Dear Parents,

**Camp**

Last week our senior students were away on camp. The Year 5’s visited Maldon for their Bike Camp while the Year 6 students travelled to Canberra. I have had very positive reports of both camps from children, staff and parents. It is particularly good to hear how many members of the public in Maldon and Canberra commented to our staff about the attitude and manners of our children while they were away.

Camp is a very important part of the education programs that we offer at Drysdale. The children face many challenges to set alongside the new experiences. Not least of the challenges is to be increasingly independent. For the majority of the children this is the longest that they have been away from their extended family and in a lot of cases for the Year 6 children, the furthest they have travelled away from Drysdale. This takes a lot of self confidence and resilience. In partnership with parents, these are qualities that we spend a lot of time helping and encouraging the children to develop through the You Can Do It program as well as in their responses to many school based experiences. It is a development which starts in Prep and continues throughout the children's time at Drysdale so that they are best prepared for the transition to secondary school and then on into adult life.

I would like to acknowledge the staff who accompanied our camps. The responsibility of looking after other people's children is immensely draining but something that staff are keen to do in the knowledge that it is such an important part of the children’s development and something that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

**Year 2 Sleepover**

Earlier this week I was approached by a group of very well mannered and articulate children from Year 2 who had written some persuasive letters asking if we could extend our camp program to include a Year 2 sleepover at school one night before the end of this term. I think this is an excellent idea only matched by the quality of the children’s writing. We will inform parents of Year 2 children in more detail of this event shortly.

**Drysdale Market**

The market is organised by the school and runs through the summer to the end of May. This is a very important part of the school’s fundraising as well as being a brilliant community event. I would like to thank the school councillors who give up their Sunday mornings a couple of times each season to make this happen.

**2014 School Council and Parents & Friends**

As we come towards the end of the school year this is a good time to think about involvement with a couple of significant groups within the school’s parent community. The School Council meets monthly to oversee the school’s strategic direction and effectiveness. Standing for election as a parent representative is a great way of deepening your involvement in the school’s journey from being an excellent school to one that is outstanding in everything we offer the children.

Our Parents and Friends Group has a different but no less important role. All parents are automatically members of the Parents and Friends of the school. A smaller group meet monthly after assembly to plan the many wonderful events that happen each year. Anyone who is keen to help with fundraising and with drawing together the parent community might consider joining these meetings.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- **4-15 Nov.** Yrs.1 & 2 Swimming
- **6 Nov.** PSW Uniform Shop 8:30am & 2:45pm Preps to Werribee Zoo
- **7 Nov.** 9:30-10:30am 2014 Preps Orientation Session
- **8 Nov.** 9:30-10:30am 2014 Preps Orientation Session
- **11-13 Nov** Yr. 4 Camp Kangarooobie
- **12 Nov.** School Council
- **13 Nov.** PSW Uniform Shop 8:30am & 2:45pm
- **14 Nov.** 9:30-10:30am 2014 Preps Orientation Session
- **15 Nov.** PSW Uniform Shop 9:30-10:30am Fresh Fruit Duty: 6C, 6P, 6S
- **17 Nov.** Drysdale Market
- **18 Nov.** Parents & Friends 9:30am – Meeting
- **20 Nov.** 9:30-10:30am 2014 Preps Orientation Session PSW Uniform Shop 8:30-10:30am Yr. 6 Blue Light Disco
- **22 Nov.** Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep C, Prep M
- **26 Nov.** Yrs. 5 & 6 Resuscitate a Mate
- **27 Nov.** PSW Uniform Shop 8:30am & 2:45pm
- **29 Nov.** Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep E, Prep W

**STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2014**

Could parents of 2014 Year 1 to Year 6 students who will NOT be attending Drysdale Primary School in 2014, please notify the school as soon as possible. This information will help the school in planning for 2014.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- **President:** Neil Searle
- **Vice President:** Rebecca Smith
- **Treasurer:** Phil Dunlop-Moore
- **Secretary:** Michelle Powell
- **Members:** Joanne Black, Mitchell Sinnott, Clare Goodier, Andrea Hoogwerf, Felicity James, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Paul Rawson, Selma Tron, Stephen Barry, Samantha Schepisi.

