Dear Parents,

**END OF TERM**

Please look carefully at the dates for your diary immediately below. This informs you of the key events happening in the last three weeks of the year. In particular please note that Friday December 19th is a pupil free day meaning that the school year for students finishes on Thursday December 18th. The first day of the 2015 school year, Wednesday December 28th, is also a pupil free day as it is in all Victorian government schools.

**STAFFING UPDATE**

James Field has decided that he is not going to return to Drysdale Primary in 2015. Damian Van Wyk has also told me that he is taking a year’s leave from Drysdale Primary in 2015. On Wednesdays and Thursdays Ingrid Blasco will share the teaching of one of the Year 2 classes with Danielle Thompson. Ingrid has been working with Amy Wright in her Prep grade during this year. We will continue to offer our Indonesian program for children in years Prep to 3.

**STAFF CAR PARK**

Please can I remind everyone that the staff car park on Clifton Springs Road is for staff only and is not a drop off area for children. I understand the pressure of finding a place to park in the morning and afternoon. However, children who have been dropped off on Clifton Springs Road and staff who have parked there, are walking through that car park. We nearly had an accident in that car park late last week when a parent who had dropped her children off drove through the car park too quickly without paying enough attention to the children and adults on foot.

**ALP ELECTION PROMISE TO DRYSDALE PRIMARY**

The ALP made a commitment to the school to spend $3 million dollars replacing eight of our temporary classrooms (Prep and Year 5) and refurbishing those in the senior wing. I shall be making contact with Lisa Neville and James Merlino who announced this commitment at school to congratulate them and ask when this will happen. It would help reinforce the importance of upgrading the classrooms to match the quality of teaching, if other parents were also willing to write and ask this question.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**REMININDERS**

ALL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS TO BE FINALISED BY FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
REPORTS HOME: TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
YR.6 GRADUATION: TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER
TERM 1 COMMENCES: THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2015

**CANTEEN SPECIAL LUNCH ORDERS**

YEAR 2 ONLY—WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
YEARS 3 & 4—TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER
RETURN FORM BY THIS FRIDAY
YEARS 5 & 6—WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

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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.
COMMUNITY NEWS

DRIYSDALE PRE SCHOOL—2015/2016 ENROLMENTS
We have vacancies for 2015 in our 3 & 4 year old groups. Forms available from: the Pre School 1/25 Eversley Street, Drysdale Ph: 52531663 or visit website: www.drysdalepreschool.org.au or contact Geelong Kindergarten Association Ph: 5273 0202.

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

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

SARAH’S CHRISTMAS CARROLLS
Sarah Carroll invites her students to perform at the 5th Annual Christmas Carrolls at the Piping Hot Chicken Shop, Ocean Grove on Sun.Dec.21st, 3-6pm. Gold coin entry. Reserve a place by contacting: Ben, Mikayla on 5255 1566 or Sarah at school.

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

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. This Friday 5th December will be the last for this year, we are asking for volunteers from 2B, 2C, 2S and 2V. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.
Our Newsletter is available to view online. The Website is: www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE
Monday 15th December, 2:45-3:30pm in the Canteen area.
Laundered items of uniform are gratefully received.
Thank you.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP
Buy and sell secondhand uniforms. Brochure enclosed with this Link. Visit: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

OUR NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE. THE WEBSITE IS: www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au

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.

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SPECIAL LUNCH ORDERS
Year 2—Wednesday 3rd December
Years 3 & 4—Tuesday 9th December (order due by 5th Dec.)
Years 5 & 6—Wednesday 10th December (due by 5th Dec.)

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
Last Canteen day for the year. There will be limited stock available.

THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY, 2015
The School Canteen will be open for 2015.

SECOND HAND STORE
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

PHILLIP HUGHES
Two of our Year 6 students, Bailey and Alex, have instigated the 'put your bat out' campaign here at school in honour of Phillip Hughes.

TW ILES R M S C H.
Congratulations to all those parents and students taking the challenge to walk or ride to school. Hope you are enjoying it. We have about 20-25 percent of students actively coming to school, either walking or riding. Please keep going, and encourage a friend or neighbour to come with you. If you have some ideas or issues with your route, please let me know. - Kate Lockart, Travelsmart Co-ordinator

STUDENT BANKING
Our last Banking morning will be next Tuesday 9th December. Some rewards are running out of stock, but they will be delivered in term one next year.
Thank you to our volunteer parents who have provided this service to our students this year.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
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Thank you.

