Dear Parents,

Spring Fair Parent Organisers Needed

Our plans for our first Spring Fair in November this year are coming together well. We are planning to organise an event that is very child focussed with lots of children's activities and games as well as market type stalls selling things that have been made, grown or baked. We are now in need of parents who are willing to volunteer their time and energies to organise particular sections of the Fair and others who are willing to help these organisers. We need seven organisers:

1. Spring Fair Coordinator- to oversee the organisation of the Fair and work closely with the organiser of each section
2. Children’s Stalls Organiser- to organise the activities for children and the older (Year 6) children to help run these activities
3. Market Stalls Organiser- to organise stall holders to sell home made, home grown and home cooked produce
4. Food Stalls Organiser- to organise the food vendors
5. Entertainment Organiser- to organise music and dance acts to provide entertainment during the Fair
6. Sponsorship, Auction and Raffle Organiser- to gather sponsorships and raffle donations
7. Publicity Organiser- to organise publicity throughout the year to keep the community informed of our plans

If you are interested in taking on any of these roles, please let me know or come along to the next Spring Fair meeting on Friday February 27th from 2:30 to 3:10pm.

Kids Matter — Introduction As Year Group Assemblies, Friday February 27th at 3.10pm

The school is becoming a Kids Matter School which means we will be finding ways of making your children’s connections and experiences at school even better. There will be short 10 minute presentations at each of the Year Group assemblies on Friday week starting at 3.10 to introduce Kids Matter and help children and parents understand the part everyone needs to play.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews for Term 1 will take place right at the beginning of Term 2 to allow teachers to inform you about your child’s progress during Term 1 and to set appropriate goals for their learning for Term 2. The second Parent Teacher interviews will now be at the beginning of Term 4 to inform you about progress in Term 3 and set goals for Term 4. There will still be written reports at the end of Term 2 and the end of Term 4.

Recycle Your Mobile Phones

Do you have a mobile phone with charger that you no longer need and use? We are looking to collect old mobile phones in good condition that have batteries and chargers to pass to women who have been the victims of domestic violence or other unfortunate circumstances, who need a phone with a different number and do not have the resources to be able to provide one for themselves. It is important that the phones we recycle do not have any of your personal data on them but are fully useable. If you have a phone that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the school’s office. Thank you.

Arriving at School Safely — Car Parks and Crossing Patrols

Parents and children must not use the car park on Clifton Springs Road by the school oval to enter the school. Children must enter the school at one of the entrances between the Year 1 and 2 building and the crossing patrol. Children and parents needing to cross Clifton Springs Road must use the crossing patrol. We also have a few parents stopping in no parking or no standing zones at the front of the school. This reduces drivers’ ability to see the Crossing Patrol and the children crossing there. Thank you.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**Dates for the Diary**

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<td>Fresh Fruit Duty: 4C,4H,4V,4T Spring Fair Meeting, 2:30-3:10pm Kids Matter 3:10pm</td>
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<td>Preps first full week PSW Uniform Shop, 8:45-9:30/2:30-4:00</td>
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<td>Family Dance &amp; BBQ 6pm-9pm</td>
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**School Excursions & Reminders**

Students who don’t attend an excursion are expected to attend school as normal.

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**Don’t Forget Our BBQ & Family Dance Night**

Thursday 5th March

6pm BBQ/7pm Dance
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: 8:45-9:30am and 2:30-4:00pm (approximately).

PAYMENT: Payment is by cash or Credit Card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

GEELONG STORE
PSW has a store at 164 Malop Street, Geelong. Ph: 5224 2229 and they stock Drysdale Primary School Uniform. Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday and 9:00am-1:00pm Saturday. - Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

STUDENT BANKING
We operate a Student School Banking service to our students every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. Every student will receive a Student Banking Starter Pack. They will be sent home during Term 1. If there are any students who wish to commence Student Banking, please visit the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank, go on line or speak with the volunteer banking ladies of a Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be speaking at the school assembly on Monday 23rd February.

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.

GENERAL REMINDERS

WEARING OF HATS—SUNSMART SCHOOL
The children are required to wear hats during recess, lunchtime and other outdoor activities.