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
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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**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 FRIDAYS**
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 8th November, we are asking for volunteers from Year 5B, 5D and 5K. 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.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE
Mention Drysdale Primary School at Drysdale Bakers Delight and the school will receive 5%. We have recently received funds as a result of this from Bakers Delight which will be put toward our Integration Life Skills Program. Thank you.

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.

BETHANY SAVER PLUS
WOULD $500 assist you with education costs?
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons. Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.
You may be eligible if you or your partner:
• have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
• are at least 18 years old
• have some regular income from work
• have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself
To find out more contact Amanda Vernon, Saver Plus at Bethany Community Support on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

WOORABINDA CAMP
Woorabinda Camp payments are due by next Friday 15th November for those selected students that will be attending the camp.

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.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

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

FUNDRAISING EVENING
Parents and Friends will be holding a fundraising evening at “GIFT HAVEN” gift shop Drysdale. 20% of the takings as well as the raffle proceeds are being donated to the school. Please leave your name at the office, if you are interested, by Tuesday 12th November, as numbers are limited. Dates and time to be advised.

CANTEEN NEWS

YEAR 1 SWIMMING PROGRAM
Just a reminder that Year 1 children can still submit a lunch order even though the swimming program is running.

YEARS 1 & 2 SWIMMING TIMETABLE
4th November—15th November

YEAR 1
Years 1C, 1L Leave 10:35am Return 12:15pm
Years 1R, 1S Leave 11:30am Return 1:15pm
In the Pool:
Year 1C 11:00-11:30am
Year 1L 11:30-12:00noon
Year 1R 12:00-12:30pm
Year 1S 12:30-1:00pm

YEAR 2
Years 2A, 2S Leave 12:30pm Return 2:15pm
Years 2B, 2V Leave 1:30pm Return 3:15pm
In the Pool:
Year 2A 1:00-1:30pm
Year 2S 1:30-2:00pm
Year 2B 2:00-2:30pm
Year 2V 2:30-3:00pm
Don’t forget to bring your own goggles and cap

ALL SPORTING TOPS
All Sporting Tops: Athletics, Soccer, T-Ball, Football, and Basketball need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you. —Mr Campbell

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES
Junior School Council students will be selling Poppies for $2 and $5, Wristbands for $3 and Bag Tags for $4.
The students will be selling these items at recess and lunch time.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Representatives from Drysdale Primary School will participate in the Drysdale RSL Remembrance Day Service at the Drysdale Cenotaph and RSL Hall on Monday 11th November. There will be a wreath laying ceremony followed by a sausage sizzle for those students attending.
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

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It is important for young families to be aware of Orthodontic problems that are often apparent from about the age of seven. Early orthodontic treatment can help correct dental problems and also help minimize extensive treatment at an older age. All our consultations are free and no referral from a dentist is required.
On Monday last week the Grade 6’s went to Canberra. We all had a great time and we all enjoyed looking at the main attractions like Parliament House and Questacon. I really enjoyed this camp and my favourite part was Cockington Green.—Lachie 6S

Canberra Camp was the most amazing thing of the whole experience at Drysdale Primary School. It was so much fun. The food was great and I loved all of the food. I made my own breakfast burger called The McHendo. I just can’t believe how amazing the six metre slides drop off was at Questacon. Out of all the places we went my favourite was The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).—Ben 6S

Canberra camp, WOW where to start, there was just so much to do. The things I mostly enjoyed were: Questacon, AIS and bowling. I give Canberra Camp 10 out of 10! I would like to do it again. I would take my family to have a look at the big experience I had at Canberra Camp 2013.—Jess 6C

Last week we went to camp at Canberra. My favourite part was A.I.S but I thought it would be better but I still liked it. The accommodation was really nice and the food was amazing and I would like to thank all of the teachers for making this happen.—Will 6S
Something I will never forget is the amazing, crazy disco on the night of my birthday because it was crazy and nearly everyone was dancing. —Caitlyn 5K

Something that made me laugh was when Corey and Jack put on my scream mask and tried to scare the rest of the cabin. —Bailey M 5K

My jaw hit the ground when Lucien climbed up the rock wall in about 10 seconds. —Callum 5D

Something I am proud of is beating the train on our ride back from Muckleford. —Aprilla 5D

Something that I learnt about myself was that I can ride really far distances. —Tom L 5B

The first thing I told mum and dad when I got home was how I made it back on the Muckleford ride. —Milly 5B