Dear Parents,

When I reflect on the last week, I can see everything that makes Drysdale such a great school. We have had fun with our Book Character parade. The children in Years 3 to 6 have taken part in the Athletics Day with skill and the right attitude. We have continued to make very good elements of the school into outstanding ones as well as fulfilling our responsibilities as a community school.

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY**

Last Tuesday we held our annual Athletics Day at Landy Field. As usual the weather was variable and meant that we had to dodge some heavy showers. But, through the great organisation of Miss Laing and the extremely good behaviour of the children, we were able to complete the program of events. I was very impressed with the standard of athletics skills the children showed, by their willingness to give everything their best effort, regardless of ability and by their sportsmanship. We have about 100 children who have qualified for the District Athletics event next Wednesday when our children will compete against qualifiers from other local schools. I would particularly like to thank the team of parents who gave up large parts of their day to help at the athletics. The whole day would not have been possible without their support. Similarly the staff team ran each of their events efficiently and made sure that every child had the chance to do their best, even between showers and cold winds.

**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**

Yesterday we celebrated Book Week with a parade in assembly. The children came dressed in so many fantastic costumes. Thank you to everyone who helped their children find a suitable costume to wear. There was a huge variety of costumes and a lot of children having a lot of fun. Thank you to Mrs Scott for organising the event and encouraging the staff to participate too.

**ENGAGEMENT AND WELL BEING GROUP**

The School Council has organised a group to consider the engagement and well being of children at the school as you will be aware from previous comment in the Link and from the School Council President’s monthly comment about Council meetings. The group has now met a couple of times and discussed how we might be able to improve our practice. Some people have asked me why we are running this group when the children’s engagement and well being is a long standing strength of the school. This is a good question and a true reflection of what the school does well. By all statistical measures and through observation of what happens, the school stands clearly above similar schools in these areas. We are looking at what we do because we are aiming for perfection. We know that actually reaching perfection is not possible. While there is anything we can do to make school and education better and while we have a very good standard to build on, this is the logical next step.

**COMMEMORATION**

Please be aware that the school has agreed to allow one of our local families to hold a commemoration service in our hall tomorrow afternoon from 2pm. We understand that about 500 people are expected to attend. While it may seem unusual for a school to provide the venue for such a commemoration, I believe that this falls within our responsibilities as a community school. We have one of the largest meeting spaces in Drysdale which can be accessed separately to the school classrooms.

There are some implications for the school and parents. We have agreed that the service will take place between the end of our lunch play and the end of school. Although most people attending the commemoration will have left shortly after 3pm, it is likely that there will be parking problems at the end of the day in and around the school. Please remember that the parking spaces in Stonehouse Place are public and not reserved solely for the use of school families.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**REMINDEERS**

Yr. 3 Swimming 25th August—5th September
Geelong Cup Holiday—22nd October

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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 Hoyne, Michael Jeantou.
School Councillors can be contacted via the school office.
If any families would prefer to receive the school newsletter via email every Tuesday instead of a paper copy, please contact the office.

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder that every Monday morning Lost Property will be placed at the back of the hall for parents to check for lost items before or after assembly. Please make sure all clothing is clearly named. It is difficult to find the owners of clothing that is found if it is not named. If items are named, our Year 6 monitors will return them to their owners. Any items not claimed by the end of every month will be donated to Parents & Friends for their Second Hand Uniform Sales.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On Friday 22nd August we are asking for volunteers from Years 5B, 5C, and 5D. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

Mowing List
North Area (around oval)
South Area (Admin. buildings)
18/08/14–31/8/14 A Volunteer Please? Yestin Griffiths
01/9/14–14/9/14 A Volunteer Please? A Volunteer Please?

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
PORTARLINGTON JNR. CRICKET PROGRAM 2014/2015
Registration Night Thurs.Sept.4th at Portarlington Cricket Club from 5pm. Milo Cricket Registration same night, $65 for 12 week program includes backpack, bat, ball, hat, shirt, drink bottle and insurance. Details from James Harvey Ph: 0404 800 384 or email: jim14harv@gmail.com

WALLINGTON CRICKET CLUB
Will be holding 4 Cricket Clinics. Mon.Sept.8th & Mon.Sept.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.

