Dear Parents,

It was an enormous pleasure to recognise and celebrate so many achievements in assembly yesterday. It was not just that we had so much to celebrate; it was the range of reasons to celebrate which reflected the very talented group of children we have at Drysdale Primary and the quality of teaching and support they receive from the staff and their parents.

**Reading Progress**

We celebrated the achievement of five children in Year 1 who have been working so hard and learnt so much that their reading has improved by more than a year in 2013 already. Congratulations to Jessica, Zari, Harley, and Rylan. Harley’s and Maddison’s progress has been exceptional. They have both progressed by more than two years in just over six months. Reading is the foundation of all learning; all five of these children can be immensely pleased with their brilliant achievement.

**Debating**

Our two school debating teams competed against Belmont and St Johns Lutheran on Wednesday last week. Both our A and our B teams won their debates with some well argued and precisely delivered speeches. The debates happen after school and run well into the early evening which makes it a long day for children.

**Girls Sport**

Our senior girls competed in the regional finals in Football following on from their appearance in the regional T Ball finals on Monday last week. The footballing girls matched the performance of the T Ball team and came within a whisker of reaching the state finals by losing narrowly in the grand final.

**Golf**

35 of our senior children took part in the district golf tournament at Clifton Springs last Friday. You may remember that in a week of very ordinary weather, last Friday was particularly special and as far from golfing weather as you could get. Despite the wet and the cold two of our boys, Ben and Jack came fourth and fifth. As a result they have qualified for the regional finals.

**Attitudes to School Survey**

Each year in May the Education Department asks all Year 5 and all Year 6 children what they think about the education they are receiving. These results are gathered centrally in Melbourne, analysed and then reported back to individual schools in August. We received our results recently and they are even more positive than usual. Many of the scores — classroom behaviour, stimulating learning, teacher effectiveness, teacher empathy - are at their highest point since we started completing this survey in 2010. This is a very positive reflection of the work done by the whole school over the whole time these children have been at Drysdale Primary and especially the work done by our teachers in Years 5 and 6.

**Mrs van Winckel**

I am delighted to let you know that Tara van Winckel gave birth to a boy, Angus Robert, in the early hours of Sunday morning. Angus weighed in at 8 pounds 1 ounce and is doing well. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to wish Tara, husband Paul and Angus our congratulations and best wishes.

**Mrs Hildebrandt**

James Field returns from leave next week and will resume management of our integration program. I would like to thank Jeanne Hildebrandt who has stood in for him expertly for the last five weeks.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**Reminders**

TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 17th August
7-11 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL HALL
P.S.W. UNIFORM SHOP
NEW OPERATING TIME
WEDNESDAYS ONLY 8:30-9:15AM & 2:45-3:45PM (APPROXIMATELY)

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER
GEELOG CUP HOLIDAY

BOOK WEEK 2013
Drysdale Primary School
DRESS-UP PARADE
Monday, 19th August 2013
9:00am SCHOOL GYM
Students can dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate the wonderful world of BOOKS! BOOKS!
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.

Before School Care
This is a reminder to parents that Drysdale Primary School offers Before School Care from Monday to Friday 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.

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) the OSHC Co-ordinator or the office.

Permanent Vacancies for After School Care
We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 15 vacancies for Monday, 14 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 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.

Athletics Day

Athletics Day Years 3-6
If any parents have offered to help out at our Athletics Day and your name is not on the list, please come along as we do need as many helpers as possible. Thank you. - Rod Campbell, Co-ordinator

Parents & Friends will be selling Cadbury Fundraising Chocolates for $1 each on Athletics Day for students in Years 3-6 (weather and time permitting).

Just Toucans from Each Family!

Geelong Food Relief is asking for donations of non-perishable food items to help feed the needy in Geelong. Children can bring along a can of food and put it in the Toucan Box at the office. Thank you.

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.

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 16th August, we are asking for volunteers from Years 3C, 3F and 3S. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.
The Banking Co-ordinator, Michelle Powell will be retiring from her position at the end of this year. We are in need of two parent volunteers to assist with student banking every Tuesday morning in the staff room. Approximately one hour is required to process the children’s money and inputting information to the Commonwealth Bank’s website. If you are interested in helping out and are committed to assisting the children achieve great saving habits, then please don’t hesitate to leave your name and contact number at the office.

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.

**General Reminders**

**Telephone Messages**

If there are telephone messages for students, please advise the office BEFORE 3:10pm 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.

**Any Change of Address/Phone/Email Details?**

Please advise the office if you have had any changes to your details so that we can update our records.

Thank you.

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**Reading Challenge**

All completed Reading Challenge sheets are to be returned to the Library by Friday August 30. Thank you.

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**Community News**

**White Elephant Auction, Saturday 17th August**

Central Baptist, 45 Central Rd, Clifton Springs will be holding a White Elephant Auction. Pre-viewing from 4pm. Auction commences 6pm. Food, fun, free Hot Dogs/Sausages for kids.

To donate items in good working order, please call 5258 3691.

**Book Drive for Novels**

Donations of novels are required for MS and in home patients. Please leave your details at the office for collection of novels.

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**NUDE FOOD**

Our Nude Food Winners for this week are: Jessica 2A and Emily W. 4D. Congratulations! 2A and 4D had the most Nude Food participants—well done. We have been noticing a lot of healthy food being eaten and that is great, but there is a bit of rubbish near the back of the oval.

