Dear Parents,

**Geelong Show Art**

I am delighted to let you know that Drysdale Primary School was selected by the judges as the winning display in the competition for schools with more than 200 students. Congratulations to all the children who had their art work displayed at the Geelong Show. We selected 150 pieces from the hundreds put forward by children across the whole school. The quality of the art was so high that we could easily have selected many more than the 150 we did. These were then expertly displayed by Mr and Mrs Miles and Ms Henderson to form our school’s entry. It is a significant achievement to be selected as the winning school in the Show. This reflects the abilities of the children as well as the high quality teaching they receive in our specialist art program.

At Drysdale we aim to help every student to be the best they can be. Many students then excel in one or more parts of the curriculum or their personal development. Throughout the year we have been able to celebrate these successes and have previously acknowledged winning individual art work in local competitions. It reflects a wide ranging strength across the whole school to be able to celebrate this success based on pieces from more than a quarter of the school’s students. Well done!

**Cyber Safety Information Evening**

We held a Cyber Safety Information Session for parents of children in Year 4 to 6 last Tuesday. I would like to thank Robbie Noggler, Leading Senior Constable, Youth Resource Officer with Victoria Police who led the session. The quality of the information and the importance of this in the modern world is such that we will make arrangements to repeat this parents session. We will also ask Robbie to come and deliver an appropriate session to our older students.

**Geelong Cup Holiday**

Please remember that tomorrow is the Geelong Cup holiday and the school will be closed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday.

**Regional Athletics Finals**

Six of our children competed in the Regional Athletics finals last week. This is a high level of competition which leads to qualification for the State finals. Our six students represented Drysdale Primary School with distinction. Three of them qualified for the State finals next Monday. George 4H won his shot put competition, Belle 6P won her shot put competition and Joshua 4V came second in his long jump event. Our other competitors were Ben 6P, shot put and discus, Amalyia 4V, 1500 metres and triple jump and Alexis 6P, 200 metres. Congratulations to all six children, especially Belle who is appearing in the State finals for the fourth year running.

**Sovereign Hill Camp**

Camps are a very important part of life at Drysdale. Our Year 3 children visited Sovereign Hill last week for an overnight camp. They had a great time. A group of children reported very confidently to the rest of the school in assembly yesterday. This reflects the strength of the camp program and the personal development of the children. There are important elements of the history curriculum that are well taught and supported by the visit to Sovereign Hill. However it is the individual development of the children which is equally important. For some of the children this is the first time they have been away from home without a parent and for some it is the furthest they have been from Geelong.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASES ORDERS

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR
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.

Customers will be able to order and pay for items at the Uniform Shop and the stock will be delivered to your home. Please note, this is different from an internet order.

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 you 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.

UNIFORM SALE—IN STOCK ITEMS ONLY
From Monday 11th November to Friday 13th December, PSW is offering 5% off all uniforms in stock. This is an opportunity for parents to prepare for the 2014 school year. This is only for current in stock items—no lay-by and no orders.

OPEN EXTRA HOURS FOR NEW FAMILIES
Thursday 14th November 9:30am—10:30am
Wednesday 20th November 8:30am—10:30am
Tuesday 10th December 12:30pm—1:30pm
Monday 16th December 10:00am—12:00noon
Tuesday 28th January 2014 10:00am—12:00noon
- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Permanent Vacancies for After School Care
We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 18 vacancies for Monday, 22 for Tuesday, 27 for Wednesday, 24 for Thursday and 34 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 a completed enrolment form and direct debit form 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 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.

STUDENT BANKING

At Commonwealth Bank we’re committed to helping children understand the importance of saving for the future through our School Banking program. So to help keep your students active with their saving, we’re running a fantastic competition. The Dollarmites Treasure Chest Competition in Term 4! Just make two or more school banking deposits from 21st October to 30th November and you could win one of the Treasure Chest Prizes—60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB—100 x Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & HOP. For more information visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

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 25th October, we are asking for volunteers from Year 3C, 3F, 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.

SCHOOL HATS

Our school has adopted the policy of broad brimmed hats to be worn during Terms 1 and 4. The wearing of hats is compulsory in Term 4. The children are required to wear hats during recess, lunchtime and other outdoor activities.

GENERAL REMINDERS

ARE YOU MOVING?
If you are moving in 2014, please advise the school office. If your child is not attending Drysdale Primary School in 2014, please advise the office as soon as possible.
Also, if any students will be transferring out of the school this term, please notify the office.

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.

COMPULSORY PARENT PAYMENT SCHOOL FEES
If you have not paid your child’s compulsory school fees or made an arrangement to pay these fees, could you please organise payment as soon as possible. This compulsory payment covers your child’s essential education items.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES
If there are telephone messages for students, please advise the office.

SIGN IN/OUT
Reminder that parents are to sign their child out from the office if their child is leaving school early, collect an early release card and then go to the classroom to collect your child. Also, please make sure you sign late students in at the office.

LIONS PEACE POSTERS

The Lions Club would like to thank all students for the creative work in designing Peace Posters this year. Again it was a wonderful effort with the guidance of Ms Henderson. Thank you.

