Dear Parents,

**DANCE NIGHT**

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Family Dance Night last Thursday and helped to make it such a great evening. The Family Dance Night has been running for a long time and is a favourite fixture in the Drysdale Primary School calendar. This is an evening to celebrate the start of the school year. It was great to see so many families meeting up and getting to know others in the school community especially those families new to our school. It would not be possible without the continuing support of a lot of people. Kethly Hemsworth, our Performing Arts Specialist teacher, masterminds the evening and spends a long time teaching each year group different dances. While the dances are not a performance in the same way as our concert in September, they form the main part of teaching dance elements in our Performing Arts program. This year’s Family Dance Night was complicated by Kethly becoming unwell for most of the last week. I would like to thank Natasha Daffy for stepping in at the last minute on Thursday and running the dancing part of the evening. We would not have been able to continue without her support and ability. I would also like to thank other staff who helped on the evening with the barbecue, setting out the tables and chairs and assisting in the hall.

There are so many parents who also make an invaluable contribution to the Family Dance Night. Our Parents and Friends Group ran the snack bar for the children. This takes quite a bit of organising and a lot of time serving drinks and snacks. Our Parents and Friends look after fundraising, as well as finding ways to help develop the social side of our community. After providing funding to support the redevelopment of the area outside the Year 1 and 2 classrooms, they are looking to raise money to support the redevelopment of the area around the Year 5 and 6 classrooms. The portable classrooms currently used by Year 5 as well as the Prep classrooms are due to be replaced under an election commitment by the state’s new labour government. We understand that these classrooms’ replacement is going to happen by the end of 2016.

I would also like to thank the Follett family for the discounted sausages and the Christophi family for the generous donation of bread. These families who have children at the school own and run the Queenscliff Butchers and the Portarlington Bakehouse respectively. They are great supporters of events at Drysdale Primary for which we are very grateful. Alan Follett also lends us his large barbeque trailer which makes cooking all the sausages so much easier.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Thank you to everyone who voted in our recent election for School Councillors. The election period finished at 4pm last Tuesday. The votes have been counted with the following five candidates (alphabetically) elected to the School Council for 2015 and 2016: Alison Dumbell, Elissa Huddart, Julie Penfold, Paul Rawson and Jonathan Sturman.

I am looking forward to working with the new School Council and helping to improve what is already a great school even further. I would also like to thank Caroline Edmonds and Sue Harmer for putting their names forward for election. It is a positive sign of a healthy school community when there are elections for School Council. This shows that there is a lot of interest in supporting the school and making a difference to the social and academic outcomes for the children.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- 10 March School Council Meeting, AGM 7:30pm
- 11 March Parents & Friends Raffle Book sent home today
- 13 March Fresh Fruit Duty: 6C, 6P, 6S
- 15 March Drysdale Market
- 16 March PSW Uniform Shop, 8:45-9:30/2:30-4:00
- 17 March Parents & Friends A.G.M. in the Meeting Room, 9am
- 19 March Yrs.3-6 Cross Country, 9am-12noon
- 20 March Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep H, Prep M
- 23 March PSW Uniform Shop, 8:45-9:30/2:30-4:00
- 27 March Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep T, Prep W

**SCHOOL EXCURSIONS & REMINDERS**

Students who don’t attend an excursion are expected to attend school as normal.

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**TERM 1, FINISHES ON FRIDAY 27TH MARCH AT 2:30 P.M.**
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).
PAYMENT: Payment is by cash or Credit Card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

GEELONG STORE
PSW has a store at 164 Malop Street, Geelong. Ph: 5224 2229 and they stock Drysdale Primary School Uniform. Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday and 9:00am-1:00pm Saturday. - Kathleen, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Thank you to Travis Nicholls for mowing recently.

We have a vacancy for this week. If any one can help out, please contact the office. Thank you.

