Dear Parents,

**BOOK WEEK COSTUME PARADE**

Thank you to all parents and friends who helped the children come to school yesterday in the costume of their favourite book character. There were so many outstanding costumes on parade in assembly yesterday. I was struck by the wide variety of characters represented from the traditional tales’ characters such as Alice to more modern heroes and heroines such as Harry Potter and Hermione Granger. I know that costumes don’t just magic themselves off a shelf and onto children, so thank you. We really appreciate the time and effort you put into helping us celebrate the start of Book Week. Thank you too to Mrs Scott for organising the parade.

Book Week is a great way of reminding ourselves of the enjoyment of reading and the excitement in finding out new information. I would strongly encourage all the children to read independently and just for fun for 10 to 20 minutes between the end of school and going to sleep.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Our Parents and Friends held their annual Trivia Night on Saturday. There were close to 100 people puzzling over the questions in nine teams. With just a handful of points separating the top six teams, it was, as the Duke of Wellington said about the Battle of Waterloo, “A close run thing.” With games, a raffle and a silent auction we also raised plenty of money which will go towards the purchase of a school marquee. This will provide shelter for our children and supporting parents at sports events such as the district swimming when we need shade and the football tournaments when we need to stay dry. I would like to thank our Parents and Friends committee for organising the event, Neil and Helen Searle for researching and asking the questions and to all our sponsors for providing such fantastic support for our school.

**SENIOR SPORTS**

Last Wednesday we held our senior sports at Landy Field. These events are the qualifiers for our children to be selected to represent the school in the district sports next week. Despite the howling gale blowing into the runners faces as they sprinted for the line up the home straight, it was a great day. The children’s engagement and participation were outstanding with some brilliant performances in all year groups. I am very grateful to the many parents who helped with the timing, measuring and counting at the different events. I would also like to thank the staff who made sure that the children were in the right place and that the races started on time. I would particularly like to thank Mr Campbell who organised the whole day. It is the mark of a very well organised day that other people don’t really notice the organisation, because everything runs smoothly and without delays. Our 300 senior children moved between 7 different events as groups and on time. Everyone knew what they should be doing and where they should be without continuous announcements and constant double checking. Outstanding!

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

Our annual school concert is coming up shortly with performances by children in prep, year 2, year 4 and year 6 on Wednesday 11th September followed on Thursday 12th September by the children in year 1, year 3, year 5 and year 6 taking the stage. Please make sure you have these dates in your diaries. More information about the school production will be sent home over the next couple of weeks including details of how to book your seats.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
North Area
(around oval)

South Area
(Admin. buildings)

16/8/13—30/8/13
Kevin McCoughtry &
Julie Penfold

Edward Hackney

31/8/13—9/9/13
Peter Terry

Yestin Griffiths

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 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

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) the OSHC Co-ordinator or the office.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Permanent Vacancies for After School Care
We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 14
vacancies for Monday, 15 for Tuesday, 23 for Wednesday, 24 for
Thursday and 28 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
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BOOK CLUB

Book Club Orders are due back before Friday 30th
August.—Miss Daffy

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.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Cadbury Chocolate Drive—30 boxes still outstanding.
This equals $1,500 our school needs to fund upgrade of
Prep, Year 1, 2 play area and outdoor tables and chairs
for our students. Please make arrangements this week
if you haven’t paid yet. Thank you.

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 23rd August, we are asking for
volunteers from Years 4D, 4H 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.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

PORTARLINGTON POOL GAMES CARNIVAL
Sun.15th Sept. 11am-2pm, Portarlington Pool. School aged children of all abilities welcome. Bring your family and friends and have a fun afternoon in the pool. Free entry. Portarlington Pool & Holiday Units 84-110 Smythe St, Portarlington Ph: 5259 2910.

HOCKEY SUPER CLINIC—SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Tues.24 Sept. 9:30am-12:30pm. Cost $40 with equipment (to keep) or $20 without equipment. Details from Gill Pasque 0439 309 081.

DRYSDALE TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR TOURNAMENT & SUMMER TENNIS
Summer Tennis season starts Sat. 12th October. Applications by Wed.28th August. School Holiday Jnr. Tournament for players 18 yrs. and under at Drysdale Tennis Courts Tues.24th & Wed.25th Sept. Details from Kerry Humphrey 0400 078 337 or email drysdalecomputers@bigpond.com

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.

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

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

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.

