Dear Parents,

NETBOOK PROGRAM

We are holding a meeting this evening for parents of children currently in Years 3 and 4 to explain the school's Netbook program. After consultation with parents of children currently in Year 3, we have decided to extend this program to include next year's Year 4 children. The Netbook program increases the opportunities for children to harness the power of technology to enhance their learning. We have been able to identify a netbook suitable for the children's needs and sufficiently robust to last for three years at approximately the same cost as the one offered in the two year program for children in Years 5 and 6. This evening's meeting will run from 6pm until 7pm and will be held in the Year 6 classrooms.

2015 CURRICULUM

The teachers have been very busy working on revisions to the curriculum we teach. As the Australian curriculum is introduced for each subject, teachers need to look again at how and when we teach the different elements. This work internally is almost complete, which means that there will be some changes to the curriculum for 2015. Parents and children will notice this most in some changes to the topics, themes, excursions and projects completed, especially in the older year groups. For example, the Australian science curriculum requires schools to teach a broader range of science in primary schools under these headings, physics, chemistry, biology and earth sciences. This presents some challenges to primary schools that do not have specialist science facilities. As year group teams identify appropriate excursions and projects to complement their curriculum programs, we will let parents know.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014

Our School Leaders attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Drysdale Cenotaph last Tuesday. Both our School Captains presented readings. Other school leaders lay flowers on behalf of the school community. The ceremony was well attended with representatives from other local schools, members of the RSL and the Drysdale community coming together to reflect on the ending of the First World War on November 11th 1918.

Jaime Dumbell was asked by the local RSL to read the poem she wrote earlier in the year and first presented at this year's Lone Pine commemoration held annually at school in August. The local RSL was so impressed with the quality of Jaime’s writing that it has sent a copy of Jaime’s poem to the National RSL. We understand that other RSL sub branches across the country have learnt about Jaime’s poem and are using this in their own commemorations. This is a tremendous reflection of the quality of Jaime’s writing and one of the ways in which children at Drysdale Primary are able to shine with their special talent.

CUP CAKE SALE AND CASUAL DRESS DAY—TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

The Junior School Council are holding a Cup Cake stall and a Casual Dress Day tomorrow to raise money to support Mercedes Gow McCarthy. Mercedes in Year 6 is travelling to Brazil over the summer to represent Australia as part of the Children's International Summer Villages program. This program sends four ambassadors from each participating country to meet children of the same age from across the world to learn more about each other's countries and cultures. In a generation when the world feels smaller as communication and travel become quicker and easier, there is an increased emphasis on developing inter-continental understanding. Emily McCarthy in Year 2 is competing in the National Karate Championships in Brisbane. This is an amazing opportunity for a very talented girl who deserves our support as she represents our community. The cup cakes will be on sale in both the Infant area and outside the Year 6 rooms.at recess time. Gold coin donations for wearing Casual Dress can be handed to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support of these two children.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

NETBOOK INFORMATION NIGHT
TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 6-7 P.M.
FOR YEARS 3 & 4 PARENTS

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

CANTEEN SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER
PREPS ONLY
NEXT TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
RETURN FORM BY THIS FRIDAY
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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FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. On Friday 21st November we are asking for volunteers from Prep M and Prep W. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

MOWING LIST

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There will be a change in staff in the OSHC program over the coming weeks as I (Mel) have sadly resigned from my position as Coordinator. I am sad to be leaving as I have enjoyed working with all of the students in the OSHC program. Lisa will be taking over the role as Coordinator so hopefully there will be minimal impact on the service. If anyone has any queries or comments please do not hesitate to contact Mel on 0404 427 452 to discuss these.

On a lighter note, last week we had truffle making, jelly making and pancake making activities. We enjoyed eating these all week :). We have been learning about South African culture in relation to our Sophakama project. Soon we will be creating some hand made gifts to send to the children attending the Sophakama After School Care program!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

RUN GEELOONG

Sun.23rd Nov. Proceeds to help build the new Special Care Nursery at Geelong Hospital. Sign up at www.runaustralia.com.au

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

JUNIOR SURVIVOR LORNE

Sat.6th Dec. 3:30pm at Lorne Foreshore for kids aged up to 13 yrs. A 4km run and obstacle adventure challenge. Cost $34 includes T Shirt. Brochures at school office. Enter online at: www.LorneAdventureFest.com.au

GKR—GO—KAN—RYU KARATE

Assessment of students participating in our after school activity program. Yellow Tip Grading and Registration Mon.1st Dec. 3:45-4:45pm at Drysdale P.S. in school gym. Free uniform if you register on the day. $95—4 month trial. Details: Lisa 0432 015 294— Martial Arts Instructor.
Congratulations to the following students:

Mia Prep M  Daisy 3S
Axel Prep T  Jack 3H
Ryder 1L  Stephanie 6S
Sonni 2B

**LAST BOOK CLUB FOR 2014**

This issue of Book Club is the last issue for the year. It is a perfect opportunity to pick up any Christmas presents for those who are hard to buy for! Orders can be collected from the office if you wish for your child not to see the purchases made. Please ensure you have this noted on your order form. Orders are to be submitted by the due date of THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER.

**GENERAL REMINDERS**

**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.

**PAYMENTS**
The school office will not be open for payments in the last week of this term (15th—18th December). Please make sure you finalize your payments prior to this. Thank you.

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4**
Thursday 18th December, 3:30p.m. finish.
Friday 19th December is a Pupil Free Day.

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This Wednesday 19th November the Year 6 area will be holding a cake stall over recess to assist one of their classmates Mercedes who is heading off to Brazil over the holiday break as part of CISV. The Cake Stall will be set up in the Infant area and outside the Year 6 rooms.

Cupcakes will be $1 each.

Many thanks from Mercedes & her class mates.

**CAKES**
Monday 15th December, 3:00-3:45pm, Canteen area.

Laundered items of uniform are gratefully received.

Thank you.

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**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

**PRIVATE 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
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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

Axe Welding

Mick & Megan
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5251 2639  0408 089 373
Email: aoewelding@bigpond.com
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PORTZ KEBAB ARAMA COFFEE HOUSE
38 Newcombe Street Portarlington
52591115 facebook
Last week, on Remembrance Day, Jaimie, Louis, Maeve, Mason, Imogen, Caitlyn and I participated in the Remembrance Day Service at the Drysdale Cenotaph. I read the poem “Flanders Fields” by John McRae. Jaimie read the poem that she wrote, “Remember” and Caitlyn read the poem “Not in Vain”. We laid flowers and a wreath on the Cenotaph for the soldiers who lost their lives in battle.

It was a really emotional experience and a great honour to be a part of the service. Geoff Wisbey, the RSL President, after the main service, told all of the students about Percy Herbert Cherry, V.C. He was one of the many soldiers born in Drysdale. He was a hero that saved his men and gave the ultimate sacrifice. It was a sad, heart-warming story.
YEAR 4V

OBSTACLE COURSE OF LIFE
‘OMG, is that kanga poo!’ - Lachlan

CAMP KANGAROOBIE
‘Kangarooobie obstacle course is very muddy’ - Isabelle

OBSTACLE COURSE
‘Star of the show’ - Noa

KID MAKES IT THROUGH BUSH GAMES
‘A squirt of water can change you for the rest of your life’ - Ryan

KANGAROOBIE COURSES
‘Oh my god, there’s kanga wee there’ - Taylor

THE FATTEST PIG IN THE WORLD
‘It’s butt tasted like rotten bacon’ - Coby

KISING A PIG’S BUTT
‘It didn’t taste like bacon’ - Olivia

KID MAKES IT TO THE END
‘Yes I’ve made it to the end of the obstacle course’ - Georgia

YEAR 4D

‘The roughest Bush Games’
‘I crawled through Kangaroo Poo!’
‘I rolled around in Kangaroo Poo’
‘Bush Games bust’
‘Moo Moo Oink Oink’
‘The best camp’
‘Camp Kangarooobie Moo, Moo, Moo’
‘I had to go down a waterslide and land in a pit of MUD’
‘The pain of the mud pit of misery’
‘The funny Bush Games’
‘It tasted like Bacon’

SURVIVING KANGAROOBIE
‘I can’t believe I crawled through mud’ - Tahli

SURVIVING THE BUSH GAMES
‘A squirt of water can get you very wet’ - Baylee

OBSTACLE COURSE
‘What a challenge’ - Jessica

CANOEING
‘Walking across the canoes was hard but I made it’ - Bridie

KANGAROOBIE OBSTACLE
‘OMG, the slide was so soaking’ - Sam

OBSTACLE COURSE
‘A mud pit of misery’ - Phoebe

THE SLIDE OF SORROW
‘Down we go’ - April

THE 2,000 ACRE FARM
‘It sure is a big one’ - Midian

THE BUSH GAMES
‘Fantastic’ - Bethany
Tuesday 18th November 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM 2015**

In 2015 we will continue to run two week intensive swimming programs at Portarlington Pool, for all year levels throughout the year. Due to the cost of running these programs, we are seeking expressions of interest from parents who wish for their children to participate in the swimming program. This will help us structure a cost effective program designed to accommodate the number of students participating. This is an important part of your child’s education and is included in the current AusVels physical education curriculum. We strongly recommend your child’s participation in the swimming program.

**PROPOSED SWIMMING LESSON DATES 2015**

- **Years 5/6 Program**
  - February 2nd – February 13th
- **Years 3/4 Program**
  - June 15th – June 26th
- **Prep Program**
  - October 5th – October 16th
- **Years 1/2 Program**
  - November 2nd – November 13th

Please note dates are subject to change.

Please return the form below by **FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 2014** to the office.

Regards

Andrea Laing
Physical Education

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**SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM 2015**

Please return this slip to the office by Friday 28th November, 2014

My child/ren ___________________________________________ of Year/s (2014) ____________

☐ will be participating in the School Swimming lessons in 2015.

☐ will not be participating in School Swimming lessons in 2015.

Parent Signature: __________________________________________