There are still vacancies in our school mowing list. Mowing information i.e. map and further details will be sent home shortly. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered. If you would like to assist, please leave your details at the office. Thank you.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
We are in need of parents to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. This Friday 13th March we are asking for volunteers from 6C, 6P, and 6S. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

PARENT LETTER
Parents, please read the enclosed letter with regard to the new labelling of asbestos in our school. It is important that you are aware of this to ensure that the labels do not cause unnecessary alarm.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
President: Neil Searle Vice President: Rebecca Smith
Treasurer: Paul Rawson Executive Officer: Phil Dunlop-Moore
Secretary: Michelle Powell
Members: Joanne Black, Mitchell Sinnott, Shane Kennedy, Andrea Hoogwerf, Tammy Burke, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Selma Tron, Rebecca Hoyne, Michael Jeantou. School Councillors can be contacted via the school office.

Our Newsletter is available to view on line. 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.drysdales.vic.edu.au

NEW: Packet Ovalteenies $1.00
Reminder: Please check for new pricings on the Summer Menu, available from the school office. Thank you, Di Ward—Canteen Manageress

MISSING
Diamond Engagement Ring
Missing on Family Dance Night
Please contact the office if found
Thank you

We have been taking advantage of the good weather by spending time outside on the playground equipment, sand pit, as well as playing sports such as basketball and soccer. The children have been enjoying the hula hoops, balloon games, tiggy, timing one another around the hall and playing cricket. Indoors they are enjoying playing Jenga, Connect 4, Trouble and Monopoly as well as reading, beading, drawing, card making, imaginative play, trains, cars, Lego and building blocks. Lisa has returned from leave and is sharing her travel stories.

If you would like to register your children for OSHC or book in, visit 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. — Lisa, Natalie or Patricia - The Team at Drysdale OSHC

GENERAL REMINDERS
SCHOOL FEES—INSTALMENTS
Parents that have elected to pay their school fees by instalments, please note that the second instalment is due by TUESDAY 24TH MARCH.

TISSUES
Each family is to provide a box of tissues at the start of the school year. If you have not done so, please send a box of tissues to your class teacher. Thank you.

SUPERVISION
Parents, please be advised that students are supervised in the school grounds from 8.45a.m. Do not drop your child off prior to this time as they will not be supervised.

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.

NAME CLOTHING
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. It is difficult to find the owners of clothing that is found if it is not named. Thank you.

TERM DATES
TERM 1: 29 JANUARY—27 MARCH
TERM 2: 13 APRIL—26 JUNE
TERM 3: 13 JULY—18 SEPTEMBER
TERM 4: 5 OCTOBER—18 DECEMBER
RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
THANK YOU to the parents and students who have returned 125 active travel surveys representing 186 students. A quick overview of the survey indicates students who live close to school do walk and do so all the time. There are many families who live more than 3km away who predominantly drive. Time, safer routes, including footpaths and safer crossings feature as barriers to more active travel. However, there is scope for many students who live 1-3km to be more active and independent.

The annual ride, walk, scoot, skate to school is scheduled for this coming FRIDAY MARCH 14. It would be great if families could ride, walk, scoot, skate to school or organize to meet at one of the two meeting points and walk together with others.

The north meeting point will be the cemetery car park on Oakden Road and the south meeting point will be Mcleods Waterholes Reserve, near Duke St. Parents are of course encouraged to join in.

Active parent travellers will be able to pick up a healthy breakfast snack upon arrival to school.
Kate Lockhart, Volunteer Parent for Active Travel

COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS AT DRYSDALE TENNIS CLUB
A 3 week “Hot Shots” tennis program starts Frid.13th March 4-5pm. The program uses smaller courts, nets, racquets and softer balls. All equipment supplied. Cost $3 per week.
Winter tennis starts 1st May. Entries close 20th March. Details from Kerry Ph: 0400 078 337 or drysdalecomputers@bigpond.com

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA EVENT
9:00-11:00am Sun. March 22nd, Mcleods Waterholes. Meet near the playground/netball courts. Register online (preferred) - www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au Contact Julie 0434 331 094 or register onsite on the day. Bring a hat, water and sunscreen and wear closed shoes.

COLOURING COMPETITION, PUMPKIN FAIR
Encompass Colouring Competition sheets available from school office. To be returned before Wed.25th March. Pumpkin Fair at The Paddock 21-29 O’Halloran Rd, Leopold 10am-3pm Sat.28th March.