CAMP DETAILS
Year 3 Sovereign Hill, 16th October
Year 6 Canberra, 28th October
Year 4 Kangarooie, 11th November
Final payments for the camps are due by the end of this term, 20th September. Thank you.

GENERAL REMINDERS

STATEMENTS
Statements were sent home today with The Link. (Please note that they were current as of last Friday and may not indicate recent payments that you may have made.)

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.

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.

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.

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.

STUDENT BANKING
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.

NUDE FOOD
Our Nude Food Winners for this week are: Chloe Prep M and Layla 3S. Congratulations! The Bob and Sarah Awards go to Year 2B and Year 5D, well done! There is some rubbish on the oval. Please pick up the rubbish.

Now for our Nude Food Joke:
Q: What happened to the hamburger that missed too much school?
A: He had to stay after school to ketchup.
Bring Nude Food every Tuesday and every day!
—The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf

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.
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Our Newsletter is available to view on line. 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
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GREAT SERVICE GREAT HOLIDAY!
On Saturday, Parents and Friends held their Trivia Night. It was a very successful, fun night and we are hoping that the night will have raised enough funds to purchase our new sports marquee. Congratulations to the teachers table on their big win!

This night would not have been possible without a great deal of hard work from "behind the scenes". Parents and Friends would like to thank everyone involved in the organization of the night.

We would like to thank Helen and Neil Searle. They had the most difficult of jobs - setting the questions for the trivia and for organizing some great games throughout the night, entertaining all present.

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors, within our community and beyond, who so generously donated towards this night.

I would especially like to thank Jackie McCann who assisted me in the collection and organization of the many donations received.

To all who assisted with the setting up and decorating of the hall:-

Thank you to Melanie, Donna and Vanessa, at the office, for all their assistance with ticket selling and advertising.

To all who assisted on the night, thank you.

Finally, Parents and Friends would like to thank everyone who supported this event and the school, by attending and spending!!

Thank you. Karen Knight

THE TRIVIA AND SILENT AUCTION NIGHT IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

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BOOK WEEK PARADE
Year 4 in China Town

My favourite part of the day was when we went into the little boat and it was shaking. I learnt that Chinese men had to have long hair because it was the law! When we went to the Supermarket I saw a preserved duck egg and it was black. Elizabeth said Foot Binding was in fashion in China so all aged girls had tiny feet.—Noah 4V

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What amazed me was in China they used to believe that Chinese woman look more beautiful if they have small feet. They used to bend and break their bones to fit into a smaller size shoe! - Sophie 4D

A fact that I learnt was that the number eight was a lucky number and four was an unlucky number. The reason why four was an unlucky number was because when you say it in Chinese it sounds like death. - Lucy 4D

In China and China Town the colour red means good luck. Eight is the lucky number and four is the unlucky number. There is also good and bad spirits, the bad spirits can't climb steps not even one step and they can't touch red. - Georgie 4D

My favourite part of the day was at the Dragon's Boat Palace for lunch. We ate Chinese food it was delicious! My favourite piece of food was the lemon chicken. I rated it 10/10. - Jess 4D

One of my classmates Georgie got to pick a fortune. She picked a bad one! But she was lucky because it was not a real fortune because it wasn't a real temple so it doesn't count. - Christian 4D

I liked it when we went into a room that was meant to be the boat that the Chinese travelled in and the room was shaking like my pet mouse. If you have a light blue lantern outside your house it means someone in your family is sick. - Tess 4D

There were two lions out the front of the Chinese museum. The lions are there to protect them from evil spirits. The female lion had a baby underneath its foot and the male had a ball. - Lachlan H 4D

The males wear dragons on the clothes and females wear phoenix's on their clothes. If it has a dragon and a phoenix then both female and males can wear it. In the olden days only the emperor can wear dragons on their clothing. - Hayden 4D

Melbourne China Town owns the heaviest dragon in Australia. It takes 8 strong people to carry the head! The size of the body is 63 meters long. - Deakin 4D

When the Year 4's went to China Town my favourite part was when we got to see the 63 metre long dragon! In Chinese culture the men had to have long plaited hair and if they didn't have it, their head would be chopped off! - Ryan 4D

Our tour guide told us you should touch things in China Town that are red because it gives you good luck. - Jem 4D

I saw a huge dragon that was 63 metres long and they took it out on the New Year. It is made up of all different animals. - Emily 4D