Dear Parents,

**PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 7TH MARCH**

The School Council has approved our third pupil free day on Friday 7th March. Camp Australia will be running a full program that day. Please register your interest on: [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call the Camp Australia customer service number on **1300 105 343**. Please register by next Thursday 27th February. They require 18 children to operate the program that day.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Our wonderful Parents and Friends group presented our School Captains with a Drysdale Primary School marquee at assembly yesterday. This marquee will provide shade for children and parents attending events, for example, when we take our swimming team to Kardinia Pool for the District Swimming Competition. The marquee has the school’s name and motto on it and will be immediately recognisable as Drysdale Primary School. I would like to thank the Parents and Friends group for organising the fund raising that helped us buy this marquee and acknowledge the persistence of Lou Wiffen in pushing for this over a number of years.

**THE BUNYIP FESTIVAL - MARCH 22ND 2014**

Preparations for the 2014 Bunyip Festival are well underway. The Festival is being held at Clifton Springs Primary School this year. The Festival is the school’s major fundraiser for the year and works so well because it is well supported by parents volunteering an hour of their time on the day to help run a stall. You will have received a letter asking for voluntary support at the Festival. The Bunyip Festival is a joint venture between the two schools. Regardless of venue we have stalls to run and are completely reliant on our parents to let us know which hour they are able to help.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

In assembly yesterday we presented the first of the new Principal’s Awards. Following last year’s consultation with parents and staff about the way in which we acknowledge the many good things that our children do, we have changed our approach this year. Each week each grade will recognise the work of two children with a Student of the Week Award which will be presented in the phase team assemblies which happen on Fridays. We have four phase teams: Prep; Year 1 and Year 2; Year 3 and Year 4; Year 5 and Year 6. Separately each phase team and our specialist teachers will recommend two children to receive a Principal’s Award. These ten Principal’s Awards will be presented each week on Monday morning in assembly. Although the children do not know until Monday who will receive a Principal’s Award, we will do our best to let parents know by writing a message in the child’s learning diary on Friday afternoon. All parents are most welcome to attend the Monday assemblies. In 2014 we will now be making 60 awards to children across the school each week rather than the 8 we made previously. This seems a better acknowledgement of the high standards of learning, effort and behaviour we have at out wonderful school.

**DOGS**

Please can I remind everyone that dogs of any size are not allowed in school between 8.30am and 4pm. If you want to bring your dog to school at school drop off or collection, please can they be tied up outside school and away from the school gates. We have some children who are terrified of any dog. After a really useful conversation with parents about this, I am working on creating areas near the entrances to school where dogs can be safely tied up with shade and perhaps some water too.

**ROAD SAFETY**

Thank you for responding so positively to my reminder about staying safe on your journeys to and from school. Even if you are some distance from the school it is always a good idea to use the crossing patrol or traffic lights to help cross our roads which are particularly busy before and after school.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
We operate a Student School Banking service to our students every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. 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. 

OPERATING HOURS: Wednesdays: 8:45-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm (approximately).

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

Thank you for choosing PSW as your uniform supplier.
- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Parents please check names on clothing to ensure you have your child’s/children’s clothing. Please make sure all clothing is clearly named with your child’s name. It is difficult to find the owners of clothing that is found if it is not named. Thank you.

PAYMENTS
When paying cash for excursions, etc., it would be appreciated that the correct money is submitted to the office in an envelope with your child’s name, grade and details of the payment. Cash is not kept on the premises. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

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.

ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL/MEDICAL/DETAILS?
Please advise the office if you have had any changes to your details so that we can update our records. Thank you.

STUDENT BANKING
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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 21st February we are asking for volunteers from Yrs. 3A, 3B, 3H 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.

HELP WITH BUNYIP RAFFLE TICKETS
We are seeking parent help to staple our Bunyip Raffle Tickets. The more helpers we get, the quicker the process. Please if you have any time, come along to the After School Care Room in the Hall. If you need any further information, please contact Joanne Black at school.

NAME CLOTHING
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PARENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED—URGENT THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH
11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Bellarine Community Health offers a School Dental Program for all primary school aged children. This service is government subsidised and offers families access for their children to dental services at a cost of $30 for treatment or free for those children who are dependants of a healthcare or pension card. For an appointment ring the dental team at Pt. Lonsdale 5258 0828.
**FAMILY DANCE/BBQ**—**THURSDAY 6TH MARCH**

Parents & Friends will be selling drinks and snacks on the night. More details to follow shortly.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday 17th March, 9:30am, location to be advised. All positions will be declared vacant. We warmly welcome any new members.

**SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE**

Our next Secondhand Uniform Sale will be in Term 2—date to be confirmed.

Please send any donations of secondhand school uniform items only, otherwise, go to the Sustainable School Shop site below.

**SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP**

Take a look at the Drysdale Primary School “FOR SALE & WANTED” advertisements at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

You don’t need to be a member to look! Annual Family Membership is only $19.95 (unlimited Ads.) Payment for Uniform/Item is made directly to the parent selling the item—not online.

This year’s Bunyip Festival will be held at Clifton Springs Primary School on Saturday 22nd March. Any volunteers are made most welcome!

- We are still looking for indoor and outdoor stall holders. If you would like a stall site, please ring 5251 3581 for an application form.
- We invite all families to bring in a small chocolate or Easter donation for the Chocolate Raffle baskets. We aim to put together around 20 baskets of chocolate goodies to raffle off, so all donations gratefully accepted! Donations can be left at Clifton Springs P.S. office.
- If anyone owns a business or knows someone who does, you might like to donate an item for the Major or Silent Auction. A great way to promote your business! Items may also include gift vouchers.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM**

This week at After School Care the children have been enjoying practising their dances for the Family Dance Night up on the stage, as well as spending lots of time outside on the playground equipment. Playing cricket and boot ball has been very popular this week. The Prep students are settling in well, and are enjoying participating in drawing activities, and playing with the cars on the car mats.

Could all parents hoping to use this service please be sure to register their child through the camp Australia website, www.campaustralia.com.au and to call the Camp Australia customer service number on 1300 105 343 if you would like to make any bookings. Bookings can be made via the phone up to 3:00pm on the day of the booking. PLEASE NOTE THAT TO MAKE BOOKINGS PERMANENT YOU WILL NEED TO GO THROUGH CUSTOMER SERVICE.

Also, we have a new phone number if you need to contact us directly. The new mobile number at Drysdale O.S.H.C. is 0404 427 452.

**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
- Reside within the Designated Transport Area for the government specialist 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 28th February, 2014.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE PROCESSED.

The Year 6 Netbook final instalment is due on Friday February 28th. If you have provided credit card information the amount of $100 will be deducted on this date. Otherwise, please pay the $100 instalment by this date to the office. Thank you.

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist some families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a Parent or Guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, or Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPI) or be a foster parent.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28TH FEBRUARY for the 1st instalment. Your Health Care Card must be valid as of 28th January, 2014.

Applications cannot be accepted without a copy of your Health Care Card.

Please complete an application form which is available from the school office.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call
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There once was a fish
Who didn't want to end up in a dish
So he swam away
And was heard to say
"I wish I didn't smell so delish".
By Ciarne 2.B.

There once was a surfer called Dave
Who caught a really good wave
It landed with a splash
And gave him such a bash
That he fell into a cave.
By Callum 2.B.

There once was a crooked man called Jay
Who loved every, single day
He lived in a crooked house
With a tiny, crooked mouse
And his birthday was in May.
By Stella 2.B.

There once was a girl named Skye
Whose pet dog chased a fly
It snapped its jaws shut
Then ran around like a nut
What a clever dog am I!
By Skye 2.B.

There once was a very young pig
Who one day, was playing 'hide and tig'
But then over he tripped
And into the ocean water he slipped
He was eaten by a shark so big!
By Max 2.B.

There once was a yummy cupcake
A boy called Jack did decorate
But then it heard him say
He wanted to eat it that day
And it crumbled like an earthquake.
By Kya 2.B.

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'Cos freedom was what he was lovin'
And drove away in the old man's van.
(A shared writing by 2.B.)

There once was a spider who lay
In his web just waiting to play
'Hit the target' was his game
But it always ended the same
He missed again and ran away.
By Marcel 2.B.

There once was a girl called Milly
Who was so silly
She climbed up a cliff
And got frozen stiff
'Cos the wind it was so chilly.
By Sonni 2.B.

There once was an energetic chicken
That loved to get her legs 'kicken'
Every lovely, sunny day
She sits in the hay
And gives the other chickens a 'licken'.
By Ruby 2.B.

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