Dear Parents,

2015 Spring Fair

Last Friday a group of parents met with me to discuss our first Spring Fair. This will be the school’s major fundraiser for the year and is, therefore, a very important part of our direction for 2015. Consequently, I wanted to outline for you the discussion we had last Friday and seek comment from parents, friends or anyone connected with the school who has a view on our initial thoughts.

Our intention is to organize a more traditional School Fair with lots of child friendly activities. There was plenty of discussion about when the best time to hold the fair would be. Our thinking is that a Friday afternoon fair running from the end of school until early evening would work best. We are currently looking at the Friday after Melbourne Cup which next year is November 6th.

The fair will focus on home produced arts and crafts. This idea is to build a connection with our school market which is held every third Sunday of the month and has been a part of the school’s community focus for many years. By holding a Spring Fair with a home produced arts and crafts theme, we would be able to attract stallholders selling such things as paintings, photographs, jewellery, home-made cards, home-made clothes e.g. scarves. We would also be able to incorporate displays of the children’s art work and opportunities for the children to make and create their own pieces on the day. Activities such as face painting would also come under the arts and crafts theme. We would want to involve more children in running stalls and activities.

There are some very popular parts of the Bunyip Festival we would want to continue such as the Silent Auction, the main auction and a raffle. We are also keen to invite food stalls so that there is a social aspect to the fair as well. We think that the fairground rides are not appropriate for this theme and do not appeal to a wide enough range of primary aged children.

The next meeting of the Spring Fair group will be on Friday November 14th at 2.45 pm in the staff room. Anyone interested in contributing to the discussion is welcome to come along. Any feedback on the ideas put forward so far will be gratefully received.

Class Requests for 2015

The deadline for class requests for 2015 classes, including next year’s Prep grades, is this coming Friday. Thank you to the many parents who have contacted me with their preferences and requests. I do appreciate your engagement with this important decision. There are a couple of comments. If you do not state a preference your children will not be disadvantaged. The requests can only be preferences because we need to be able to place children where we believe they will learn best and be in a class broadly balanced by age and gender. Sometimes this means we cannot meet every request. In previous years we can usually meet around 80% of preferences.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore
Principal
**EMA has been cancelled for 2015. We advise parents previously eligible for this payment to be prepared financially for 2015. Commencing prepayments NOW will help at the start of the year and when booklists and camps are due.**

Making regular payments can greatly assist parents with payment costs during the year. It may be as little as $5 or $10 a week! Any spare money can be put on your account at any time.

We can let you know approximately how much you need to pay regularly to cover your children’s yearly expenses. Any prepayments are receipted against your account and then allocated off school charges in 2015.

We have Centrepay to assist families on a Health Care or Pension card.

**WAYS TO PAY:**

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   - on line at [http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrepay](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrepay); or  
   - by completing a Centrepay deduction form (available from the school office). |
| BPay            | Payment made directly to the school by using your Bpay Biller Code and Reference No. This can be done as a once off or regularly. | Either call into the office or phone in and we’ll send your statement home (this contains your Bpay codes). |
| Cash, EFTPOS or credit card | Cash, EFTPOS or credit cards can be accepted. | Please pay at the school office. |

**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On Friday 7th November we are asking for volunteers from Years 5B, 5C and 5D. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

**NUDE FOOD AWARDS**

The winners for the Year Level Awards (from Prep-Year 2) is 2S and (from Years 3-6) is 3A. **Individual Winners** (from Prep-Year 2) is Gypsy 2S and (from Years 3-6) is Jack 4C. Well done! So, bring a rubbish free lunch of a Tuesday and you could be a winner too!

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

Unfortunately due to the lack of interest, the Parents & Friends Shopping Tour has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience to the few parents that did show an interest.

**Next Meeting** Tuesday 18th November, meeting room, 9 a.m.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**TRIVIA NIGHT—ST LEONARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & ST LEONARDS CRICKET CLUB**

Friday 7th Nov. at the St Leonards Cricket Club Clubrooms, Cole St. Doors open 6:30pm for a 7pm start. $10 per head. 6 persons per table. Drinks at bar prices. BYO Nibbles. Booking/enquiries to Kerri on 0414 884 121.

**STARFISH NIPPERS, OCEAN GROVE SLSC**

A water safety and awareness program for children with special needs from 7—13 years who are unable to access the regular Surf Ed. program due to their additional support needs. 10am-11.30am, Dec.6th,14th, 20th and 21st. Max. number of 8 participants. Cost $100 x 1 child, $180 x 2 children. Details: Sue Howell.  
Email: starfish@oceangroveslsc.asn.au or [http://www.oceangroveslsc.asn.au](http://www.oceangroveslsc.asn.au) or [http://www.starfishnippers.com.au](http://www.starfishnippers.com.au)
**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Grace Prep W  Chloe 4D
Indee Prep H  Oliver 5B
Jack 1L  Tijana 6S
Teresa 2C  Bailey 6S
Gemina 4C

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Brydie Prep M  Ella 4C
Lyza Prep T  Bridie 4V
Sam 1G  Zoe 5B
Kalani 2T/V  James 6P
Nathan 3A  Maeve 6C

**REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES**

Year 6 students will be selling Poppies for $2 and $5, and Wristbands for $3 to support The Returned and Services League throughout the next two weeks.

