Dear Parents,

**STAFF NEWS**

Steve Barry has been seconded by the Regional Office to become the Acting Principal of another primary school a little bit outside our immediate area for Term 1 in 2015. I would like to congratulate Steve on this temporary appointment which is a recognition of his skills and ability. This means that we have had to make some changes to the staffing arrangements. Tara van Winckel and Selma Tron will lead and manage the Integration Program while Steve is on secondment.

Our fourth Year 3 class will now be taught for the first six weeks by Clair Norris pending a permanent appointment to the position. Clair has taught both Wendy Butteriss’ class and Trent Stephens class for extended periods of time this year. So she knows both the children and the school. Katrina Campbell is taking a period of long service leave at the beginning of Term 1 next year. Her class will be taught by Denise Dean prior to Denise beginning her family leave.

**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS**

I would like to acknowledge and thank the team of volunteers led by Naomi Avery who have faithfully come into school every Friday to cut up the fruit for the children to eat. There’s usually lots of laughter coming from the staff room while the fruit is being prepared, suggesting the volunteers are having fun too. Without this team we would not have been able to run the Fresh Fruit program. I would also like to thank Jacqui Dalton who has come in towards the end of school every Friday to clean the classes’ fruit tubs.

**STUDENT BANKING VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to our Student Banking helpers, Michelle Powell, Naomi Avery and Denise Kadenbach who have looked after this important part of the students’ experience at school for a number of years. Sue Harmer is taking over this responsibility for 2015 and has been supporting the team this term.

**SCHOOL FEES AND BOOK LIST**

Thank you to the many parents who have already paid their 2015 school fees or made arrangements to pay this by instalments. Details of these fees were sent home at the beginning of this term. Fees for 2015 remain at $150 per student which is one of the lowest in this area. If you have not yet done so, please can you return the blue book list form and the form indicating how you will be making the payment. This school fee covers essential educational items for your child. Thank you.

**END OF YEAR 2014**

As we come towards the end of this school year, please can I ask that each family begins to collect everything that needs to go home so that we are not left with too many jumpers, lunch boxes, hats and bags over the summer. During the long holidays, the school is thoroughly cleaned ready for the start of next year. This is a lot easier for our cleaners to manage, if most of the things which gather in school over the year have been reunited with their owners and taken home.

**PUPIL FREE DAYS**

Please can I remind everyone that there is a Pupil Free Day next Friday, December 19th, as has been on the list of dates for some time. This means that the children’s last day in school this year is Thursday December 18th. Although this is the last day for children, school will finish at the normal time of 3.30pm. In common with all government schools, we will be having a further Pupil Free Day on Wednesday January 28th, 2015. This means that school restarts in 2015 for children on Thursday January 29th. There will be an assembly next Monday morning at 9 am as usual as well as an end of year assembly on Thursday morning at 9am.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

10 Dec.  Yrs.5 & 6 Canteen Special Lunch Order
10 Dec.  Yr.1 CERES Environmental Centre
11 Dec.  Prep, Yr.1 & Yr.2 Athletics Carnival 9am-1pm, school oval
12 Dec.  C.R.E. Christmas Concert 9:10 a.m., in hall, all welcome
12 Dec.  Last day to finalise school accounts
15 Dec.  PSW Uniform Shop 8:45-9:15am & 3:15-3:45pm
15 Dec.  2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2:45-3:30pm
16 Dec.  Last Canteen day for the year
16 Dec.  Yr.3 Pizza Lunch
16 Dec.  Yr.4 Class Party
16 Dec.  Reports sent home
16 Dec.  Yr.6 Graduation
16 Dec.  Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10:40
17 Dec.  Prep end of year party, Drysdale Reserve
17 Dec.  Yr.6 Pizza Lunch
17 Dec.  Yr.2 Sleepover
17 Dec.  Yr.5 Bike Ride
18 Dec.  Last day of Term, 3:30pm finish
19 Dec.  Pupil Free Day—No School
21 Dec.  Drysdale Market

TERM 1 COMMENCES: THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2015 AT 9:00AM
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:  
- 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 on a regular basis. | 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. |

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS, FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
At Clifton Springs Primary School, Jetty Road, 5—9pm. A Christmas carnival featuring live entertainment, food, drinks, pony rides, face painting, petting zoo, jumping castle, a nativity dress up photo booth and a visit from Santa.

SARAH’S CHRISTMAS CAROLS
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

GEELONG CAMP QUALITY SUPPORTER GROUP
Sun.Feb.15—A Family Day at Geelong Show Grounds—carnival rides, displays, live music. Free entry. School children can gather at Eastern Gardens, Ryrie St to cheer on the truckies and motorbikes where there will be a BBQ, face painting and magic performers.

REMINDERS

ALL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS TO BE FINALISED
BY FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE: MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER
2:45-3:30PM
REPORTS HOME: TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
YR.6 GRADUATION: TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

TERM 1: THURS. 29TH JAN. 2015—27 MARCH
TERM 2: 13 APRIL—26 JUNE
TERM 3: 13 JULY—18 SEPTEMBER
TERM 4: 5 OCTOBER—18 DECEMBER

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.

If you would like to register your children for OSHC or book in, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://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 Lisa or Patricia, - The Team at Drysdale OSHC

Our Newsletter is available to view online. 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](http://www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au)
**Principal’s Awards**

Congratulations to the following students:
- James Prep H
- Sienna Prep W
- Hollie 1K
- Luke 3B
- Ryan 3S
- Ruby 4C
- Emilia 4D
- Harmonie 5C
- Darcy 6S

- Well done!

**Canteen**

**SPECIAL LUNCH ORDERS**
Years 5 & 6—Wednesday 10th December.

**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.

**Christmas Concert**

The C.R.E. Christmas Concert for C.R.E. students will be held in the hall on Friday 12th December at 9:10 a.m. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Parents & Friends**

**Secondhand Uniform Sale**
Monday 15th December, 2:45-3:30pm in the Canteen area.
Launched items of uniform are gratefully received.
Thank you.

**Sustainable School Shop**
Buy and sell secondhand uniforms. Brochure is available from the school or visit: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

**General Reminders**

**Wearing of Hats—Sunsmart School**
The children are required to wear hats during recess, lunchtime and other outdoor activities.

**Any change of address/phone/email details?**
Please advise the office if you have had any changes to your details so that we can update our records.
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.

**Last Day of Term 4**
Thursday 18th December, 3:30p.m. finish.
Friday 19th December is a Pupil Free Day.

**First School Day—2015**
Thursday 29th January, 2015 at 9 a.m.

**All Sporting Tops**

All Sporting Tops: Athletics, Soccer, T Ball, Football, and Basketball need to be returned to school before the end of the week.
Thank you. - Ms. Laing
• 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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