Dear Parents,

"ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE"

Our school motto encourages us to ‘accept the challenge’. There are so many sides to this. Schools set out to help children to learn, so there is an obvious challenge everyday for every student which is how to be able to do something that couldn’t be done earlier in the day or week or month. There is an obvious challenge for teachers to be able to help children learn everything we have planned for them to learn. But there are so many more challenges for all of us to accept. Schools are about growing and developing, about learning how to get on with each other and about understanding our place in a modern world.

But even the world changes. I looked at my grade photograph from the time I was in Prep. I am not revealing the year other than to say the photo is black and white. There were 38 children in the prep grade with just one teacher and no integration aide support. We are all wearing an identical school uniform. Listening to a radio program was the most technical thing we did.

How much better school is now! Those 38 children would now be in two grades with an interactive whiteboard, computers and a very varied curriculum. But challenges existed then and still exist now. We encourage everyone to accept challenges big and small. This might be learning the sound made by the letter v or learning how to do long division. It might be learning how to mix paint to make just the right shade of green or it might be learning how to make a short animation. We have some very talented and creative artists in the school who are expertly taught by Mrs Henderson and Mrs Miles. You can see some of the fantastic art work displayed in the corridors near the main office.

Every child is different. What is a challenge for a really talented and creative artist is almost impossible for someone who struggles to draw a house. As a school we celebrate difference, we strive to know what is the right level of challenge for everyone and we enjoy seeing everyone accept challenges and succeed.

Today about 100 of our students are competing in the district athletics finals at Landy Field. These are the children who qualified for the school team through their performances in our school athletics day. Some of the older members of the team have already reached the regional or state finals in two or three different sports. Some of the youngest members of the team are representing the school for the first time or are regulars in our teams. I know that they will all accept this challenge.

One of our students who is taking on a significant challenge is Josh Howells in 4H. He is walking 70kms through the Otways over four days to raise money for the Special Care Nursery at Geelong Hospital. This is a serious challenge for adults never mind children. I understand that Josh has been training for a couple of months. I would like to congratulate all these students whether they are representing Drysdale for the first time or are regulars in our teams. I know that they will all accept this challenge.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
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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
At 1 - 4pm Wednesdays: 8:30 - 3:45pm (around oval) in store. 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

**NEW OPERATIONAL HOURS**

**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.

**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 30th August, we are asking for volunteers from Years 5B, 5D and 5K. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 am. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

**SUNSMART NEWS**

Our school has adopted the policy of broad brimmed hats to be worn during Terms 1 and 4. We have included a current SunSmart Information Leaflet with today’s Link. Although children will always be supported when following the given suggestions, wearing hats will only be compulsory next term.
Our Nude Food Winners for this week are: Archer Prep C and Claire 6S. Congratulations! There were heaps of names in our bucket, so keep it clean. The Bob and Sarah Awards go to Prep E and Year 5D, well done!

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

Now for our Nude Food Joke:
Q: Did the grape cry when someone stepped on it?
A: No, it just let out a little wine.
Bring Nude Food every Tuesday and every day!
—The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf

Dear Parents,
This Thursday 29th August, Parents & Friends will be holding a Father’s Day Stall at school.

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

There may be an opportunity for children to purchase extra gifts 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
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

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From September, 5 things to remember

*Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!*

From September, Victoria’s UV levels are on the rise, so it’s time to dust off the sun protection gear and *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide* whenever you are outside. Check the SunSmart UV Alert for daily sun protection times – you can find it on the free SunSmart app, online ([sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au)), in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free website widget. If you can’t check the UV Alert each day, make sure you use sun protection every day *from September to the end of April* in Victoria. Don’t just wait for hot, sunny days.

**Remember these 5 SunSmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it’s cool or cloudy**

1. **Slip on covering clothing.** If you can see skin, UV can reach it. Is your child’s skin covered with cool clothing today?

2. **Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen.** Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply every two hours. One application is not enough. Has your child had sunscreen applied and reapplied today?

3. **Slap on a sun protective hat.** The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Does your child’s hat protect all of these areas?

4. **Seek shade.** Shady spaces help block some of the sun’s UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade. Does your child have shady places to play?

5. **Slide on sunglasses labelled AS 1067.** If practical, help protect your child’s eyes with sunglasses. Are your child’s eyes safe in the sun?

**A note about vitamin D**

The sun’s UV is the best natural source of vitamin D.

From September to April in Victoria, most people need just a few minutes of sun exposure to the face, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) mid-morning or mid-afternoon on most days of the week to help with vitamin D. Even with sunscreen you can still get some vitamin D. Sun safe outdoor play throughout the day should not put your child at risk of low vitamin D.

Children with naturally very dark brown or black skin need even more sun exposure to help with vitamin D. These children usually don’t need to apply sunscreen but they should still use the other SunSmart steps during sun protection times.

For further information contact:

SunSmart:
Ph: 9635 5148
Email: [sunsmart@cancervic.org.au](mailto:sunsmart@cancervic.org.au)
Web: [sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au)
Last Monday students in Years 5 and 6 participated in the Drysdale RSL's, Australian Military History to Schools project (AMHS). Presented by representatives of the RSL, the children gained a greater understanding of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Our students welcomed the following members of the Drysdale RSL:
Geoff Wisbey: Drysdale RSL President
Bill Derham: Committee Member and Coordinator of AMHS
Jeanette Derham: representing the Drysdale RSL Ladies Auxiliary
Robert Moore: Committee Member and Veteran of Vietnam
Geoff Fifer: Committee Member and Veteran of Vietnam

Following the introductions, the children watched a video on Vietnam and then listened with great interest to Robert Moore who spoke about his own personal involvement in Vietnam. Following this, the children asked a number of well thought out questions which Robert and the other representatives answered.

At the conclusion of the program the children stood in silence while the Last Post was played and the Ode was delivered by Geoff Wisbey. Bill Derham presented our school with a copy of the DVD that the children had watched.

Our school's involvement in this program is significant and certainly provides our students with a great deal of information. This becomes relevant in their studies of Australian History and is of great benefit for our Year 6's when they visit the War Memorial in Canberra later this year.

Thank you to the Drysdale RSL, their members who support this program and in particular Bill Derham who has spent a great deal of time developing this program for schools on the Bellarine.
**Drysdale Primary School - Parents & Friends**

**School Concert 2013 - Snack Bar - Pre order form**

(Please tick your collection night)
- Tuesday 11th September (Grades Prep, 2, 4 & 6)
- Thursday 12th September (Grades 1, 3, 5 & 6)

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**Total Amount:**

All orders to be placed by Wednesday 4th September. Orders to be collected between 3pm to 6.45pm.
Dear Families,

DPS Parents & Friends traditionally run the School Concert Snack Bar for families to purchase some snacks before our concert’s start and during the intervals.

This year, in addition to what we normally do, we are offering families the opportunity to place pre-paid orders for their snacks, for pick up prior to the commencement of the night’s concert.

So like ‘special’ lunch order days,

- Simply fill in your Name & Order (*pre-order form over the page*)
- Indicate which night you will be requiring the snacks for i.e.,
  - Pick Up Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} – Grades Prep, 2, 4 & 6
  - OR Pick Up Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} – Grades 1, 3, 5 & 6
  - OR If you require for both nights please fill in an additional form (*available from the office*).

- Return your order with the correct money only, by Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} September.

- Orders will be available for collection between 6.00pm to 6.45pm on the concert nights, at P&F’s designated area within the hall.

Happy Concert Night 2013 !

DPS Parents & Friends