A selection of posters are on display at the Bendigo Bank, so please go and have a look.
COMMUNITY NEWS

PORTARLINGTON CRICKET CLUB
Milo Cricket registration Thurs.24th Oct. at 4:30pm. The Milo In2 Cricket program is designed for girls and boys from 5 to 10 yrs. Co-ordinator James Harvey Ph:0404 800 384. For more details contact Hayden: 0409 568 585 or Email: polokingstar@hotmail.com

CYSTIC FIBROSIS—GREAT STRIDES WALK/RUN, OCTOBER
To register: http://www.cysticfibrosis.org.au/vic/great-strides-event. Set yourself a fitness challenge whilst supporting a great cause. This will take place on Sunday 27th October.

WALKING IN AUTISTIC SHOES
An autism presentation and question-answer forum with Donna Williams, BA Hons, Dip Ed Mon.28th October 7pm-8:30pm at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, Drysdale. Details: Anne Brackley 5253 1960 or 0407 529 205 or email coordinator@springdale.org.au

BETTER GNOMEs & GARDEN FAIR
Sat.Nov.2nd from 8:30am at Queenscliff Uniting Church, cnr Hesse & Stokes Streets. Big brekkies, lunches, jumping castle, white elephant and loads of gnome activities.

CAR BOOT SALE—THE BELLARINE RAILWAY, DRYSDALE
STATION
Sun.10th November 8am—2pm. Free admission. Family Goods Train Rides, Lions BBQ and more. Stall Holders Wanted: Book Your Space—contact Geoff 0418 379 245 or Don 0417 100 561.

BELEZA SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
The Beleza School Uniform Shop is located at 107 Ryrie Street, Geelong. Saturday opening hours are now 9:30am—12:30pm. Phone: 5221 8545.

READING CHALLENGE
This year The Age newspaper will publish the Honour Roll online. From Sunday 27th October, you will be able to view a personalised video and download a personalised front page of The Age that is yours to keep. Go to the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge Website: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/ and follow the link.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

OUR FOOD
Our Nude Food Winners for this week are: Emily 6P and Amie 2B. Congratulations! The Bob and Sarah Awards go to 2B and 5K. Well done! Excellent work, keep it up.

There is still a lot of rubbish gathering near the cricket pitch, so please pick up any rubbish that you see. Thank you. Now for our Nude Food Joke:

Q: “Why did the banana go to the doctor?”
A: Because it wasn’t peeling well.

- The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf

Any donations of unwanted Lego would be very much appreciated. Please leave with Mr Field in the Integration Office. Thank you.

YEAR 6 DEBATING TEAM
We are pleased to announce that the Debating Team of Amelie, Meg and Claire have won Zone 2 Division and will go on to the Semi Finals against Bellaire Zone 1 winners on Wednesday November 6th at Hamlyn Banks. It is a mystery topic debate. All our debaters have done an amazing job throughout the competition with our Zone 1 teams just missing out on a final’s berth. We have had many different students winning speaker awards and many students being given various opportunities and new skills as chairperson or timekeeper.

Many thanks to our Year 6 Debating parents for their support.

THE ROYAL GEELONG SHOW PRIZE!
Drysdale Primary School entered in the “Over 200 Students” School Art Competition at the Royal Geelong Show. There were 13 schools who entered in our section. We are thrilled to announce that DPS won 1st prize. We received a voucher sponsored by Hedley’s Educational Book Centre of $110. We will have our school’s name engraved on a trophy that is kept at the Geelong Show Grounds. It was a very difficult task for both Mrs Miles and I to choose the artwork as the standard produced this year by all students was excellent.

—Melinda & Liz, Art Teachers

CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION FEED BACK
1. Worth 1 hour of my time? 110% Yes
2. Learnt stuff we didn’t know? Yes, lots
3. Recommend other parents get to the next one? 110% Yes

Thank you to Drysdale Primary School for organising it and to LSC Robbie Noggler for a very informative night.

-From DPS Parents who attended the evening

I thought I was pretty much aware of how to keep my daughter “Cyber Smart” until I went to last week’s Cyber Safety session. The facilitator, a local Police Officer had vast hands on experience. I advise all parents to consider attending such sessions in the future.

On Tuesday evening Leading Senior Constable Robert Noggler came to speak to interested parents on the issue of Cyber Safety. He works in this field as part of his Youth Liaison role and is an engaging speaker with extensive knowledge. The information session was excellent. It was amazing to learn the legal repercussions for what may seem to many as harmless behaviour. It was also surprising to learn how ignorant the general public are about these matters. Young people are vulnerable to many forms of danger involving cyber material and in many cases parents are unaware of the situation or how to deal with it.

I would highly recommend all parents protect themselves and their children by attending any future sessions when they are offered.—Lucy Croxford

Last Tuesday we invited parents of Year 4-6 students along to a Cyber Safety Information Session. I would like to thank the parents who attended and Leading Senior Constable Robbie for giving such an informative presentation. Some of these inspiring comments may encourage you to come along again next year.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

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