Our school will be represented by Andrew Page who will be taking School Captains and a group of students to Drysdale Grove to take part in Remembrance Day activities on Monday 10th November. On Tuesday 11th November Andrew will accompany a group of our students to the ceremony in Drysdale to acknowledge this day.

**MOVEMBER**

Movember is upon us! Some staff members are growing moustaches this month to raise awareness of Men’s Health issues. Money raised will go towards research.

—The Drysdale MoBros

**ALL SPORTING TOPS**

All Sporting Tops: Athletics, Soccer, T Ball, Football, and Basketball need to be returned to school as soon as possible, please.

Thank you. - Ms. Laing

**YEARS 1 & 2 SWIMMING TIMETABLE**

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**YEARS 1 & 2 IN THE POOL**

Year 1F  1:00pm
Year 1K  1:00pm
Year 1L  2:00pm
Year 1G  2:00pm

**ALL POLO SHIRTS - YR.5 PARENTS**

Year 6 (2015) Polo Shirt Orders were sent home today. The form and money is due back by FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.

There are sample tops at the office for sizing.

Please advise the office if you do not intend to order a Polo Shirt.

**SCHOOL CAMPS**

Year 4 10th - 12th November
Year 6 24th - 28th November

**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

- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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: 8:45-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm (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 now stock Drysdale Primary School Uniform. Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday and 9:00am-1:00pm Saturday. - Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Ps: Year 4 Kangaroobies—10th November-12th November
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3rd November—14th November

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Tasweld Geelong
45 Sun St, Moolap
Phone Charlie Benson 0401 036 992
‘for all of your welding needs’
The Year 5 camp, held last week at the Maldon Blue Light Youth Camp, was a resounding success. On behalf of the Year 5 teachers, I would like to thank the adults who accompanied the group on the camp, giving up their time to assist. Firstly, Jacqui Howells who took on the first aid responsibilities of the camp and shared her extensive professional knowledge and skills with us, Tess Colegrave and Alexandra Holloway who worked tirelessly with those students requiring some extra support, and Ingrid Blasco a young teacher volunteer. It is important to acknowledge the assistance of these people as they gave up their time to attend and their support ensured the camp ran smoothly. The teaching staff too should be congratulated as they give up their time and are away from their families in order to provide the opportunity for students to experience these amazing camps.

The students of Drysdale Primary once again represented our school with outstanding behaviour. Their polite approach to the camp staff was noted as well as their generally positive attitudes to all activities. In particular, camp staff commented on the resilience and tenacity of the students who were challenged by a mishap on the bikes or the terrain of the tracks. The manager of the camp praised the preparation of the students for riding on the road and difficult surfaces. He made comment that their road awareness and ability to ride in an organised and safe manner set them apart from many other school groups and was a direct result of our Bike Education program.

It was an absolute pleasure being a part of this group and I am confident if you speak to any of the students who attended the camp, they will have only positive things to say. - Lucy Croxford

YEAR 5C STUDENT COMMENTS:
Thursday was the best day because all the activities that we did (rock wall climbing, archery, mini golf and the obstacle course) were great fun.—Emily

I extremely loved Thursday because of the activities we did. Wednesday was the hardest day of riding but it was awesome fun.—Paris

The lolly shop and the long bike ride to Muckleford and back were my favourite things.—Lachlan

My favourite part was the lolly shop and archery. The bike riding was challenging but fun.—Angus

Overall it was my favourite camp and I pushed myself for the bike riding on Wednesday and never gave up.—Tahlia

The best thing at camp was the manager named Todd and the lolly shop. I liked the BMX track because I went through a huge puddle.—Tyla

I think that Thursday night was the best because we go to play games and dance to lots of music. I really liked the BMX track because it was a lot of fun and the track around the camp was good too.—Kayley

I liked the ‘formal dinner’ on Thursday because I go to partner with one of my best friend. I really liked riding around the track at the camp because of the view of the town area.—Harmonie

The rock climbing was awesome fun and the BMX track was good too.—Bailey

I liked playing basketball during free time and also the BMX track because I got ‘air time’ off one of the jumps and landed in a mud puddle.—Zac

I liked the Trivia night because we won and also the BMX track because of all the bumps and the ride there and back.—Will

I liked the obstacle course because it was challenging and fun. The ride on the Red, White and Blue track was good fun. We went yabbying, made damper and built bush shelters.—Joshua

My favourite ride was to Muckleford. It was really long but we stopped and the steam train went over the top of us while we were under the bridge. The food at the camp was fantastic.—Christian

My favourite part of the camp was the rock climbing and the Muckleford ride because it was so long. It took us all day and we had lunch at the Muckleford station.—Paddy

The camp was indescribable. It was amazing with all the things we got to do and I wish I could go back. —Tegan

My favourite part was the rock climbing because I was really quick at climbing all four walls including the really tough one. The best part of the bike riding was coming up the hills because I had to challenge myself to make it up.—Demi