Dear Parents,

INTEGRATION MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING

Last week we completed our reallocation of management responsibilities following James Field’s request to take a year’s leave in 2014. The management of the Integration Program has been upgraded to an Assistant Principal level. Steve Barry who is trained in the Education Department’s Integration Program has taken on this responsibility for 2014. Given the importance and complexities of managing the Integration Program, even Steve can not do this and continue with his current portfolio of responsibilities. Following an internal appointment process, Joanne Black has been offered the role of Acting Assistant Principal and will take on those responsibilities next year. Steve remains the school’s Senior Assistant Principal and will revert to his current portfolio in 2015.

We have now appointed an Integration Aide team that is contracted to the school for as long as permitted under Education Department regulations. This will provide increased continuity for the children and families both from year to year and throughout the school year. The following will be our aide team from the beginning of 2014: Silvana Deans, Tessa O’Connor, Tessa Colegrave, Michelle Fox, Emily Baker and Cathy Mullen. This is an extremely experienced team with the two people not currently working at Drysdale coming to us from other settings bringing their experience and expertise with them. As a training school with a strong Integration Program, these six will be supplemented, as happens now, by two further appointments who will be completing their training in our school setting.

YEAR 3 TEACHER

Last week we appointed Josh Burnie to be our fourth Year 3 teacher for 2014. Many people will know Josh from his work with our Integration team over the last few years which he expertly juggled with his university commitments for teacher training. We are looking forward to Josh joining us officially in his different role and becoming part of a really strong Year 3 team alongside Trent Stephens, Mel Arter and Bec Hoyne.

PERFORMING ARTS SPECIALIST TEACHER (WEDNESDAYS)

Last week we also appointed Michelle Fitzgerald to teach our Performing Arts program on Wednesdays during 2014. Michelle has a lot of experience teaching Performing Arts and brings expertise in music and singing. Michelle is taking over from Chris Williams who has been offered more teaching at his main school. Kethly Kethly Hemsworth will continue teaching on the other four days of the week as she has in 2013.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

From February 2014 the organisation of the school’s Out of School Hours Care program will transfer to Camp Australia. Camp Australia have considerable experience and expertise running such programs. Our discussions with many local schools that have already made this switch is that the transition is smooth with few noticeable differences in operation for parents and children. The reasons that the school has made this decision are that there is a huge increase in the regulations surrounding the operation of Out of School Hours Care programs and the qualifications required by staff working in the program are increasing. Without transferring the program to an external provider, we did not feel confident that we could continue to run the program consistently. We recognise the importance of this program and want to guarantee its continuation. Once Camp Australia are up and running in 2014, they will also provide child care during the school’s Pupil Free days.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

11 Dec. PSW Uniform Shop 8:30am & 2:45pm
12 Dec. Yr.6 Adventure Park
13 Dec. Whole School Healthy Eating Walk
14 Dec. Fresh Fruit Duty: 1C,1L,1R,1S
15 Dec. CRE Christmas Concert
16 Dec. Last day for school accounts to be finalised
17 Dec. Last day of School 3:30pm Finish
18 Dec. PSW Uniform Shop 8:30pm & 2:45pm
19 Dec. Yr.6 Graduation
20 Dec. PSW Uniform Shop 8:30am & 2:45pm
21 Dec. Yr.6 Pizza Lunch
22 Dec. Yr.2 Sleep Over, 5:30pm in BER Building
23 Dec. Last Day of School 3:30pm Finish

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24 Dec. Pupil Free Day
25 Dec. Christmas Day
26 Dec. Boxing Day
27 Dec. Dollar Days
28 Dec. PSW Uniform Shop 10am-12noon
29 Dec. Pupil Free Day
30 Dec. Parents & Friends Meeting at Café Zoo, Drysdale
31 Dec. New Years Day
30 Jan. Yr.6 Graduation
31 Jan. Canteen Open
30 Jan. PSW Uniform Shop 8:30am & 2:45pm

REMINDERS

ALL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS TO BE FINALISED
BY FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
REPORTS HOME: TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
YR.6 GRADUATION: TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER
TERM 1 COMMENCES: THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2014, 9 A.M.