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.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. This Friday 20th February we are asking for volunteers from 3A, 3B, 3N 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.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance for parents/carers to transport children to and from school in rural and regional Victoria. Allowances are available for public transport, private car and private bus. To be eligible a student must:
• Attend their closest government or non-government school
• Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school attended
• Attend nearest appropriate non-government specialist school
If you believe you are eligible please collect an application from the office and return it before 27th February, 2015.

TERM DATES
TERM 1: 29 JANUARY 2015—27 MARCH
TERM 2: 13 APRIL—26 JUNE
TERM 3: 13 JULY—18 SEPTEMBER
TERM 4: 5 OCTOBER—18 DECEMBER

If you would like to register your children for OSHC or book in, visit www.campaustralia.com.au or call Camp Australia Customer Service on 1300 105 343. Please note: The mobile number at Drysdale Primary OSHC is 0404 427 452. If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss, 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.

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered for the Mowing List this year. We are still in need of at least 12 people. This would mean that you only have to mow once per year! Mowing information i.e. map and further details will be sent home as soon as we fill our mowing list. If you would like to assist, please leave your name and contact number at the office. Thank you.

MOWING LIST

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<td>Scott Pearson</td>
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If you would like to assist, please leave your name and contact number at the office. Thank you.

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.

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

A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be speaking at the school assembly on Monday 23rd February.
**ACTIVE TRAVEL SURVEY**

Enclosed with today’s Link is the Active Travel Survey for parents to complete about the way your child travels to and from school, so please take a moment to discuss the survey with your child/children and return it to the school office before Monday 2nd March. We intend to collate this information to establish common routes and possibly establish informal walking school buses to assist more of us to move actively to and from school. We hope the data will also identify gaps in infrastructure which we can share with the community to lobby for some improvements. Please make any suggestions you think may be helpful. Thank you.

This week the Year 5’s will start counting the active morning travellers.

Walking or riding to school has many benefits including a greater capacity to concentrate and learn. I’m always happy to discuss this further. Please don’t hesitate to contact me on 0413 123 844.

-Kate Lockart, Volunteer Parent for Active Travel

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**NUDE FOOD**

Tuesdays are our rubbish free lunch days. Please send your child to school with a rubbish free lunch.

The winners for the **Year Level Awards** (from Prep-Year 2) is 2G and (from Years 3-6) is 4T. **Individual Winners** (from Prep-Year 2) is Luke Prep M and (from Years 3-6) is Erin 4T. Well done!

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**2016 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING**
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College, Tues. March 24, 7:00-8:30pm, Hall, Main Campus, Myers St, Geelong. Open Day Wed. March 25, Tours 9:00-10:30am, 1:30-3:00pm, Multipurpose Room, Fenwick St, Geelong. Accelerated Learning Program, Wed. March 18, 7:00pm, Multipurpose Room, Fenwick St, Geelong.

Details from Stuart Myers or Robyn Myers Ph: 4243 5000 or matthew.flinders.girls.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

**PORTARLINGTON SCOUTS**
Free—3 week trial for boys and girls 7-15 years. Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 for Cubs (7.5-11yrs) and 6:30-8:30pm for Scouts (10.5-15yrs) at Parks Hall, Newcombe St, Portarlington.

Leader in Charge Ph:0448 837 826 or email: gl@portscouts.com.au

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!**
The local Aldi Supermarket is offering us the opportunity to fundraise for the school through a regular BBQ. We are looking for expressions of interest from parents who would be able to assist on a Saturday morning with this. Please leave your name and phone number at the office if you are able to help in any way.

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**PERFORMING ARTS RAFFLE**

**DO YOU NEED A HOLIDAY? KEEP YOUR EYES POSTED FOR DETAILS. WATCH THIS SPACE..........**

**SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE**

Monday 23rd February, 2:45-3:30pm in the Canteen area.
Launched items of uniform are gratefully received.

Thank you.

**NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 17th March, Annual General Meeting, in the Meeting Room, 9am.

**SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP**
Buy and sell secondhand uniforms. Brochure is available from the school or visit: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

**FAMILY DANCE & BBQ—THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**
The Parents & Friends group will be selling drinks and snacks on the night. More details to follow.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

SPRINGDALE
$2+ SHOP
UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
Shop 8/12 Hancock Street Drysdale
Phone: 5251 1011
Friendly service to the community

It is important for young families to be aware of Orthodontic problems that are often apparent from about the age of seven. Early orthodontic treatment can help correct dental problems and also help minimize extensive treatment at an older age. All our consultations are free and no referral from a dentist is required.

