Dear Parents,

SMART GEELONG RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

I am delighted to let you know that the school has been nominated as one of the SMART Geelong Network’s Researcher of the Year finalists for our Co-Maths partnership with Leopold Primary School and Mandama Primary School. Our partnership is looking into the most effective ways of accelerating children’s learning in Mathematics in Years 3 and 4. Each term, teachers from Drysdale have been working in a trio of teachers with a partner from Leopold and a partner from Mandama. Together they are jointly planning a Mathematics lesson which one of the teachers uses in the following days while being observed by the other two teachers. They then review the lesson and the outcomes for the children so that we can refine our understanding of which elements had the greatest effect on creating accelerated learning. It has been our school’s turn to host the teachers from our partner schools this term. Collaborative Learning in Mathematics (CoMaths) relies strongly on the collaborative element. I would like to commend the engagement and dedication of the Year 3 and 4 teachers who have participated in the project this year as well as the staff and Principals from our partner schools.

If you would like to read more about this award and the other research projects, please follow this link to the Geelong Advertiser’s news site. http://www.geelongadvertiser.com.au/news/geelong/smart-geelong-researcher-of-the-year-finalist

TERM 4 EVENTS

Term 4 is a very busy and active term for children and staff. Our camp program is well under way with the Year 3 and 5 children having completed their camps and the Year 4s away this week. We also hold a variety of other events and excursions such as the Prep children’s visit to Werribee Zoo and the Year 3 to 5 Swimming Carnival held last Friday. With Ms Laing and the Year 4s away on camp this week, we will announce swimming results and celebrate those achievements in assembly next Monday. What impresses me most about Drysdale children’s involvement with camps, excursions and other events is the excellence of their behaviour and determination to make the most of the opportunities available to them. As teachers we have the privilege of being able to observe the children while they are unaware that we are watching. This allows us to see how naturally kind and considerate they are both to their peers and members of the public. This is truly impressive and makes it a pleasure to be involved with such an amazing school. I would like to thank the teachers and parents who support these events and make them so special for the children each year.

CLASS AND TEACHER PREFERENCES FOR 2015

Thank you to everyone who has made a request for their child’s teacher for next year. We are now well into the process of constructing class groups for 2015. Consequently I am no longer able to receive requests—the deadline was last Friday. This is a complex process as we aim to place every child in the class where we believe that they will learn best while maintaining a balance of gender, age, friendship groups and abilities. Although it does complicate the process considerably, I believe that it is right that parents are able to express their preferences as partners in their children’s learning. We do try to meet parents’ requests but this is not always possible. Generally we are able to meet about 80% of requests.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014

Our School Captains and other student leaders have been attending events in Drysdale to mark Remembrance Day, the anniversary of the end of the First World War. They are representing the school with dignity and honour. Being a part of the Drysdale community is very important to the school and secures the children’s connection to their home town and its history.

Class,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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NETBOOK INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 6-7 P.M.
FOR YEAR 4 PARENTS

SEN T HOME LAST WEEK:

- Booklist for 2015
- Current Financial Statement
- Guide to School Costs for 2015
- Religious Instruction Form to be returned by Friday 14th November. One Form per family. Forms only need to be returned if parents want their child/ren to participate.

Could parents of 2014 Preps to Year 5 students who will NOT be attending Drysdale Primary School in 2015, please notify the school as soon as possible.

This information will help the school in planning for 2015.
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.

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| Centrepay        | Centrelink will take payments out of your fortnightly benefit and give it to the school. This can be done as a once off or on a regular basis. | You can apply for Centrepay deductions:  
  - on line at http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/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 card 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 14th November we are asking for volunteers from Prep T and Prep H. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOST DOG—RUFOUS IS MISSING
Picked up by 8-11 year old and mother travelling in Mermaid Ave, Ocean Grove at 7:30pm in a small white older car on Sat. 25th Oct. Contact Kim on 0448 980 869 if anyone knows where my Rufous is. Reward offered. Thank you.

LIGHTING OF ICONIC FLOATING CHRISTMAS TREE
Frid. 21st Nov. 8:15-9:15pm near the Carousel Waterfront Geelong. The Mayor Darryn Lyons invites family and friends to this historic moment.

COMMUNITY PLAY HOT SHOTS—DRYSDALE TENNIS CLUB
4 week program Wed. 12th, 19th, 26th Nov. & 3rd Dec. 4-5pm or Frid. 14th, 21st, 28th Nov. & 5th Dec. 4-5pm. Cost $2 per week at Collins St, Drysdale. Bookings through Kerry Ph: 0400 078 337 or email: drysdalecomputers@bigpond.com

No equipment needed. Bring hat and water bottle.

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 or http://www.starfishnippers.com.au

DEMONS DAY
Sun. 7th Dec. 10am-1pm Portarlington Recreation Reserve. Celebration Junior Football with skill clinics, specialist coaching sessions, jumping castle, prizes, free BBQ lunch and more. Details: Carla Smith Ph: 0481 169 266 or Steve Ph: 0407 861 955 or email pdfnc@hotmail.com

2015 VICSWIM
5 Jan.-23 Jan. VicSwim Summer Kids Program Flyers at the School Office or visit www.vicswim.com.au

Last week we had several discussions regarding “Sophakama”, an organisation that supports vulnerable primary school children in South Africa. The students developed their awareness of the South African culture and contributed to a discussion about how we can make positive changes to the world! There were some great suggestions including cleaning up the environment. In the following weeks we will be creating some hand made gifts to send to the children at a Sophakama After School Care program. We look forward to seeing the creations.

If you would like to register your children for OSHC or book in, visit www.campaustralia.com.au or call Camp Australia Customer Service on 1300 105 343. Please note: The mobile number at Drysdale Primary OSHC is 0404 427 452. If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to approach either Mel, Lisa or Patricia, The Team at Drysdale OSHC

**GARDEN CLUB THANK YOU**

A big thank you from all the Garden Club to Jacqui Dalton for donating a voucher from the Bellarine Landcare Nursery, Amy Hopes for donating tap and hose fittings and Rachel Feldman for donating a collection of seeds. Also to the Clifton Springs Garden Club for their donation of a huge collection of vegetable and herb seedlings.

Photo is Olivia and Emily from 1F watering in our new seeds.

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

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Our Year 6 Art Show helpers enjoyed a Fish & Chip lunch in the Art Room this week. Thank you to the following children for all of their amazing help before and after the Art Show. Letitia, Sian, Marnie, Louis, Lucas, Jaime, Tijana, Aisha, Monique, Jasmin, Mercedes, Lucien and Anthony. We couldn’t have done it without you.

- Melinda & Liz, Visual Art Teachers

**NUDE FOOD AWARDS**

The winners for the Year Level Awards (from Prep-Year 2) is 1L and (from Years 3-6) is 5D. Individual Winners (from Prep-Year 2) is Micah 2C 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!

**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

**POLO SHIRTS - YR.5 PARENTS**

Year 6 (2015) Polo Shirt Orders were sent home last week. The form and money is due back by this 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.

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**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.

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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
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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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.

For all of your welding needs

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Drysdale Soccer Club
0408 109 647 - Marti  0414 461112 - Paul
www.drysdalesc.com.au
- Junior soccer training 6:15pm at Clifton Springs Primary School Oval
- Boys and girls of all abilities very welcome
- Games in social competition Sunday mornings
- Provider of Outside Hours School Care soccer programs to your school
- We are proud supporters of Bravehearts

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