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.
**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 I 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**
Monday 16th December 10:00am—12:00noon
Tuesday 28th January 2014 10:00am—12:00noon
- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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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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**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

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**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**
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 13th December, we are asking for volunteers from 1C, 1L, 1R and 1S. 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**
Parents please check names on clothing to ensure you have your child’s/children’s clothing. Please make sure all clothing is clearly named with your child’s name. With the warmer weather children are removing their jumpers and leaving them outside. It is difficult to find the owners of clothing that is found if it is not named. Thank you.

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**CHECK CLOTHING**
The last Student Banking for the year is next Tuesday 17th December in the Staff Room at 9 a.m. In 2014 tokens will no longer be given out. They will be processed electronically. When 10 tokens are reached the student will be able to receive a reward. There will be one reward per term for those students that bank every week. More detailed information will be sent home in Term 1, 2014.

We are still in need of a volunteer to do Student Banking of a Tuesday morning. If you can help out, please leave your details at the office. Thank you.

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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.

**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.

**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.

**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. Thank you.

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**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.
Please come and join with the children for our annual Christmas Concert in the hall on FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER. All welcome!

PREPS, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2:  9:15 A.M.
YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6:  10:00 A.M.

Best wishes for Christmas from the CRE Staff

NEXT MEETING
Our next meeting is on Monday 16th December, 9:30am at Café Zoo, Drysdale, all welcome.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE—MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER
The final Secondhand Uniform Sale will be held on Monday 16th December at 3:15 pm in the Canteen area.

CANTENE INFORMATION
As this is the last week of term, the stock is limited. As a substitute, I will be supplying party pies if other items are not available. The last day for lunch orders will be this FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER.

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Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Christmas.

- Di Ward, Canteen Manageress

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SUPPORT MERCEDES AT DRYSDALE MARKET
Mercedes from 5D is having a Christmas Craft Stall at this week’s Drysdale Market. She is fund-raising to cover expenses for a CISV experience in Brazil in 13 months time, representing DPS. Pop down to her stall—there will be heaps of treats for $1/$2.

CISV International is a global organisation dedicated to educating and inspiring for peace through building inter-cultural friendship, co-operation and understanding. Their innovative, fun, non-formal peace education “learning by doing” programmes begin with their original and unique Summer Village programme for 11-year-olds.

Hey everyone—you guys are great at doing Nude Food, so keep up the awesome amazing work! Our Nude Food Winners for this week are: Celeste from 1S and Tess from 4D. Congratulations! The Bob and Sarah Awards go to 2A and 5D. Well done! Make sure you bring Nude Food every Tuesday to have a chance at winning a Bakers Delight Voucher.

Now for our Nude Food Joke:
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BUNGS—ADVENTURE HOSPITALITY PROGRAM
Activities: Adventure Park, Beach Days, Prof.Bunsen, Roaming Reptiles, Amaze N Games, Movies, Wool Museum, Bowling, Face painting and more.

CARING CAREER IN 2014
Start a Caring Career in 2014 in either Disability, Aged Care, Home and Community Care, Community Services or Mental Health. We will give you real skills and make you job ready! For more information, contact Karingal Training on 5249 6390 or visit www.karingaltraining.org.au

KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

CITY ART CLASSES HOLIDAY PROGRAM
For Prep—Yr 6. Mon.-Fri. Starts 2nd Jan.2014. Details from Eilish Wielens on 0423 639 579 or Email: eilish_1995@hotmail.com

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

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- Jessica 1L

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- Leisel 1L

On Friday the 6th December my grade, Mrs Lamb and I went to the wonderful Melbourne Zoo! I loved the cute and beautiful butterflies (they love yellow!) I really want to go to the butterfly house again. I also really liked the very clever seals, their names were Gordo and I can’t remember the other one, they are so very amazing. When I saw the elephants they were walking slowly because their baby died! On the way home I had a sleep.
- Alex 1L

