Dear Parents,

WENDY BUTTERISS
Wendy is retiring from teaching at the end of term after many years’ successfully educating the children of Drysdale Primary. We will miss her dedication and commitment hugely. I would like to thank her for transforming the lives of so many young people. I know that she will be very active in retirement but we hope we might persuade her out of retirement for the occasional day as a CRT.

DAMIAN VAN WYK
Damian Van Wyk has accepted a position to teach food technology at Manor Lakes Secondary School and will be leaving Drysdale at the end of the year. Damian has dual qualifications as a teacher and a chef and will be using these skills in his new role. I would like to thank Damian for his contribution to Drysdale Primary for a number of years and wish him every success in his new career move. Damian does a lot of work behind the scenes with the concert and can often be found using his chef skills behind a BBQ.

WORKING BEE
We are planning Working Bees for the second Sunday of each term of 2015. The first Working Bee of 2015 will therefore be Sunday 8th February. Please note that there will not be a Working Bee on the Sunday before term starts because this is the Australia Day weekend and lots of people will be away.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU
I would like to take the opportunity of the final newsletter of 2014 to wish everyone in our wonderful school community a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. It has been a very exciting year for the school with many things happening that have improved the quality of the education we offer to the children at Drysdale Primary. None of the year’s successes would be possible without the tremendous support of our parent community. All education is a partnership between home and school. We can only do what we do during the few short hours when we look after your children because you reinforce and support us at home. For that we are truly grateful. It is one of the things that makes this school so great. I would also like to thank the School Council members who have spent many evenings discussing the best ways forward for the school, offering their wise insight and challenging questions. I am particularly grateful to Neil Searle, Rebecca Smith, Karen Knight and Andrea Hoogwerth who have been members of the School Council for some time but are now moving on with their children who are going on to secondary school next year. They have made a very positive difference to this school. The staff have worked incredibly hard this year to make what is already very good into something which is even better. They took on the elements of our strategic review at the end of last year and have worked unservingly to turn those plans into action. At all times they have kept their eyes firmly on the goal of making this school the best it can be and enabling all children to be the best they can be.

Regards,        Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

Sincere thanks is extended to:
The Port Bake House for their generous donation of bread throughout the year.
Queenscliff Meats for supplying BBQ meat.
Baker’s Delight for their support of our Nude Food Days.
The Year 6 team and students would like to thank the Parents and Friends for their generous supply of drinks and sweets for the Graduation Night Disco. It is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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REMINDERS

YR.6 GRADUATION: TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 6:15P.M.
SCHOOL HALL

FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER—NORMAL SCHOOL DAY, 3:30 P.M. FINISH

PUPIL FREE DAY: FRIDAY 19TH 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
Congratulations to the following students:
Lucas Prep H
Chase Prep M
Ziva Prep T
Chloe 1G
Oliver 1F
Max 1L
Jaxon 1G
Jesse 1K
Addison 1L
Shannon 2T/V
Jessica 3H
Bree 3H
Chloe 4D
Remi 5B
Jasmin 6C
Ryan 6S
- Well done!

The winners for the Year Level Awards (from Prep-Year 2) is Prep W and (from Years 3-6) is 3A. Individual Winners (from Prep-Year 2) is Sienna and (from Years 3-6) is Tate 3A. Well done!

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: 8:45-9:30am and 2:30-4:00pm (approximately). Opening Mon. 2nd Feb. 2015
PAYMENT: Payment is by cash, Credit Card or EFTPOS.

PSW GEELONG STORE—CLOSED FROM 20TH DEC. and RE-OPENING MON. 5TH JAN., 2015, 8:30 AM
164 Malop Street, Geelong. Ph: 5224 2229. Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm Mon.-Fri. and 9:00am-1:00pm Sat.
- Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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**Mowing List**

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**Primary School Wear School Uniform Shop**

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**Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?**

**RISTEVSki**

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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