BAKERS DELIGHT, DRYSDALE
Will donate 5% of your purchases to Drysdale Primary School, if you nominate us. If you purchase Bakers Delight bread/products, please nominate our school to earn some cash for the school. Thank you.

2016 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING, MATTHEW FLINDERS
Accelerated Learning Program, Wed. March 18, 7:00pm, Multipurpose Room, Fenwick St, Geelong. Details from Stuart Myers or Robyn Myers Ph: 4243 5000 or matthew.flinders.girls.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

PORTARLINGTON SCOUTS
Free—3 week trial for boys and girls 7-15 years. Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 for Cubs (7.5-11yrs) and 6:30-8:30pm for Scouts (10.5-15yrs) at Parks Hall, Newcombe St, Portarlington. Leader in Charge Ph:0448 837 826 or email: gl@portscouts.com.au

YEAR 7, 2016 INFORMATION SESSIONS
Western Heights College, Vines Rd, Hamlyn Heights
Thurs.19th March. 4:30pm Information & School Tour 6:00pm Information & School Tour. Details: 5277 1177.
Newcomb Secondary College, Bellarine Highway, Newcomb
Mon.23rd March. 7:00pm Information, Cliff Watkins Hall Details: 5248 1400.
Oberon High School, Pickett Cres, Belmont
Tue.24th March. 5:00-7:00pm School Tours, 7:00-8:00pm Information in Library. Details: 5243 4444.
North Geelong Secondary College, Separation St, North Geelong
Tue.24th March. 6:00-7:00pm School Tours, 7:00pm Information, BER Building. Details: 5240 5800.
Surf Coast Secondary College, Torquay College site
Grossman’s Rd, Torquay
Thurs.26th March. 6:00-8:00pm Self guided tours. Details: 5261 6633.
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College, Myers St, Geelong
Tues. 24th March. 7:00-8:15pm, Information in Hall. Details: 5221 8288.
Bellarine Secondary College, Shell Rd, Ocean Grove
Wed.25th March, 6:30-8:30pm School Tours, 7 & 8pm Information. Details: 5251 9000.
Geelong High School, Rhyie St, East Geelong
Tues.21st April. 7:00pm, Information in CA Love Hall. Details: 5225 4100.
Grovedale College, Wingarra Dve, Grovedale
Tues.28th April. 6:00-6:45pm School Tours, 7:00pm Information in Gym. Details: 5245 4545.
Lara Secondary College, Alkara Ave, Lara
Tues.28th April. 6:00-6:30pm, Information in Middle Years Centre. 6:30-7:45pm Tours. Details: 5282 8988.
Lorne Aireys Inlet P-12 College, Grove Rd, Lorne
Thurs.30th April. 6:45pm ILS Centre, 7:00pm Tours, 7:30pm Information. Details: 5289 1565.
Northern Bay P-12 College, Multi Campus Locations
Thurs.30th April. 6:00-9:00pm Information. 6:30-7:30pm Goldsworthy Rd, Campus.
Belmont High School, Rotherham St, Belmont
6:00-7:00pm Tours. 7:00pm Information, Gym. 7:45-8:30pm Tours.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

GOLD COAST HOLIDAY RAFFLE
You will receive your raffle book of tickets tomorrow. Remember the great incentive prizes so get your sold books back to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 17th March, Annual General Meeting, in the Meeting Room, 9am. All welcome.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!
The local Aldi Supermarket is offering us the opportunity to fundraise for the school through a regular BBQ. We are looking for expressions of interest from parents who would be able to assist on a Saturday morning with this. Please leave your name and phone number at the office if you are able to help in any way.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP
Buy and sell secondhand uniforms. Brochure is available from the school or visit: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
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10th March, 2015

Dear Parents,

As part of the Department of Education and Training’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling of asbestos will be installed at our school. Most schools in Victoria will have some asbestos in them and the labels are required if this is the case.

The labels remind tradespeople to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school's asbestos register.

Asbestos was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned. It is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian Government Schools remain safe.

Our school areas with asbestos are safe. We have a clear inspection plan that monitors these areas that are now identified by labels to meet Worksafe regulations. It is important you are aware of this to ensure that the labels do not cause unnecessary alarm.

Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal