Dear Parents,

**LONE PINE COMMENORATION**

Last Wednesday the school held its annual commemoration service of the Battle of the Lone Pine. We were joined by members of the Drysdale RSL, Captain Samantha Payne from the Army History Unit and a number of our parents. Our School Captains, Caitlyn Hamilton and Callum Dunwoodie read tributes to two of Drysdale’s ANZACs, Lieutenant Henry Stanley Davis and Captain Percy Herbert Cherry VC. Jaime Dumbell from 6P and Captain of Bengalat House, read a poem she had written for the commemoration. The address was given by Andrew Page.

I am grateful to these children for their contributions to the commemorations and especially Mrs Black and Mr Page who took over the organisation of the commemoration from our friends at the RSL as late as Monday afternoon. The commemoration next year is the centenary of the battle and will be held on Thursday August 6th at school.

**MRS SCHEPISI**

Sam Schepisi begins her family leave at the end of this week prior to the birth of her first child. I would like to wish her well as she begins the next phase of her life. I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication in teaching our Year 1 children over the last few years. For the last five weeks she has been supporting our Integration Program. Her role in the Integration Program will be covered by Selma Tron for the remaining weeks of this term prior to Steve Barry’s return from his term’s secondment to St Leonards. Selma is well known to the school community as a parent, a member of the School Council, and one of our regular relief teachers. She brings this knowledge of the school community as well as a background in disability education.

**ATTENDANCE**

One of the challenges of being a parent is knowing when your child is too ill to go to school. This is particularly true in winter when most people are struggling with a bit of a cold and the poor weather makes it hard to think about going outside. One of the constant challenges of being a teacher is that we can only help children learn when they are in school. Generally the children’s attendance at Drysdale Primary is pretty good. But there is a grey area when children are not feeling 100% but could manage the day in school. As a broad guide, children who are normally healthy still end up missing about ten to fifteen days in the whole year which is around three days a term on average. Educationally absence begins to affect a child’s performance and learning when it rises above twenty days a year which is the same as one day a fortnight. When absences are a day here and a day there, the effect is greater than a full week of absence for a serious bout of sickness. There are some illnesses for which we need children to be off school until they are better: within 24 hours of vomiting, with untreated headlice or with serious illnesses that spread rapidly. Attendance is monitored by the School Office and Action is taken when absence is suspicious or out of character.

**CYCLING TO SCHOOL**

Please can I ask that children cycling to school wear their helmets rather than carry them on their handlebars. Thank you.

**BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY CELEBRATION — MONDAY AUGUST 18TH**

Next Monday we are holding a special parade in assembly to celebrate the start of Literacy and Numeracy Week, more usually known as Book Week. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will then parade in costume around the hall during assembly. This is always a favourite and fun part of the school year. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special assembly, 9.05 a.m. next Monday August 18th in the School Hall.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**REMINDERS**

Yr 3 Swimming 25th August—5th September
Yrs.3,4,5,6 Camp Payments due by end of term

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**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 Hynie, Michael Jeantou.

School Councillors can be contacted via the school office.
**STUDENT BANKING**

There was no Student Banking, today, Tuesday 12th August due to the athletics sports. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**NEXT MEETING**

Parents and Friends will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday 14th August in the meeting room. All welcome.

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

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**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On Friday 15th August we are asking for volunteers from Years 4C, 4D, and 4V. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

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**MOWING LIST**

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**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.

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**GEELOM 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

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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. The school magazine comes home with the final school report at the end of the year.

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

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**READING CHALLENGE REMINDER!**

The Reading Challenge is about to close. We would like all challenge sheets returned by FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST to the Library. Thank you.

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**FOOD BANK FOR BULLOCK FAMILY**

We are collecting non perishable food that we will be donating to the Bullock Family once Craig is out of hospital and they return home. There is a collection box at the school’s office for anyone who would like to donate a tin or a packet of non -perishable food. Thankyou.

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**BOOK WEEK**

We will be celebrating Book Week with a Dress Up Parade next Monday 18th August in the school hall at assembly. Students can dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate the wonderful world of books!

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**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.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PORTARLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FAMILY DISCO**

Frid.Sep.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

**WALLINGTON CRICKET CLUB**

Will be holding 4 Cricket Clinics. Mon.Sep.8th & Mon.Sep.15th from 4-5pm. Then in the school holidays on Mon.22nd Sept. & Mon.29th Sept. 10am-12noon. Sausage sizzle after the school holiday sessions. Contact Mick for details on: 0488 009 270.
BOOK WEEK

DRESS-UP PARADE

Monday, 18th August 2014
9:05am SCHOOL HALL

Students can dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate the wonderful world of BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

The students receiving awards this week are:
Amelia Prep M
Asher Prep T
Scarlett 1K
Thomas 2S
Indiah 3H
Imogen 3A
Cayde 4C
Pia 6P
Milly 6C

Congratulations!

GENERAL REMINDERS

VICTORIAN CHILD ORAL HEALTH SURVEY
120 randomly selected parents received an invitation last week to participate in the Victorian Child Oral Health Survey. Please can I ask parents who received this invitation to return permission form by post this week. Thank you.

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.

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

PERMISSION NOTICES

Please check permission notes for return dates. It is imperative that permission notes are signed and returned to school by the due date. The dates are there for a reason to assist with the smooth running of the school event. Thank you.

NUDE FOOD

The winners for the Year Level Awards (from Prep-Year 2) is Prep W and (from Years 3-6) is Year 3A. Individual Winners (from Prep-Year 2) is Seb. 1K and (from Years 3-6) is Emily 5C. Well done! So, bring a rubbish free lunch of a Tuesday and you could be a winner too! Please don't forget to put your name on your containers. Thank you.

KARATE TOURNAMENT AWARD

Phil Dunlop-Moore speaking at assembly with Emily 2B who came second in a Karate Tournament. Well done!
• 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

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

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.

Tasweld Geelong
45 Sun St, Moolap
Phone Charlie Benson 0401 036 992
‘for all of your welding needs’

D&C FEAR
CONCRETE CONSTRUCTIONS
DANIEL 0403 693 794

Harvey World Travel Drysdale
5 Wyndham Street (next to ANZ Bank), Drysdale
Phone: (03) 5251 1150
Email: drysdale@harveyworld.com.au

GREAT SERVICE GREAT HOLIDAY!

CINNABAR BAKERY
Pies, Cakes & More
(03) 5251 3139
Shop 2-3 Wyndham Street Drysdale.
The service was held at the front of the school where a descendant of the original Lone Pine is planted and continues to grow. The Lone Pine memorial in Gallipoli is the site of the annual dawn service to commemorate ANZAC Day.
On Wednesday we went to GPAC. On the bus to GPAC I sat next to Mason. When we got there we had to sit in the gallery. We then went on stage. I was dancing with a wooden chair. We had to watch other schools. We had to chase the bus. It was fun. I was stuffed after GPAC. We then headed back to school. - Harry 3A

On Wednesday the Year 3s went to GPAC at 8:30am to perform Jailhouse Rock. Firstly we got on the bus. I sat next to nobody! We arrived at 9:00am. Secondly we performed. I was so nervous. Then we went home. I loved GPAC. It was awesome. - Rhiannon 3A

In Term 3, the Year 3’s have been working on a song called Jailhouse Rock. It’s awesome. We did it on Wednesday 8th August at GPAC. At 8:30 we got on the bus to GPAC. I was sitting next to Chris and I talked to Chris. We got to GPAC at 9:00. We walked inside. I saw my mum talking to her friends. We got in the gallery room and we practised. We got on stage and we performed very well. We watched all the grades. I got back on the bus and sat next to Jye. It was great. At the end of the day I was tired. It was really fun. - Nathan 3A

On Wednesday 6th August, the Year 3’s went to GPAC to perform. Firstly we got on the bus at 8:15am. We did the roll and we got on the bus with 3H at 8:30am. We got off the bus and walked to GPAC and went inside. The workers told us to go to the gallery. We had a practice in the gallery. Next we did our performance. I think we did a really good job. After we did our performance we watched the other schools perform. Then we went back to the gallery and ate snack. We then went on the bus to go back to school. It was a great day. I loved performing and watching the other schools.—Grace 3A

On Wednesday 6th August all of the Year 3’s went to GPAC. Firstly we got on the bus and went there. I sat next to Georgia, we talked a lot. I thought my saxophone would be going everywhere under the bus. Soon it was our turn next and we were waiting behind the stage. After that performance we got our places on stage ready for Jailhouse Rock. When the music went on I got butterflies in my tummy. When my part went on I got down on my knees and got into it. Later we went to watch other performances. I thought they were all great. After all of the performances we went to have some food. Suddenly Miss Arter got us into two lines, we went to go to the bus but it was around the corner and we didn’t know! We finally found the bus and got on. When we got on I was sitting next to Jade. We talked a lot. It was a great day and I loved it.—Imogen 3A