Dear Parents,

**Bunyip Festival 22nd March 2014**

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**Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets need to have been sold and returned by next Tuesday 18th March. Please return raffle ticket stubs, the money collected and any unsold tickets to school by next Tuesday. It is really important that any unsold tickets are returned to school. We need to account for all tickets. We also need the unsold books of tickets so that we can continue selling them from school and at the Bunyip Festival itself.

**Family Dance Night**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Dance Night last Thursday. This was a great event—as ever—with lots of children and adults enjoying the dancing. There was a high level of participation from the adults which was great to see. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Christofi family (Portarlington Bakehouse) for supplying the bread which they have donated for many years and Alan Folley from Queenscliff Meat for his brilliant support of the event. Alan provides the sausages as well as then bringing his very large barbeque. He also stays to cook the sausages alongside the dedicated team of staff. Also the Parents and Friends Group who ran a Snack Shop selling drinks and lollies during the evening. While the Dance Night is mainly a start of year social event, it is also part of our schools fundraising effort. The fundraising takes dedication from a team of volunteers who give up their time to help us out for which we are very grateful. Finally I would like to thank Kethly Hemsworth and Andrea Laiing for teaching the children their dances and running the evening.

**Senior Toilet Area Upgrade**

As part of our move at the end of last year, we undertook to improve the toilet area by the senior grades. We made arrangements for this to happen over the summer holiday. However in doing this, a whole host of bigger issues emerged. We now believe we have identified them all and are working our way through them. However some of the biggest repairs need the school to be empty which means they can only happen during the Easter holiday.

So far we have increased the water pressure and replaced the automatic flushing sensor so that the whole of the urinal flushes effectively. We have replaced the damaged seals, broken toilet bowls and seats. This has improved the smell. We are about to replace the bubble taps outside the toilets and make sure that every cubicle locks effectively. The biggest and most costly work is to replace the flooring, rather than continue to patch it. This will happen during the holidays. Once this is done we will be able to replace the three small toilet pans and then paint the two toilet areas.

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I would like to acknowledge Joanne Black’s tenacity in identifying and resolving the many issues. This area has needed an overhaul for some time. By the start of term it will be a much more appropriate place to meet the standards we expect at Drysdale.

Regards Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

12 March  PSW Uniform Shop 8:30-9:15am & 2:45-3:45pm
AASC: Yrs.3/4 Girls Soccer

13 March  Book Club Orders due today

14 March  Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep E & Prep H

16 March  Drysdale Market

17 March  Prep Health Questionnaire to be returned today
Parents & Friends A.G.M. 9:30am
AASC: Yr.2 Hockey

18 March  Yr.4 Pt.Lonsdale/Q’cliff Fort Excursion

19 March  Bunyip Activity Day, see insert
PSW Uniform Shop 8:30-9:15am & 2:45-3:45pm
AASC: Yrs.3/4 Girls Soccer

21 March  Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep M & Prep W

22 March  Bunyip Festival Clifton Springs PS

24 March  PSW Uniform Shop 8:30-9:15am & 2:45-3:45pm
Pet Ownership Preps & Yr.2
AASC: Yr.2 Hockey

26 March  Canteen Special Lunch for Preps
Yrs.3-6 Cross Country
AASC: Yrs.3/4 Girls Soccer

27 March  Canteen Special Lunch for Yrs.1 & 2

28 March  Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.5B, 5C, 5D

31 March  PSW Uniform Shop 8:30-9:15am & 2:45-3:45pm

2 April    Canteen Special Lunch for Yrs.3 & 4

3 April    Canteen Special Lunch for Yrs. 5 & 6

4 April    Fresh Fruit Duty: Yrs.6C, 6P, 6S
10:30am Healthy Eating Walk
End Term 1—2:30pm Finish

**TERM 2**

22 April  Start Term 2

5 May     P & F Secondhand Uniform Sale

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**School Councillors**

President: Neil Searle
Vice President: Rebecca Smith
Treasurer: Phil Dunlop-Moore
Secretary: Michelle Powell

Members: Joanne Black, Mitchell Sinnott, Shane Kennedy, Andrea Hoogwerf, Tammy Burke, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Paul Rawson, Selma Tron, Rebecca Hoyne, Michael Jeantou.

School Councillors can be contacted via the school office.

Our Newsletter is available to view online. 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.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au
**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. 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:** Wednesdays: 8:45-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm (approximately). *(From Monday 24th March the shop will open only of a Monday, not Wednesdays.)*

**PAYMENT**
Payment is by cash or Credit Card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

**CULOTTES**
Unfortunately there is a 4 week delay with culottes at the CULOTTES shop will open only of a Monday, not Wednesdays.)

**UNDAY MOWING LIST**

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**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 your child is doing Religious Education the cost for the year is $6. This amount will appear on your statement. If no note is received, then it will be assumed that your child is to attend. Thank you.

**NUDE FOOD**
Tuesdays are our rubbish free lunch days, so don’t forget to send your child to school with a wrapper free lunch, to go in the draw to win a Baker’s Delight Voucher. Baker’s Delight Drysdale are sponsoring our Nude Food again in 2014. Our Nude Food Dudes are Sarah 6P and David 6S. The winners for the Grade Awards (from Prep—Year 2) is Prep W with 18 and (from Years 3-6) is Year 3S with 15. Individual winners (from Prep—Year 2) are: Ava Prep W and (from Years 3-6) Luke 3A. Well done!

