Dear Parents,

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**
Following the close of nominations for the School Council, we have received as many nominations as vacancies. Consequently I am able to let you know that these people have been elected unopposed to the School Council for the next two years:
Parent Representatives: Neil Searle, Rebecca Smith and Selma Tron
DEECD Representatives: Mitchell Sinnott, Joanne Black and Tara van Winckel.

**MATT GREEN**
I am sorry to have to let you know that Matt Green has decided to take early retirement from March 15th. Matt has a very long association with both Drysdale Primary School and the local community. While it may seem unusual to be taking retirement two weeks before the end of term, the date is linked to the terms of the super fund and Matt's birthday.
Matt has made an enormous contribution to the school over many years and will be sorely missed. There will be an opportunity to acknowledge Matt in a different edition of The Link closer to his actual retirement date.
For the final two weeks of term, 4G will be taught by Adrian Gorman who is well known to both the grade and the school. The school is advertising for a replacement for Matt and is expecting to be able to announce the name of the provisional appointment in the last week of this term with a view to that person joining the team at Drysdale Primary from the start of term 2. We are confidently expecting to be able to appoint someone with a similar wealth of experience to continue the great start made by the children in 4G.

**FAMILY DANCE NIGHT/BBQ - THURSDAY 7TH MARCH**
The School’s Dance Night will go ahead as planned on Thursday March 7th at its usual time of 6pm. This is a great opportunity to come along and meet friends old and new at school. It is a long standing tradition of the school and an event that many people look forward to each year. The evening will start with a family BBQ from 6pm followed by the children dancing from about 7pm. Each grade will dance in turn starting with the Prep children working through to our year 6 children. The evening will finish around 8.30pm.
In common with all schools the continuing dispute between the Australian Education Union and the state government over pay and conditions is affecting after school events. Our fantastic Parents and Friends Group are very keen to ensure that our Dance Night goes ahead as usual even though teachers are banned by their union from working at after school events while the dispute continues. Thank you to the many parents who have already said that they will help out at this evening. At the moment we are short of a few volunteers for the BBQ and helping with the snack bar. I offered my services with cooking at the BBQ, but my reputation has gone before me and I have been allocated to selling tickets!

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
**REBEL SPORT REWARDS**

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.

**BUNYIP RAFFLE TICKETS**

Bunyip Raffle Tickets were sent home yesterday. Tickets are $1 each. There are some fantastic prizes with the 1st prize being a Surf Junction Package valued at $1,000. The 2nd prize being an Accommodation Package valued at $727. The 3rd prize being 2 Will Kits valued at $550 and of course many more prizes. Please return your raffle tickets with money and any unsold books before Monday 18th March. Thank you.

**BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE**

Mention Drysdale Primary School at Drysdale Bakers Delight and the school will receive 5%.

**NUDE FOOD**

Congratulations to Leticia and Claire of Year 6 who are the Nude Food Dudettes for 2013. They did a wonderful job at their first assembly on Monday.

Our weekly winners were Jasmine 2A and Dom from 6P.

So, send your child to school on Tuesdays with a wrapper free lunch to go in the draw to win a Baker’s Delight Voucher. Please remember to label your containers. Thank you. - Mrs Tara van Winckel

**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club Orders are due back to Miss Daffy by FRIDAY 8th MARCH, 2013.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

If you do not wish your child to participate in the school’s Religious Education Program, could you please write a note to the classroom teacher.

If no note is received, then it will be assumed that your child is to attend. Thank you.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**FAMILY DANCE/BBQ—THURSDAY 7TH MARCH**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED, PLEASE!**

We require assistance from 5:45pm-7:00pm for serving the sausage sizzle BBQ.

We also require assistance from 7:00pm-8:30pm for distributing treats to the Drysdale Primary School students who participate in the dance.

**2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

Our next 2nd Hand Uniform Sale will be on Monday 22nd April. Please send any donations of 2nd hand school uniform items only, otherwise, go to the Sustainable School Shop site below.

**SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP**

Take a look at the Drysdale Primary School “FOR SALE & WANTED” advertisements at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

You don’t need to be a member to look! Annual Family Membership is only $19.95 (unlimited Ads.) Payment for Uniform/Item is made directly to the parent selling the item— not online.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

Will take place on Thursday 9th May. Every child will have the opportunity to purchase a gift. Details of this event will follow shortly.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen Outstanding Payments

Parents, please pay your child’s outstanding lunch order accounts to the Canteen promptly.

 Wanted

4 litre ice cream containers. Please drop them into the Canteen. Thank you.

**Swimming Year 3 — 4th to 15th March**

Lunch orders can still be submitted whilst the swimming program is running.

- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)

**MOWING ROSTER**

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**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 or order forms can be collected from the school office.

**OPERATING HOURS:** Mondays and Tuesdays: 3.15pm-3.45pm. 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.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM**

**Permanent Vacancies for After School Care**

We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 7 vacancies for Monday, 13 for Tuesday, 20 for Wednesday, 20 for Thursday and 24 for Friday.

Call 0417 379 655 for casual vacancies.

**Before School Care**

Don’t forget that care is available before school from 7:15am. At the moment you do not need to book in, as long as I have completed enrolment and direct debit forms for each child attending the program.

**Casual Vacancies**

Even if the permanent roll is full, there may still be casual vacancies. If you would like to use casual care, please call the Co-ordinator, Susan Norris, on 0417 379 655 to book a place. If your child/ren is/are not already enrolled, you will need to get an enrolment form and a direct debit form before you can book in. It is always worth calling, even if this table is showing no vacancies. There is always a range of other activities available and children can request individual art and craft activities.

