Dear Parents,

**Bunyip Festival Volunteers**

I would like to thank everyone who has put their name forward to be a volunteer at our Bunyip Festival on March 23rd. The Bunyip Festival is the school’s major fundraiser for the year and a long standing tradition in Drysdale. To have so many people in place so early says a huge amount about the commitment of the parent community at this wonderful school. I am also very grateful to Surf Junction for their amazing sponsorship both of the raffle and their offer of a discount voucher for every parent who takes their turn on a stall on the day.

Most of all, I would like to acknowledge the endless hours put into making the Festival happen by our dedicated team of parents ably led by Michelle Powell, Casey Benson, Naomi Avery, Karen Knight, Denise Kadenbach and Lou Wiffen. They are currently spending so much time at school, you might be forgiven for thinking that they were members of staff. The experiences we can offer the children at Drysdale Primary will be so much richer for these people’s involvement and the support of the whole parent community—thank you.

**Reading Success**

I spoke in assembly yesterday about the amount of time a child needs to read independently to achieve success. Researchers assessed the reading ability of thousands of children from across the whole world and investigated the average daily time spent reading a book. They discovered there was a link between how well children read and the time spent reading.

- Children who were in the best 50% of readers read for just 9 minutes each day.
- Children who were in the best 30% read for an average of 17 minutes each day.
- To be in the top 2% was a harder challenge. Children at this level were reading for an average of 67 minutes.

These results were based on children reading a book of which they could read and understand 95% of the text. I know it is very difficult in busy families to find time either to read with your children or to encourage them to find the time to read by themselves. However, the amount of reading time needed to reach significant levels of success are surprisingly small. 17 minutes seems quite manageable—it is about 19 minutes to be in the top quarter of readers worldwide. Please see the enclosed information about the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2013. These two things will help make Drysdale readers even better!

**Book Sale Donation**

Many of you will enjoy the annual second hand book sale which happens in the school hall each January. Father Robert Myers, the vicar of St James’ in Drysdale, presented the school with a very generous donation of $300 to support children’s attendance on excursions. The donation was from the organisers of the annual book sale. On behalf of the school I would like to record our thanks to the church for their generosity.

**Dance Night**

I am very much looking forward to the Dance Night on Thursday. I have seen the children practising busily during Phys. Ed. classes. The night starts with a barbeque at 6pm followed by each year group presenting their dance from 7pm. This is also a great excuse to have a social chat with friends and to make new friends at the beginning of the school year. I am looking forward to meeting even more of you on Thursday.

**Labour Day Holiday**

Finally I can remind everyone that the school is closed for the Labour Day public holiday on Monday of next week. I hope that everyone enjoys the long weekend.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Information enclosed with this Link. Please sign the consent form and return it to school. Thank you. Happy Reading!

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.

BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE

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

NUDE FOOD

Our Nude Food winners are: Stella 1R and Ella 3S. Don't forget to 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 though. Thank you. - Mrs Tara van Winckel

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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 licensed to provide care for 55 children. There are 8 vacancies for Monday, 15 for Tuesday, 22 for Wednesday, 21 for Thursday and 25 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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BUNYIP RAFFLE TICKETS

Bunyip Raffle Tickets have been sent home. 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, many more prizes. Please return your raffle tickets with money and any unsold books before Monday 18th March. All money received from Raffle Tickets sold prior to the Bunyip Festival goes directly to Drysdale Primary School. Thank you.

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

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. Canteen Special Lunch Orders
Preps, Years 1 & 2 Special Lunch Orders to be returned to the Canteen by Friday 8th March.

Years 3 & 4 Special Lunch Orders to be returned to the Canteen by Friday 15th March.

Years 5 & 6 Special Lunch Orders to be returned to the Canteen by Friday 22nd March.

- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)
Junior School Council has been elected and the 12 students who were elected are very proud.

We have had our first Junior School Council meeting. At the meeting we discussed ways to make the school run smoothly and ways that will help Drysdale Primary. We will be working this term to encourage being sun smart amongst the school population. We encourage your support for Nude Food and if we don't bring rubbish, the oval at the school will be a neater place.

Junior School Council is there to help students and teachers for the 2013 year. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

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.

This Friday 8th March, we are asking for volunteers from Years 2A, 2B, 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.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 16 March
Drysdale Primary School Hall
Start: 7pm. BYO Food & Drinks (Some soft drink and nibbles available). Tickets $15 per person. Tables of up to 10. We will help you onto a table if you have less numbers. RSVP: Heath on 54271586 or hpuddefoot@hotmail.com
By Wednesday 13th March.

QUEENSCLIFF LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE GROUP—OLIVER
Two students from DPS are in the cast. Dominic from Yr. 6 and Mercedes from Yr.5. The musical will be showing at Pt. Lonsdale School Hall, Bowen Rd. 10 shows—15th-23rd March. Tickets on line: qltg.org.au and follow purchasing process.

VACATION CARE—EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Tue.2nd April—Fri.12th April 7:30am-6:00pm at YMCA Riversdale Road, Newtown. Visit: www.geelong.ymca.org.au for details or pick up a pamphlet from school.

HOCKEY SUPERCLINIC
Tues.9th April, 9:30am-12:30pm. Stead Park, St Georges Road, Corio. Includes 6 weeks of free clinics. $40 for new participants. Bookings essential by Mon.25th March. Registration Form available from email: gillianpasque@bigpond.com or call Gillian 0439 309 081 or the school.

DROYSDEALE TENNIS CLUB WINTER SEASON TENNIS
A great family friendly environment. Starts Sat. 27th April. Applications in by Sun.17th March. Details from Kerry Humphrey on 0400 078 337 or email: drysdalecomputers@bigpond.com

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
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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.

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
‘FADGES FITNESS’ AD COMING SOON!

Drysdale Soccer Club  
(previously Springdale Football Club)  
0414 461112  
www.drysdalesc.com.au
- Junior soccer training 6:00pm at Clifton Springs  
  Primary School Oval starts Wednesday 27th Feb  
- Boys and girls of all abilities very welcome  
- Games in social competition Sunday mornings  
- AASC Soccer program at Drysdale PS on  
  Tuesdays in term 1  
- Join the club that supports your school!

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

For Legal Advice call  
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Hello Everyone!

Thank you to all of the great parents that have signed the volunteer sheet. Remember those that turn up on the day and sign in and out will get their 20% off at Surf Junction and go into the draw for a prize that will be announced very soon. The Bunyip Committee is just finalising the contents of the draw. Please also note that there is a possibility that I will be calling you to ask if you wouldn’t mind moving from the stall that you put your name on to another stall at the same time due to the need to fill blank spots. Please understand that the teachers that would normally fill those spots are now not available and we can’t have time slots with no one looking after the stall.

Any Business owners that would like to offer a donation for the Main or Silent Auction, please leave your details with the ladies at the front office and I’ll get back to you.

We still need a volunteer for the Indoor Stalls for 2014, should you be interested in putting a small amount of time in prior to the day and then on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are currently looking for donations for the Easter Raffle. If you have any, please take them to the Clifton Springs Primary School as they are the ones that put all the lovely baskets and prizes together.

We are also asking for any baskets that you might have sitting at home, small and large for putting our auction packs together.

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. All money received from Raffle Tickets sold prior to the Bunyip Festival goes directly to Drysdale Primary School. Wristband order forms have also gone out. Please get your order back to the school as soon as possible, so that we can lock in all the rides that we have booked.

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
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