On Friday we went to the Melbourne Zoo, my favourite part was the beautiful butterfly house. The monkeys were swinging very dangerously and quickly and I got lots and lots of butterflies on top of my hat. The butterflies were flying very quickly.
- Jennifer 1L
At the Melbourne Zoo, we saw the baboons with red bottoms. The otter swam safely. The tigers growled in a grizzly way. The best part was the clever seals. I loved the Melbourne Zoo!
By Tameeka 1C

At the Melbourne Zoo, we saw the meerkats standing like soldiers. The monkey was really lazy. My favourite part was the seal show because they were really tame and trained.
By Jack 1C

At the Melbourne Zoo, there were lots of animals. The seals swam fast. My favourite part was the seals waving.
By Macaulay 1C

At the Melbourne Zoo, we saw the seals. The seals waved happily. My favourite part was seeing the monkeys swing because they were really fast!
By Lily 1C

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By Tameeka 1C
Dear Drysdale Primary School Family,

We are delighted to be partnering with Drysdale Primary School to provide families with a new warm and welcoming Before School and After School Care program. The new Drysdale Primary School program will begin operating at the School on Thursday 30th January 2014. Camp Australia is dedicated to helping all kids reach their full potential, positively impacting lives and spreading smiles now and into the future. We are the nations leading before and after school care provider, helping families balance work and life responsibilities and spreading smiles across the community for 25 years. We will partner with the school community to deliver a tailored before and after school care program focused on bringing out the best in kids - combining active games with structured and unstructured play, quiet time and a healthy snack. Homework will be encouraged and supported to ensure children are ready to return home at the end of a busy day. Breakfast and afternoon tea will be served daily in consideration of children’s tastes, nutritional needs and developmental needs. Menus follow the Smart Choices food strategy. Breakfast includes a serving of cereals, breads or fresh fruit, and afternoon tea includes a selection of sandwiches, dry biscuits or rice crackers with various toppings as well as fruit and vegetables. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities as an accompaniment to afternoon tea. All Camp Australia programs are compliant with the National Quality Frameworks and Licensing Regulations. The Camp Australia Team are qualified and trained by our Registered Training Organisation, supported with regular professional development and care about your child's needs, interests and wellbeing. The Team are looking forward to this new partnership with the local school community.

Find out more about Camp Australia at www.campaustralia.com.au

The new Drysdale Primary School Camp Australia Before School Care program will operate from 7.00am to 8.45am and After School Care will operate from 3.30pm to 6.00pm each school day.

Parent Information Session
Find out more about this new and exciting program, how we can help your family and meet our experienced staff at a Parent Information Session:
When:       Wednesday 11th December from 3.30pm – 6pm  
Where:     In the school hall/OSHC room
Fee Structure: As of Thursday 30th January 2014

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*Apply the relevant Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate – and fees could be as low as $2.03 per session!

How to get started
Register online today to take advantage of this great new program at www.campaustralia.com.au. Registering online is quick, easy and vital to ensure the safety of your child. We ask all the usual information including name and emergency contact numbers, plus some more detailed information about your child’s medical history and other special requirements. Once you have completed the registration process, you will receive an email with your Account Number, and will have immediate access to the online Parent Portal allowing you to make bookings and manage your Account, 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The Parent Portal is also accessible on your iPhone, iPad and mobile phone - meaning you can make Before and After School Care program bookings and manage your Account on the run.

Save 50% or more on Camp Australia Before and After School Care
Did you know the Child Care Rebate can reduce the out-of-pocket cost of before school and after school care - almost all families are eligible. Find out more about how to apply by contacting Camp Australia’s friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 and the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50. We are excited to be part of your school community and look forward to lots of fun and smiles.

For more information on the Drysdale Primary School Camp Australia Before School and After School Care program or specific requirements contact Camp Australia’s friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Burkitt
Customer Service Manager—School ID: 949