**PLEASE SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNT BEFORE THE END OF TERM.**

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Drysdale Primary School children participate in the Annual “Clean Up Australia Day”. This year the local community association (DCSCA) has requested support to clean up two sites—The Dell and Boat Ramp areas on SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 9am-11am.

We would love to see as many families as possible participate, especially the Year 4’s, as they will be attending a special Dell Day Event with Clifton Springs Primary School children.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking takes place every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. If there are any students who want to commence Student Banking, applications can be obtained from the Drysdale Commonwealth Bank.

**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

Envelopes for donations to the Good Friday Appeal were sent home last Tuesday. Please return your donation for this worthy cause by Friday 15th March. Thank you.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist some families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a Parent or Guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, or Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPI) or be a foster parent.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28th FEBRUARY 2013** for the 1st instalment. **Please complete an application form which is available from the school office.**

**NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

**WOULD $500 assist you with education costs?**

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons.

Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact Amanda Vernon, Saver Plus at Bethany Community Support on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au
NEW AD COMING SOON!

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BUNYIP FESTIVAL ALL DAY RIDES WRISTBANDS

At the Bunyip Festival this year we will be having the following rides/activities: The Cha Cha, Giant Slide, The Chair-O-Plane, Jumping Castle, Go Karts, and Kids Gym Activity Centre.

Purchasing a rides wristband **BEFORE** the Bunyip Festival for $25 & $20, will give you unlimited rides all day on all rides! Just take your receipt to the Rides Tent on the oval.

The wristbands will be available to purchase on the day, but they will cost you $30 & $25.

Complete and return the slip below (before the Bunyip Festival) to the office where a receipt will be issued. Take your receipt to the Rides Tent on the day where you can collect your wristband. Cash, cheque, credit card is the only payment accepted for wristbands.

**B-PAY NOT ACCEPTED FOR WRISTBANDS.**

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**BUNYIP FESTIVAL ALL DAY RIDES WRISTBANDS**

Name: _________________________________________________________

Phone No: _______________________

Number of Wristbands: ____________  (@ $25 each for 7yrs and above)

Number of Wristbands: ____________  (@ $20 each for 6yrs and under)

I have enclosed $______________ and would like my receipt sent home with:

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Year: __________
The annual Family Dance and BBQ is on again! The children have been practising hard to show off their dancing skills.

Please return the section below before **MONDAY 4TH MARCH** so we can cater for the BBQ. Cost per family is $10.

**Please pay on the night to get your stamp for the BBQ.**

If you can volunteer some time to assist with the BBQ, could you please make note on the slip below.

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on the night through the Parents & Friends.

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**DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FAMILY BBQ NIGHT 7TH MARCH**

**FAMILY NAME:** ____________________________________________

**NUMBER OF ADULTS:** ___________________

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN:** _________________

I / We can assist with the BBQ  □ YES  □ NO

Contact Number _________________________________

*Please return form before **Monday 4th March**  
Please pay on the night to get your stamp for the BBQ.*
What a shot!!! Jessie had just made the greatest shot I've ever seen. 22 of Drysdale's Year 6 children had been lucky enough to get to the Victorian Open Golf Tournament which was being held at the 13th Beach Golf Course. We had just started trying to chip the ball in the hole from off the green when PLOP. Jessie had just hit the shot of her life a 100km rocket which hit the flag pole and dropped in. Because she got it in she also got to keep the ball. Unfair! Before this we had got in the bus at 9:00 and on the way to this amazing course we picked up Surfside P.S., then we made our way through the enormous gates at the front of this prestigious golf course. After this our first activity was putting and then we went chipping on a practise green. We moved on to driving which was my favourite. Mr Jull was really good and better than Mr Page, no offence Mr Page. After smashing a couple of windows of nearby houses, we finished and all the schools met up and a New Zealand pro golfer who went by the name of Gareth Paddison, gave us a 20 minute talk about himself and how he became a pro golfer. Then he got his clubs out and decided to have a swing. He was competing at the Open and so he was really good. Then we watched a couple of holes of the Vic. Open of the men and the women. When we were watching a couple of women practising, Mr Page spotted our former World No.1 Laura Davies. Our last activity for the day was a game called Snag Golf which is where you use a tennis ball and plastic sticks to hit it on a Velcro pole. This was fun.

To finish off the day, we were given a fantastic show bag which was filled with all sorts of stuff from t-shirts to golf balls, and a book about golf. It was a great gift to finish off a great day. But none of this would have happened if it wasn't for Mr Page. So thank you Mr Page. By Ben
Hello Everyone!

We still need volunteers, so If you haven’t had a chance to let your child’s teacher know, please do so. Surf Junction has offered to **ALL** volunteers that turn up on the day to do their hour, a voucher for 20% off for one week. We will also be putting every volunteers name off the sign in sheets into a draw for a prize that will be announced next week.

We have just recently found out that the Indoor Stalls Volunteer will not be continuing this year. We have a parent filling in temporarily but would like someone that is happy to take it on for next year. If you are interested, please let the staff at the front office know.

We are currently looking for donations for the Easter Raffle, Silent Auction and Main Action. The cake stall will be going ahead, more to come on that next week. All Easter Raffle donations, if you can, please take them down to Clifton Springs Primary School as they put them together in baskets ready for the day.

Raffle tickets have gone out to families, as the same as last year **ALL** raffle tickets must be returned to the school, this includes those that are not filled in. If you sell more than two books you will go into the draw for a chance to win a Senior Wristband to be used on the day. Wristband order forms are enclosed with this Link. The more we sell before the day, may increase the chance of having more rides on the day. If anyone has any questions, leave your information at the office and I’ll get back to you as soon as I can.

*Michelle Powell*