DRYSDALE PRE-SCHOOL GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
2014 marks the 50th year since Drysdale Pre-School first opened its doors. If you know someone who attended the Pre-School during the past 50 years, we’d love to hear from you. We are looking for old photos, stories and memorabilia. Contact Judith on 5253 1663.

Cricket Club
Details from Kerry Humphrey on 0400 078 337 or email: drysdalecomputers@bigpond.com

DRYSDALE JUNIOR TENNIS SUMMER COMPETITION
Starts Sat.11th October. Applications by Sat.30th August. Requirements: Under 18 by 1st October, 2014. Details from Kerry Humphrey on 0400 078 337 or email drysdalecomputers@bigpond.com
Our Newsletter is available to view online. If you would prefer to view it this way, please notify the office so that we can reduce the amount we print and be more sustainable.

The Website is: www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au

Our August School Council meeting was held on Tuesday 12 August.

Firstly, we welcomed Kate Lockhart, a parent at the school who has volunteered to be our new Travelsmart Coordinator. Kate will work closely with the new Wellbeing and Engagement Sub-committee and I’m sure that there will be some exciting new initiatives from these two for our children in the near future.

Secondly, the finance sub-committee reported that the parent contribution for 2015 will remain at $150, which is the same as 2014 and remains one of the lowest amounts for schools in our area.

Thirdly, on the 30th July the State Labor Party announced a commitment of $3 million to Drysdale Primary School if they are elected in this year’s November election. We hope that the Coalition will match this commitment.

Finally, there are two areas that we still need your help:

- We desperately require parents/relatives/friends with serving alcohol certificates to come forward and help with our Art Show on Friday 24th October. Please let the office or Mrs. Black know your details as soon as possible.
- Do you have an idea for our big fundraising event for 2015 onwards? We have a few ideas but welcome many more. This event is crucial to the school’s fundraising efforts and will become an annual event for the whole community. Drop in your ideas to the office with your name and contact details – we may even be able to find a prize for the winning entry!!

Neil Searle, School Council President

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The students receiving awards this week are:

- Bailey Prep W, Paige 4C
- James Prep H, Jessica 4V
- Taylah Prep H, Georgie 5C
- Cooper 1L, Shannon 5B
- Luke 2B, Olga 6P
- Lochie 3S

Congratulations!

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The winners for the Year Level Awards (from Prep-Year 2) is Prep H and (from Years 3-6) is Year 3A.

Individual Winners (from Prep-Year 2) is Nathan 1K and (from Years 3-6) is Zac 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.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We still have some 2014/2015 Entertainment Books for sale at the office at a cost of $55. This is the last week that you will be able to purchase an Entertainment Book.

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.

Year 3 Sovereign Hill—15th October-16th October
Year 4 Kangarooie—10th November-12th November
Year 5 Maldon—27th October—31st October
Year 6 Canberra—24th November-28th November

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We are once again using ONLINE bookings for our concert ticket sales. More information will be included with the Link No.27, 2nd September.

Ticket prices will be:

- ADULTS $8.00
- CONCESSION $6.00
- PRE SCHOOLERS $4.00

You must have a credit card or VISA debit style card to purchase tickets.

If you don’t have a computer or a credit card, team up with another family.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME....
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

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Last week on Wednesday we made butter. Erin and Sophie Nisbet’s grandmother Colleen, showed us how to use an old-fashioned butter churn that has been in her family for one hundred years, to make yummy butter. Tara Wearne, Callum’s mum, showed us a modern way to make butter. We also made butter with a marble in a jar. We ate the butter on fresh bread with jam. Thanks to the parent helpers for showing us how to compare different methods of butter-making. - Year 2 Students and Teachers
BOOK WEEK PARADE