. We had partners and my partner was Jordan. The grandparents would get a chair, the kids would move around and they would tell us about their things. My favourite part was the bit where I got to meet all of the grandparents. I learnt how to work a Brownie Box Camera. The Grade 2’s had lots of fun. I hope they come again.—Mila 2V

Ashley’s grandparents showed me about shearing a sheep. Phoebe’s grandparents told me about the olden days. Bree’s grandmother brought a doll and it was an old, old doll. Ashley and I saw olden days money. It was called a penny. My favourite part was when I saw the olden days money because it was interesting.—Ben 2V

My gran came in and brought in her readers from when she was in Primary School. There was a lot of interesting things like a Coffee Grinder, money, a camera and a record. We went around to a couple of groups of grandparents. We got to ask questions like how they use to get to school. My favourite was the Coffee Grinder but I liked my gran’s readers. I learnt how to use an olden day camera. It was a fun day.—Georgia 2V

My favourite item from Grandparents Afternoon was the pocket-watch that my grandparents bought in. I learnt that the pocket-watch had to be wound up and you could either attach it to your shirt or put it in your pocket. There were 2 separate circles, the secondhand in one and the minute or hour hand in the other. It was little. The pocket watch was around 100 years old. I liked it because it isn’t really around any more and it is interesting.—Jade 2B

My favourite thing was the spoon. It had a special engraving. A London school gave them to the children. My nan showed us her spoon. It was made from silver.—Alice 2B

My favourite item is the penny because I learnt a lot of facts. In the olden days there were no cent coins so they had penny’s instead. I liked it because it was dirty.—Elliott 2B

My favourite item from Grandparents Afternoon was the scales. I learnt that they used pounds and ounces. I liked it because we got to push down the scales to see if we could get to two pounds.—Max 2B

My favourite item from Grandparents Afternoon was the penny and halfpenny. I learnt that a penny is worth two halfpennies. I like this item because I like Maths. The penny was 102 years old. It came from a bank.—Luke 2B
My grandma brought a camera. It needs something to make it work properly otherwise it cannot work. I also saw an olden day bowling set. It is like today but it is smaller than the bowling pins and ball today. —Mason 2A

Grandparents Afternoon was a blast. My grandma brought some dolls from when she was 8 and granddad brought in a magazine and a photo of when he was in cyclocross. He came third. The best part was seeing the first coloured camera from Mason’s nanna. I loved that afternoon. —Elle 2A

My gran shared a sewing kit. It had a needle case, lots of sewing silk and thimbles. The best part was saying hello and learning new things. —Indiana 2A

Most of them came and brought something from their childhood or something old. My grandparents brought an old iron. It was a good afternoon. Indiah 2A

The best thing was the wooden bowling set. I got all of them down except one. The best part was Kayden’s grandparent’s fly killer. It was 70 years old. —Ryan 2A

My nanny and poppy came to Grandparents Afternoon. My nanny brought an Aboriginal thing, Footy Cards, Dominoes and a Pop-Up Book. —Jasper 2A.

My poppy came with a fly killer. My grandma brought an old camera. My favourite was the Footy Cards. I liked them because I like football and they had Essendon cards. —Kayden 2A
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