Dear Parents,

PREPARATION FOR 2014

Even though the term is far from over and the summer holidays are still just on the horizon, we have been very busy making preparations for the 2014 school year. The teachers have agreed which grades they will be teaching next year. These are as follows:

Prep: Miss Wright, Miss McGrath, and Miss Howard with one appointment to be made.

Year 1: Mrs Lamb, Mrs Schepisi, Mr Kennedy and Miss Fatone

Year 2: Mrs Butteriss, Mr Van Wyk / Mrs Thompson, and Mrs Chadwick with one further appointment to be made.

Year 3: Mrs Hoyne, Mr Stephens, and Miss Arter with one further appointment to be made to the extra grade in this year group.

Year 4: Mr Vaughan, Mrs Carlon and Mrs Dean

Year 5: Mrs Croxford, Mr Bradford and Miss Daffy

Year 6: Mr Page, Mr Sinnott and Mrs Campbell

We are well through the process for making the appointments in Prep and Year 2 with interviews set for early next week. Part of the reason for these appointments is to have as many teachers as possible on permanent contracts. For reasons connected with the new agreement between the State government and the Teachers Union, we have only been able to begin the recruitment process this term.

MRS FAITHFULL

Mrs Faithfull has been granted an extended period of leave in 2014 prior to taking early retirement towards the end of next year. Mrs Faithfull has been a loyal and dedicated member of the teaching team here at Drysdale for many years. We would like to acknowledge this service to the school and wish her well.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

In the list of teachers you will recognise two new appointments. Jessica Fatone has been appointed to teach a Year 1 grade. Jessica Fatone is already known to the children having taught both Year 4 and Year 1 for extended periods this year covering the teachers’ long service leave. Laura Howard will be teaching a Prep grade next year. Laura is currently teaching in Prep at Leopold Primary School. She is an outstanding and dynamic teacher who will be a great addition to the teaching team here at Drysdale. We are looking forward to welcoming both Jess and Laura to Drysdale in 2014 and will have opportunities to meet them before the end of this term.

GRADE REQUESTS

I like to offer parents the opportunity to express a preference for their child’s teacher for next year. If you would like to make a preference, please let me know either in writing or via the school’s e mail before the end of school on Wednesday November 6th. If you are able to give a reason for any preference, that can be helpful. However it is not obligatory to do so.

We will do our best to meet parents’ preferences. However the placement of children into grades is very difficult requiring us to consider many different and sometimes conflicting factors. Ultimately we will place children with the teacher and with the children where we believe they will learn and thrive best. We are aiming to have this finalised and publish grade lists in early December.

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 the store. 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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**Mowing Roster**

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**Outside School Hours Care Program**

**Permanent Vacancies for After School Care**
We are licensed to provide care for 55 children. There are 19 vacancies for Monday, 24 for Tuesday, 28 for Wednesday, 24 for Thursday and 33 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.

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**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

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**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 1st November, we are asking for volunteers from Year 4D, 4H and 4V. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

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**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.

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**General Reminders**

All payments to the school need to be finalised before FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER. The office will be closed for receiving money from this date. Thanking you in anticipation.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**November Walk to School Month**

Once again our school is participating in Walk to School, a month-long activity in November. Children and parents are encouraged to start walking to and from school in November.

When walking to school we ask that all students use the school crossings in Clifton Springs Road and Carolanne Drive when crossing these roads. The crossings are supervised by City of Greater Geelong Crossing Supervisors and provide children with a safe way of crossing these busy roads.
Our Nude Food Winners for this week are: Jade 2B and Lachlan T. 4D. Congratulations! The Bob and Sarah Awards go to 4D and 2B. Well done! Excellent work, keep it up.

Now for our Nude Food Joke:

Q: “What school subject is the fruitiest?”

A: History – because it is full of dates!

- The Nude Food Dudettes & Gabbi the Mango Elf

Our next meeting is on Monday 18th November, 9:30am after assembly. All welcome.

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• have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

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REBEL SPORT

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 points towards sporting equipment for the school.

MALDON & CANBERRA CAMPS

YEAR 5 MALDON CAMP
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SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM

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.
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GREAT SERVICE  GREAT HOLIDAY!
YEAR 3C SOVEREIGN HILL

In the Red Hill Mine, it was creepy and obviously dark, but it was absolutely great! The sound and light show was spectacular! Each time it ended we went on these awesome trams that would take us to each different destination.

-Taj

We went to the New York Bakery for dinner and for dessert we got ice-cream and jelly. I liked Blood On The Southern Cross because I sat next to Mrs Carlon and Phoebe. - Rebekah

Blood On The Southern Cross is a sound and light show about the Eureka Stockade. I loved it because we got to go in a tram/van sort of vehicle. My favourite part was when the Eureka Hotel burnt down. The funniest thing would have to be all the birds being around Mrs Carlon at the Ballarat Wildlife Park as she is scared of birds. - Jacob

I didn't really like it when we were trying to sleep and other rooms were noisy, but I got to sleep easily. When we got to the Ballarat Wildlife Park there were kangaroos and emus running around. We even got to pat them! - Ruby

My favourite shop was definitely the Lolly Shop because everything was so yum. What I would change is staying longer. I think the funniest thing was at the Red Hill Mine because there were roosters and Mrs Carlon was scared!