Please don’t forget to put your name on your containers—thank you.

Now for our Nude Food Joke:

**Q:** Did you hear the joke about the peanut butter?
**A:** I’m not telling you. You might spread it!

Bring Nude Food every Tuesday and every day!

—The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf

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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, 20th September. Thank you.

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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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**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, Stephen Barry, Samantha Schepisi.

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Some families have noted that their child’s magazine was being delivered to the wrong address. Please indicate whether you have already paid for the magazine, yes or no. Statement will be sent home shortly. If you have not paid for your magazine, please pay $15 to the office before the end of this term.

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**Vote for our Scarecrow!**

Year 2A have made a scarecrow of a Drysdale football player to enter a competition at Van Loons Nursery in Wallington. It is part of a Scarecrow Hall of Fame for two weeks. Winners receive $700 worth of gardening supplies for their school! We have used recycling materials to stuff our scarecrow. Parents are invited to go to Van Loons and vote for our scarecrow from 13th August for two weeks. Special thanks is extended to Stuart and Karen Craven for organizing the footy clothing for our scarecrow.

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**Trivia Night**

Just a reminder, the Parents and Friends fundraising Trivia Night—Silent Auction is planned for this coming Saturday 17th August at 7pm in the school hall.

At this stage response has been a bit slow, so please support the school and come along. All tables need to be booked by this Wednesday at the latest. Tickets are available from the office at $10 per person, or you can book a table of 8 persons.

Not only does this promise to be a great night out, but it is also a significant fundraiser for the school with this year’s proceeds going towards a portable sports marquee.

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

Don’t forget to bring your spare coins for playing games.

Thank you for your support.

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GREAT SERVICE GREAT HOLIDAY!
YEAR 3 MUSIC FESTIVAL
I think G.P.A.C. was fun and awesome because I saw two friends’ performances.
I felt excited and a bit nervous because I’m not used to that big an audience.
I wonder why there weren’t more people there.  By Keira W. 3C

I think the foyer looked stylish and awesome.
I felt awful at the end of our performance because my emblem fell off!
I felt jealous that the higher grades had better costumes and most had better songs.
I wonder if my brother will have a better song when he goes to G.P.A.C.  By Taj 3C

I think the dance contest was cool because of their movements.
I felt excited because I like performing on stage.
I wonder if my little sister will go to G.P.A.C. one day.  By Bridie 3C

When we first arrived at G.P.A.C. I was really nervous, but it eased off a little. There was a really annoying mascot that told us about road safety rules (that we already knew).
When we finally got on stage it was awesome and there were fluoro lights everywhere. We performed four songs – ‘Bat Dance’, ‘Believe It Or Not’, ‘Spiderman’ and our finale was ‘Batman Shimmy’. It was just amazing!  By Jack 3C

I think it was awesome at G.P.A.C.
I felt proud of myself because it was my day to perform on stage.
I wonder if the parents will enter the competition.  By Leah 3C

I think that every school was fantastic!
I felt nervous at the start, but then I felt fine.
I wonder if we will do it again next year.  By Gemma 3C

I think that we all did a fabulous job!
I felt excited, but not nervous because I have been there 5 times to perform.
I wonder why the private schools don’t dance. By Charlotte 3C

I loved G.P.A.C. I was nervous when I got on the stage, but when I started singing I felt much more excited rather than nervous. The stage was big and the lights were bright. I also liked the other schools. By Penny 3C

I think the classes did really well.
I felt excited at the start, but in the end I felt tired.
I wonder if we’ll go when we’re in secondary school. By Phoebe 3C

G.P.A.C. was a great experience because I loved the other performances. I didn’t like the choirs because they didn’t move at all. I also didn’t like it when everybody screamed. My favourite part was when we were outside the theatre and I was extremely nervous. To sum it all up, it was a great experience and I loved every bit of it.  By Jacob 3C

Finally we were up on stage. The curtains came up, and the song began. I was doing the actions carefully. When Believe it or Not and Spiderman was on I was singing as well as I could. I did the Batman Shimmy as great as possible.  By Ryan 3F

When we got out of the bus we went into the theatre. We watched four schools and then we went back on stage to sing Believe It Or Not, Spiderman, Bat Dance and the Batman Shimmy! We all had the best time ever! By April 3F

When I got to school I was even more excited. Our songs were based on Superheroes. At GPAC I couldn’t wait until we had our turn on stage. When I got on stage I was shaking. After I did at least two or three moves I was fine!  By Lehela 3F

I LOVED G.P.A.C. I was so nervous at first. When I got on stage I thought it was a dream.  By Harry 3F

it was AMAZING! I was hoping I didn’t mess up. When I was on stage I was scared but I made it.  By Coby 3F

I was very nervous when I got on stage but when the music started I was ok. I had an AMAZING time dancing.  By Sophiah 3F

We saw some great performances. We did Bat Dance and I was Batman. When we performed I felt excited at the time.  By Ben 3F

I did the Bat Dance. When it was over I did Bat Man Shimmy. Then there were a lot of other songs until it was time to go home. I think it was AMAZING!!!!!  I wanted the day to start all over again.  By Rose 3F
### D.P.S. TRIVIA NIGHT
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