Tasweld Geelong
45 Sun St, Moolap
Phone Charlie Benson 0401 036 992
‘for all of your welding needs’

Core Financial Planning
Shop 4, 50 Hitchcock Avenue, Barwon Heads
Ph: 5255 9555
Email: office@corefinancialplanning.com.au
www.corefinancialplanning.com.au

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

- Junior soccer training 6:15pm at Clifton Springs Primary School Oval
- 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
- We are proud supporters of Bravehearts

Axe Welding
Lot 3, 35-37 Murradoc rd, Drysdale
5251 2639 0408 069 373
Email: axe welding@bigpond.com
www.axewelding.com.au

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- & more!

Cinnabar Bakery
Pies, Cakes & More
(03) 5251 3139
Shop 2-3 Wyndham Street Drysdale.
The annual Family Dance and BBQ is on again! The children have been practising hard to show off their dancing skills.

Please return the section below before **Monday 2nd March** so we can cater for the BBQ.

Please pay $10 per family on the night to get your stamp for the BBQ.

If you can volunteer some time to assist with the BBQ, could you please make note on the slip below.

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on the night through the Parents & Friends.

**DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FAMILY BBQ NIGHT THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**

**FAMILY NAME:** ________________________________________________

**NUMBER OF ADULTS:** ___________________

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN:** _________________

I / We can assist with the BBQ YES [ ] NO [ ]

Contact Number ________________________________

*Please return form before Monday 2nd March*

*Please pay $10 on the night to get your stamp for the BBQ.*
**ACTIVE TRAVEL SURVEY**

Dear Parent,

Active Travel is great for health and wellbeing and improves traffic and parking congestion around schools. This survey should only take a few minutes to complete and will help Drysdale Primary School to understand how to encourage and support more students and families to choose active travel alternatives such as walking, riding, scooting or skating when travelling to and from the school.

1. How many children do you have attending the school (tick one)?
   - [ ] 1
   - [ ] 2
   - [ ] 3
   - [ ] 4
   - [ ] 5
   - [ ] 6

2. In what years are your children in at the school (tick all that apply)?
   - [ ] Prep
   - [ ] Year 1
   - [ ] Year 2
   - [ ] Year 3
   - [ ] Year 4
   - [ ] Year 5
   - [ ] Year 6

3. How far do your children need to travel to get from home to school (tick one)?
   - [ ] 0 – 1 km
   - [ ] 1 – 2 km
   - [ ] 2 – 3 km
   - [ ] 3 – 4 km
   - [ ] 4 – 5 km
   - [ ] > 5 km

4. How do your children ‘usually’ get to and from school (tick one)?
   (if your children travel using more than one of the following, choose 1 that is used the most)
   - [ ] Car (only passenger)
   - [ ] Scooter
   - [ ] Carpool (with other students or siblings)
   - [ ] Skate
   - [ ] Walk
   - [ ] Bus
   - [ ] Other (please specify)

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BEFORE MONDAY 2ND MARCH.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.
5. Why do your children travel to and from the school in the 'usual' way you provided above? Choose up to 3 most important reasons

- Too far for my child to walk or ride
- My child has a lot to carry
- My child is too young to travel alone
- Too much traffic
- Safety
- The weather
- I have to pick up/drop off others
- I drop my child off en route to other activities
- Most convenient

6. How often would your children actively travel to school (i.e. walk, ride, scoot or skate)?

- Never
- Only at Special Events (walk to school day, ride to school day etc.)
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All the time

7. What could be done to support you and your children to walk, ride, scoot or skate more often to and from school? Choose 1 option that is the most important to you.

- More information about active travel and public transport options
- Knowing where there are safe walking and cycling routes to school
- Reduced traffic around the school
- Improved facilities (bike and scooter storage etc.)
- Safer crossings near the school
- Organising carpooling/ride sharing
- Improved public transport services (frequency, reliability)
- Safer public transport
- I'm not interested in changing my travel choices
- I feel there is nothing more that needs to be done
- Other (please specify)

8. Any additional comments?