-Jack

YEAR 3F SOVEREIGN HILL

Today we did lots of stuff. First we went to the Lolly Shop then we went to lots of other shops. At last we went back to our rooms. We had a shower and we got changed. We also went underground. We went to Blood on the Southern Cross. I had a great day. —Ashlin

I bought a little bottle of water and gold. Today I went to a spooky tour in the mine. Coby and I were scared. —Isabelle

Before we went to the Wild Life Park I climbed the Poppet Head—it was so high! After that we went to the bowling alley. It was so much fun.—Paige

We went to the mines. We went down a tunnel on a roller coaster and we saw shows in the tunnel. Also, we went to a school. I wrote in ink. It was cool.—Coby

I woke up and I got dressed in my school clothes and then we went to a café for breakfast. I had cereal and some juice and when I finished I had some toast with strawberry jam.—Lachie D.

We went to the Secret Chamber. I went gold panning. I didn't find gold. We went to a restaurant for tea and it was delicious.—Elle

We went to the Wild Life Park. There were kangaroos and wallabies and also emus. I patted a kangaroo in its mum's pouch. It was so soft! —April
Results:
Belle, 12y Girls Shot Put—1st
George, 10y Boys Shot Put—1st
Josh, 10y Long Jump—2nd

These children have now qualified for the Victorian Primary State Championships which were held on Monday 28th October in Melbourne. George finished 5th, Belle 6th, and Josh 8th. A fantastic effort. They did extremely well.

Left: Ashley, competed in the State Cycling and Hamish, the Victorian Country Basketball Team

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**JOSH WALKS FOR SPECIAL CARE NURSERY GEELONG HOSPITAL**

My name is Josh, I am in 4H. On the 17th October my Mum and I did a 70 km walk through The Great Ocean Road. We raised $1000 for the sick babies. We saw animals and amazing sights. It was a great walk, although in some parts it got tough. There were 24 people on this walk. On day 1 it got tough because of the hail and wind. Day 2 was sunny and so was day 3 and 4. When we finished each day a bus came over and picked us up to go back to our cabins. When we finished everybody was so proud.
I strongly believe that dogs make better pets than cats.

Dogs are good pets because they play with you. Cats don't play with you. You can go for walks with dogs too. Cats are not good pets because they can scratch you with their claws. If someone breaks into your house, a dog will bark and warn you but cats will not warn you. They will just sleep. In summing up, I believe that dogs are better pets than cats because dogs are more playful, don't scratch you and will warn you if there is a burglar in your house. -Alice

I believe this because cats are lazy and dogs are active and playful. For example, every time I go outside, my dog follows me. He gets the ball and wants me to throw it to him. Every time I sit down on the ground, he will come and want a pat. Also puppies are so cute. Other species of small dogs are cute too! Dogs are helpful too. They can be guard dogs. When a stranger comes into your yard, a dog will bark but with cats they will keep on sleeping. Once when my door rattled and my dog was inside, he barked. I went and had a look and nothing was there but he was still a good help. In conclusion, I believe dogs are better than cats because they help people and they are cute. -Archer

My first argument is that you can play with a dog. Dogs will play ‘fetch’ with you and this also gives people more exercise because they can throw a Frisbee or a ball for them. My second argument is that cats will sometimes leave their litter in children's sandpits. My third argument is that dogs are very affectionate because they will lick you and try to clean you. In summing up, I believe that dogs make much better pets than cats because dogs are more active, more affectionate and they don't make a mess in the sandpit. -Chris

Dogs make better pets than cats because they are very playful and they are easy to walk. This is also good for the owners because it gives them exercise. My second reason is that cats often kill birds and other wildlife. Thirdly, dogs make good pets because they are affectionate. My dog comes into my bed and cuddles up into my arms. Dogs are more useful than cats because they can be guide dogs and if a robber comes into the house, a dog will bark and warn the owner. To sum up, I believe that dogs make better pets than cats because they are more fun and they are helpful too. -Ace

I strongly believe that cats make better pets than dogs.

My first argument is that dogs bite and they have been known to chase people and sometimes even kill young children. My second argument is that cats are cuter than dogs. They are also more cuddly and fluffy and they can help to keep people calm. My third argument is that cats are cleaner than dogs. Cats will poo and wee in a litter tray and then cover it up but dogs will poo everywhere in the backyard and just leave it there. In conclusion, I believe that cats are better than dogs because they are cuter and cleaner. -Christopher

My first argument is that cats are better than dogs because they are far cleaner. For example, my cat was once so clean that she did poo and wee in the toilet! My second argument is that dogs can bite and some like pit bulls are very vicious and could actually kill you. My third argument is that I believe that cats, especially kittens are cuter than dogs. Cats are also better than dogs because they keep the mice away. I believe cats are better than dogs because they are cleaner and more gentle animals than dogs. -Lachie

My first argument is that cats will sleep on your bed with you. For example, I have a cat named Felix and he sometimes sleeps on my bed. He feels so cuddly and soft. I've heard that some dogs however can maul and kill little children. My second argument is that cats are cleaner than dogs. When cats poo or wee, they dig in the backyard and cover it up or they do it in a litter box. When mice come into your house, what will you do? You won't need to worry if you have a cat. A cat is a great mice hunter and pounces on its prey. For these reasons, I strongly believe that cats are better pets than dogs because they are very cute and can be very good hunters. -Luke

My first argument is that cats are nice and fluffy and will help to keep you relaxed. For example, when I am trying to get to sleep my cat Pepa helps me to go to sleep. My second argument is that some dogs can be fierce and dangerous. Dogs can bite people. For example, when I was three years old, I got bitten on the finger by a dog. I believe that cats are better pets than dogs because they make you feel secure and they are more friendly than dogs. -Elliott