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

Our Newsletter is available to view online. The Website is: www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au
Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?

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- 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
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drysdale@helloworld.com.au
YEAR 6 IN CANBERRA
My favourite exhibition was the vertical slide and all the small science activities to try out. For all the people going to Canberra camp next year, be exited. It's amazing.—Laura 6S

My favourite part of Canberra was Questacon. It was my favourite because it had heaps of interactive things and magic tricks.—Lottee 6S

My favourite part was the visit to AIS and the gymnasium because all the stuff that gymnasts use was set up and it was really cool.—Taylah 6S

Parliament House was amazing, it looks really small in pictures but it was gigantic. When we were getting in the Parliament House we had to go through metal detectors. When we saw the roof top, the view was amazing! -Tijana 6S

On the second night of camp the teachers took the Year 6's to Disco Bowling. Over all, Disco Bowling with my best friends was AMAZING—thanks to the teachers who made this night possible.—Marnie, Steph & Ellie 6S

On the Wednesday the 26th of November we went to Questacon. Questacon is a science centre with interactive activities that make science fun. The Free Fall was the best, it was two storeys high and with a vertical drop slide.—Jaime & Fran

The Australian Institute of Sport was the thing I was waiting for the entire camp. I was so excited because I couldn’t wait to see where all of the famous Australian athletes started training. I learned that the average height of a volley baller is 6ft 8 because they have to jump higher than the net and spike the ball.—David 6S

The Australian Institute of Sport would have to be one of the most exciting places for me because we took a tour with an A.I.S. supported rugby player and an athletics specialist.—Hugh 6P

We had a lot of fun like visiting the Indonesian Embassy, National Film and Sound Archive, the Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon. At the Indonesian Embassy we watched a puppet show and music show. At the National Film and Sound Archive we went in a cinema and watched the first ever movie but it didn’t have sound but people at the National Film and Sound Archive put this really funny music in the background.—Kelly 6P

Geoscience was really fun. When we walked in I was awestruck by how many minerals and crystals there were in the room. We looked at the seismograph and we actually saw an earthquake recorded on it. The earthquake was in Indonesia and happened when we were speaking. It was amazing.—Sarah 6P

My favourite places to visit in Canberra were Questacon and The Australian War Memorial. It had lots of memorabilia from all the wars Australia has been involved in. Questacon had interactive science exhibits. I enjoyed both of them the most out of all the places we visited in Canberra and thought they were highlights of the camp.—Callum 6P

On the Year 6 camp we went to the Australian Institute of Sport. It was my favourite part out of the whole camp because I enjoyed what my tour guide said and the sights I saw. My favourite part of the tour was when we went into the gymnasium.—Campbell 6P

Canberra camp 2014 was so cool, interesting and so much fun! I loved everything about it, where we went and what we did. I learnt so much about parliament from Parliament House and Old Parliament House. I learnt about voting, the debating, the advertising and the amount of work and time that goes into it.—Amy 6P

My favourite part was that is was my birthday and the visit to Parliament House. Questacon has to be my favourite place. There was a lot of different rooms full of fun facts and exciting experiments that you can do—each one is different to the last.—Jeavyn 6P

My favourite part of camp was when the small bus broke down twice. The first time was when we were going up Black Mountain to the Telstra Tower and we were stuck there for 10 minutes. So the big bus had to come, pick us up and take us to Telstra Tower. I had a lot of fun at Telstra Tower with my friends.—Tom 6P

We went to the Indonesian Embassy where we learnt about Indonesia and their culture. We watched a puppet show and listened to some music. I learnt a lot and I would definitely take mum and dad there some time.—Bella 6P

We went to Questacon and we saw lots of scientific things. We saw a holographic image, 3D shadow, a super powerful magnet that could make other magnets float in mid-air, a 6 metre drop and a lot of other things I don’t need to mention.—James 6P

At Questacon my favourite thing was called the Phantom Hand. It is kind of hard to explain, but it will freak you out and make science seem awesome.—Chloe 6P

At Questacon my favourite thing to see was the lighting chamber where they had a machine that created lightning. There was also a machine that created a tornado so we could see how they work.—Thomas 6P