Dear Parents,

Swimming Team

Our senior children in Year 5 and Year 6 completed their swimming program at the end of last week. For our children living in this wonderful part of the world with so many opportunities to surf, swim and enjoy the water, swimming is an essential and potentially life saving skill. On Friday we also held our swimming trials which allowed us to select our school team to participate in the divisional competition before the end of term. Well done to all the children who took part in the trials. The effort and commitment shown was excellent and reflected positively the school’s motto “Accept the Challenge”. Congratulations to all those children who have been selected. These children now have a different challenge which I know they will also meet with enthusiasm.

Thanks to Mr Campbell, the teachers and staff in the Year 5 and Year 6 area of the school and the Portarlington Pool Instructors who all contributed to make our senior swimming program so successful again this year.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our parent teacher interviews are taking place at the moment. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and share information about these important first weeks of the school year. The partnership between home and school is crucial in making the most of every opportunity to celebrate successes, address issues and support children’s learning. Teachers are happy to talk to parents throughout the year about their children. We also find that a formal ten minute appointment helps the year start in the right way. These parent teacher interviews are for children in Years 1 to 6 because the prep children have already had a separate time for meeting their children’s teacher. If you have not yet arranged an appointment time, please make contact with your child’s teacher who will do their best to accommodate you.

The Bunyip Festival

Preparations for the 2013 Bunyip Festival are well underway. The Festival is being held at Drysdale 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. There are posters outside each classroom for parents to sign up and let us know which hour they are able to help.

This year with the extraordinarily generous support of Naomi Patten at Surf Junction, all parents who volunteer to help at The 2013 Bunyip Festival will receive a 20% discount voucher to use at Surf Junction. In addition, all parents who help for an hour will be entered in a draw with fantastic prize also provided by Surf Junction. Surf Junction is Drysdale’s biggest surf shop and a very strong supporter of both the school and the Drysdale community. Surf Junction stocks major brands such as Rip Curl Australia, Quiksilver and Roxy.

Playground Boat

Sadly the playground boat will need to be removed over the next few days. Recently the decking has broken and needs extensive repairs. Separately we had a safety report that recommended that we either move it or build a wall next to it to prevent children jumping or falling from the top of the boat onto the playground. The cost of both building a wall and making the repairs necessary mean finding an alternative is a better option. I know that there are a number of children who have enjoyed using this equipment for many years. I would like to reassure you that we will actively seek a suitable replacement which meets the various regulations and have this available for the children to use as soon as possible.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
REBEL SPORT REWARDS

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 5%. See enclosed flyer.

BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE

Mention Drysdale Primary School at Drysdale Bakers Delight and the school will receive 5%. See enclosed flyer.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

This term we are running two programs after school. Both have created a lot of interest from students. Athletics is being held on Friday (3.45 – 4.45pm) and Soccer is being held on Tuesday (3.45 – 4.45pm). While the Athletics program is fully booked there are still some vacancies for the Tuesday Soccer Program. If your child is in Year 3, 4 or 5 and is interested in participating please contact Mr Barry at the school.

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NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASES/ORDERS

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 or order forms can be collected from the school office.

OPERATING HOURS: Mondays and Tuesdays: 3.15pm-3.45pm. 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.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Permanent Vacancies for After School Care

We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 8 vacancies for Monday, 13 for Tuesday, 19 for Wednesday, 20 for Thursday and 25 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 completed enrolment and direct debit forms 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 child/ren 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 craft activities.

PLEASE SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNT BEFORE THE END OF TERM.

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NUDE FOOD

Nude Food Tuesdays have commenced. We are pleased to announce that Baker’s Delight will be sponsoring the programme once again in 2013. So, send your child to school on Tuesdays with a wrapper free lunch to go in the draw to win a Baker’s Delight Voucher. Please remember to label your containers.

Thank you. - Mrs Tara van Winckel

BOOK CLUB

Orders are due back to Miss Daffy by FRIDAY 8th MARCH, 2013.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you do not wish your child to participate in the school’s Religious Education Program, could you please write a note to the classroom teacher. If no note is received, then it will be assumed that your child is to attend. Thank you.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 18th March, 9:30am, staff room. All positions will be declared vacant. We warmly welcome any new members.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Our next 2nd Hand Uniform Sale will be on Monday 22nd April. Please send any donations of 2nd hand 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.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Will take place on Thursday 9th May. Every child will have the opportunity to purchase a gift. Details of this event will follow shortly.

CANTEEN NEWS

Wanted

4 litre ice cream containers. Please drop them into the Canteen. Thank you.

Swimming Year 3 — 4th to 15th March

Lunch orders can still be submitted whilst the swimming program is running.

- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family Statements

Statements have been sent home today, Tuesday, in an envelope, so please check your child’s bag. The enclosed Student Details Form needs to be checked and returned to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

General Payments

If parents pay for excursions, etc., with cash, it would be appreciated that the correct money is submitted to the office as cash is not kept on the premises. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.
Students in Year 6 are this year being given the opportunity by the Rotary Club of Drysdale to participate in the Rotary Junior Community Award Program. Interested children were given notes yesterday about the program which gives children the opportunity to develop positive attitudes towards volunteerism by assisting organisations and people in need, to learn more about their own community, to develop healthy attitudes towards physical recreation and to learn new skills. This should be a rewarding experience for all who participate. If you have any queries or you would like a note, please contact Mr Barry at the school.

