Dear Parents,

**SCHOOL CONCERT 2014**

Our annual School Concert is just around the corner. This is something that has been an outstanding part of the school’s programs for many years. I wanted to give you advance notice of the concert so that you can save the dates in your diary, Wednesday September 10th and Thursday September 11th. The children in Prep, Years 2, 4 and 6 perform on Wednesday with Years 1, 3, 5 and 6 performing on Thursday. The acclaimed Year 6 production happens on both evenings. Amazing though the concert already is, there are three things that we are going to do differently this year. Two changes are from necessity and one because we think that it will make the concert event better.

**TICKETS**

Entrance to the concert will be strictly by ticket only. Last year there became a safety issue with too many people crowded into the hall during the first half of the concert on each evening. We do want as many people as possible to be able to watch the children perform and enjoy the concert. However, we must balance this with the risks associated with large numbers of people gathered in a darkened hall in the event of an emergency, even if such emergencies are rare. Tickets will go on sale through our on line booking system on September 3rd at 10am. They cost $8 per adult and $6 for concession card holders and $4 for children under 12. These are the same prices as last year. Drysdale Primary School students do not require a ticket as they will be seated on the mat at the front of the stage. All money raised goes to supporting our Performing Arts, Music and Art programs. More details of the ticketing arrangements will come home with next week’s Link.

**VIDEO RECORDING OF THE CONCERT**

This year we have engaged the services of a company that specialises in recording school concerts to produce a DVD of our 2014 School Concert. This is a necessary change after the issues with our 2013 DVD.

**CHILDREN SINGING**

The additional change we are making, that we believe will make the concert even better, is to pre-record in a performing arts class, our children singing and use this as the backing track to their performances. We believe that it will be a more genuine and better School Concert experience to be able to hear our children’s beautiful voices.

**VAN LOON’S ANNUAL SCHOOL SCARECROW COMPETITION**

We are creating a scarecrow for the annual Van Loon’s School Scarecrow Competition. Miss Norris is our creative director for this project and is in need of recycled plant pots, preferably terracotta, to use with the Year 2 children. If you can spare a plant pot or two, please let me know or deliver them directly to Miss Norris in 2B. Thank you.

**VEGETABLE GARDENING CLUB FOR CHILDREN**

We are looking at ways of restarting our Children’s Vegetable Gardening Club that ran as a lunchtime activity. If anyone is interested in helping to straighten out the school’s veggie garden near the Year 5 classrooms, please let me know. Volunteers will need a current Working with Children Card. If you do not have one, we can assist you with how to apply.

**PLAYGROUND QUIET AREA**

Our Parents and Friends Group have been fund-raising to turn the old car park between the school offices and the Year 2 classrooms into a quiet area and outdoor classroom for children to use during recess and lunchtimes. As a result of the very successful fund raising, the contributions from the School Council and the design created, work should start in the next few weeks.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
THE LINK
If any families would prefer to receive the school newsletter via email every Tuesday instead of a paper copy, please contact the office.

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.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On Friday 29th August we are asking for volunteers from Years 6C, 6P and 6S. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

SPORTS LIST

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.

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

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

WALLINGTION 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.

Drysdale Cricket Club

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

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders are due back on or before this THURSDAY 28th AUGUST. Thank you.

STATEMENTS/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 this week. These will indicate whether you have already paid for the magazine or not. Please check you child’s bag for this.

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.

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.

We have been extra busy in Out of School Hours Care lately. Our routine has changed, putting snack first so that we have plenty of time afterwards for group games and fun activities! Recently we have had many new students join us in Before and After School Care and it is wonderful to see the students welcoming these new faces and incorporating each other in the program. We are looking for community contributions to the program, so if you or anyone you know, would like to share an activity or some sort of experience with the students, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

If you would like to register your children for OSHC or book in, visit www.campaustralia.com.au or call our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343. Please note: The new mobile number at Drysdale Primary OSHC is 0404 427 452. If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to approach either Mel, Lisa or Patricia.
The students receiving awards this week are:
Grace Prep T  Jed 3B
Phoebe Prep M  Monet 4D
Bella 1K  Ella 5D
Jack 2S  Marnie 6S

Congratulations!

LEGACY WEEK
The Year 6 students will be selling Legacy Badges $2, Wristbands $2 and Pens $3 during recess and lunch times for the next two weeks. Geelong Legacy Club is a volunteer organisation dedicated to assisting the widows and children of deceased ex-service personnel. They raise funds to help provide the care and assistance currently provided to around 1500 widows, school children and disabled adults in the Geelong area.

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 Kangarooobie—10th November-12th November
Year 5 Maldon—27th October—31st October
Year 6 Canberra—24th November-28th November

SNACK SHOP PRICE LIST
Drinks
- Soft Drink  $2 each
- Water  $2 each
- Juice Box  $1.50 each

Eats
- Zappos  50c pkt
- Pythons  $1 each
- Giant Freddo  $1 each
- Chips  $2 pkt
- Party Mix Bag  $3 bag

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FATHER’S DAY STALL - THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
Next Thursday 4th September, Parents & Friends will be holding a Father’s Day Stall at school.

Children will have the opportunity to purchase one gift from the stall. Gifts will be available to purchase for $5 or $10.

There may be an opportunity for children to purchase extra gifts at Friday lunch time. An announcement will be made Thursday afternoon if this will be possible.

We hope that this will provide the children with the opportunity to choose their own gifts and spoil their dads on Father’s Day.

Thank you, Parents & Friends

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
Drysdale Soccer Club
0408 109 647 - Marti 0414 461112 - Paul
www.drysdalesc.com.au

- 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
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For Legal Advice call
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Dear Parents/Guardians

This year is flying by and soon we will be thinking about Christmas presents.
Why not buy something a little different for family and friends this year– a
gift that has your child/children’s personal touch.

Crazy Camel Fundraisers produce, personalized calendars, cards and
diaries - displaying children’s artwork or photographs.
The children have been busy at school creating their own, unique art
masterpiece. You will be able to view their art from Tuesday 2nd September,
if you wish, before you place an order. There will also be a display of
products on show at next Monday’s assembly and in the office and Prep
areas.

Parents and Friends will be sending home order forms, one per student,
the week commencing Monday 8th September which are then to be
returned a week later.

The prices are:-
$10.00 artwork calendar
$12.00 photo calendar
$12.00 artwork greeting cards (pack of 8)
$14.00 photo greeting cards
$16.00 diaries

ORDER FORMS AND PAYMENT WILL BE DUE BACK NO LATER THAN
WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER to allow time to order, process, return
and for distribution.

Thank you for your support,

Parents and Friends