**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. This Friday 22nd February, we are asking for volunteers from Prep V and Prep W. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
Saturday 16 March
Drysdale Primary School Hall
Start: 7pm
BYO Food & Drinks
(Some soft drink and nibblies available)
Tickets $15 per person
Tables of up to 10.
We will help you onto a table if you have less numbers.
RSVP: Heath on 54271586 or hpuddefoot@hotmail.com
By Wed. 13 March.

**RED FLEXIBLE PLASTIC RECYCLING**
We are recycling all our flexible plastic waste. With the RED project, we can prevent a lot of plastic heading into landfill from our school.

Flexible plastics include: Supermarket Carry Bags, Bread Bags, Pasta Bags, Fruit & Vegetable Bags, Cling Wrap, Frozen Food Bags, Zip Lock Bags, Old “Green” Bags.

The plastic is collected and then recycled into products like outdoor seating, tables, signs and playground equipment that we can use here at school. For each kilogram of plastic we collect for the rest of the year, we will receive $5 towards the purchase of these products. So collect your plastics at home and bring them to school and put them in the Year 5 classroom Big Red Bin. Thank you.

**CENTREPAY**
Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay school expenses by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment.

Drysdale Primary School's minimum payment amount from Centrepay deductions is $20.00 per fortnight.
If you are interested in starting Centrepay, deduction forms can be obtained from the school office.

**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 2013 for the 1st instalment. Please complete an application form which is available from the school office.

**NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**DRAMA WITH DEANA**
Drama/presentation skills workshops that will give your children the confidence to SHINE! For Years 1-6. Tues & Wed at 4pm. Springdale Hall, High St, Drysdale. Deana Ph: 0417 935 096 or 5251 3858.

**DPS TREBLE CLEFS SINGING GROUP**
The DPS Treble Clefs will commence rehearsals on Tuesday 26th February from 3:50—5:00pm in the music room. Students are to wait in the quiet area, have a snack and bring a water bottle. New members welcome. Contact Anita Barlow -Burman Ph: 0413 784 763.

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**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**
Envelopes for donations to the Good Friday Appeal were sent home today, please return your donation for this worthy cause by Friday 15th March.

**STUDENT BANKING**
Student banking will take place every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. The starter packs for Prep students will come out during Term 1.
If there are any students who want to commence Student Banking, please notify the office. Student banking is operated by the Commonwealth Bank.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

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Enquiries: Anita Barlow-Burman : 0413784763
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- The 5% collected will be paid to your school on completion of our agreement. For example, if your school members spend $2,850.00, you will receive a cheque for $142.50.

We are extremely excited about supporting our local communities and are looking forward to getting to know you! Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Greg & Jill Mullins
Your Local Baker
Bakers Delight Drysdale
0448029928
On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was eating the delicious pancakes. I had maple syrup on my pancake. I also enjoyed all of the activities. My favourite activity was the hula hoops! I really loved the bean bags as well. In the bean bag activity, you had to throw the bean bags into the bucket. By Luke 2.B.

On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was all the sporting activities that we did. I also enjoyed eating the yummy pancakes. Mine had no burnt bits. By Sonny 2B.

On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was eating the pancakes. I had a strawberry pancake. It was yummy! I also enjoyed the activities. I played tunnel ball, skipping, hula hoops, relays, beanbags, quoids, mirrors and that's all! By Mitchell 2.B.

On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was eating the pancake. I had jam on my pancake! I also enjoyed throwing the beanbags into the bucket and the relays. I liked the running part. By Max 2.B.

On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was throwing the beanbags into the bucket because I got three into the bucket. I also enjoyed playing in the playground. I played Tiggy and I did not get caught! By Lachie 2.B.

On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was doing all the sport and having a play on the infant playground. I also enjoyed eating the pancake. By Chris 2.B.

On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was my pancake because it had jam on it and I loved it! I also enjoyed the skipping because I learnt how to skip properly and I liked the relays. I liked the hula hoops too! By Paris 2.B.

On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was doing the relays with the baton because I think my team came first or second. I also enjoyed eating the pancakes because they were delicious. The topping that I had was Vegemite with sugar! It was REALLY fun! By Archer 2.B.

On Tuesday February 12th, all of the year ones and twos had a special Pancake Day. The best thing about Pancake Day was that I ate one pancake with butter and hundreds & thousands on it. I also enjoyed playing tunnel ball. I passed the ball through my legs and over my head. By Sarah 2.B.
Hello Everyone! As you are all aware we currently have a Teachers dispute happening, the Australian Education Union, which represents most teachers in Victorian government schools, has put in place a range of work bans to draw attention to their dispute with the government about pay and conditions. One of the work bans means that most teachers will only work the 38 hours required in the current work agreement. The impact of this is that there will be a reduced staff presence at events that happen outside the school’s normal operating hours, e.g. The Bunyip Festival.

The Bunyip Committee has decided to go ahead with the 33rd Bunyip Festival but some of the stalls that were available last year won’t be there this year. We, now more than ever, need you to help us out. Please, if you can volunteer and can do hour at one of our stalls it would be greatly appreciated. Please see your teacher, leave your name on the sign-up sheet outside of each classroom or leave your name and number with the ladies at the office and I will give you a call.

We will still be having Rides, Market stalls, Auctions and the major raffle. It will depend on how many volunteers we can get as to how many stalls can go ahead. This is our schools biggest fundraiser and the funds we receive go straight back into the school to benefit your children. So please help out in any way you can.

The Raffle tickets will soon be heading your way, and again there is an incentive for those that can sell more than two books, more on that in the next babble.

If anyone has any questions, leave your information at the office and I’ll get back to you as soon as I can.

Michelle Powell