**STUDENT BANKING**
We operate a Student School Banking service to our students every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. If there are any students who wish to commence Student Banking, please visit the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank, go on line or speak with the volunteer banking ladies of a Tuesday morning in the Staff Room.

It would be appreciated if coins are sent, that they are counted and bagged to assist the volunteer banking ladies. Thank you.

**REMINDERS**

**BUNYIP ACTIVITY DAY—WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH**

**BUNYIP FESTIVAL —SATURDAY 22ND MARCH**

**END OF TERM 1—FRIDAY 4TH APRIL, 2:30PM FINISH**

**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 14th March we are asking for volunteers from Prep E and Prep H. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

**GENERAL REMINDERS**

**PAYMENTS**
When paying cash for excursions, etc., it would be appreciated that the correct money is submitted to the office in an envelope with your child’s name, grade and details of the payment. Cash is not kept on the premises. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

**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/MEDICAL/ 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.

**ABSENCES**
The school/teacher must be advised of student absence and reason. Whilst written notification is preferable, verbal advice is also accepted.

**SEAL PROGRAM—BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE**
Applications are now open for the SEAL program 2015. This program allows selected students to study Yrs.7-10 in three years. Current Grade 6 students can apply for this educational opportunity.

**SEAL Important Dates:**
- SEAL Information Evening: Tue.18th March, 6:30pm
- SEAL Applications Close: Thur.3rd April, 3:30pm
- SEAL Testing: Fri.2nd May
- SEAL Interviews: Tue.27th & Wed.28th May
- Visit: www.bellarinesc.vic.edu.au under the Curriculum Banner for information and application forms.

Details from: Tim Micallef on 5255 0031 or micallef.timothy.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 17th March, 9:30am, location to be advised. All positions will be declared vacant. We warmly welcome any new members.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE
Our next Secondhand Uniform Sale will be on Monday 5th May in Term 2. Please send any donations of secondhand 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BELLARINE SHARKS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL
In 2014 The Bellarine Sharks Soccer Club hope to field U7, U9, U10 (Girls), U11, U13, U15, U17, Senior Men and Women. Registration Day and start of weekly Junior Training will be Friday March 21st at 4:45pm at Cole Street, St.Leonards.

PORTARLINGTON DEMONS FOOTBALL CLUB
Is looking for junior players. Lowest registration fees on the Bellarine Peninsula! Award winning coaching staff! Play 4 quarters every week! All Enquiries: Carla: 0481 169 266 or pdfnc@hotmail.com www.portarlingtonfc.vclf.com.au

STATEMENTS
Statements were sent home today with The Link. (Please note that they were current as of last Friday and will not indicate recent payments that you may have made.)

RELAY FOR LIFE
Laura of 5D is participating in Relay For Life on 15/16th March at the Geelong Show Grounds.
Please help her raise money for Cancer Research by donating to: relayforlife.org.au and go to Sponsor Team = galloping girls and follow the prompts.
Thank you. Good luck Laura and well done on your efforts.

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

YEAR 4 QUEENSLIFF EXCURSION
A reminder to Year 4 parents that our excursion to Queenscliff is next week—Tuesday 18th March. We still have a few families yet to pay. Please do so prior to this date.
Thank you.
Year 4 Teachers

BUNYIP FESTIVAL
We still require helpers for this year’s Bunyip Festival—Saturday 22nd March—to fill our stall rosters. If you can assist, please contact the school office. Thank you.
A note will be sent home this Thursday 13th March to those parents that have already volunteered to assist. This will have your time/s and the stall/activity that you have been allocated to. Following this (next Thursday 20th March), there will be another reminder which will contain the same information in addition to a site map.
Thank you to all the families that have volunteered so far.

BUNYIP RAFFLE TICKETS
Bunyip Raffle Tickets, sold or unsold, are due back TUESDAY 18th MARCH. Remember all funds raised from raffle ticket sales before the day of the Bunyip Festival stay with our school and selling more than 2 raffle books will entitle you to go into the draw for a free, all-day unlimited rides wristband valued at $30.

TERM DATES
Term 1—30 January - 4 April
Term 2—22 April - 27 June
Term 3—14 July - 19 September
Term 4—6 October - 19 December

BOOK CLUB
The Book Club catalogue was distributed last week. It is a great opportunity to purchase books without entering a store, as well as having great benefits for the school. If you wish to keep your purchases a surprise from your children, for those special occasions, just drop the order form in to the office with your contact details (and a note indicating you will pick it up), and I will have it organised for you to collect, from the office upon arrival.
Orders need to be back at school before this Thursday 13th March.
- Natasha Daffy
Co-ordinator of Book Club, Drysdale Primary School

Book Club orders need to be returned to me by this Thursday 13th March!

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

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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**DRYSDALE SOCCER CLUB**

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- Junior soccer training 6:15pm at Clifton Springs Primary School Oval starts Wednesday 26th Feb
- Boys and girls of all abilities very welcome
- Games in social competition Sunday mornings
- Provider of Outside Hours School Care soccer programs to your school
- We are proud supporters of Bravehearts
BUNYIP FESTIVAL ALL DAY RIDES WRISTBANDS

The Wristbands cover: Aqua Orbs, Cha Cha, Petting Zoo, Giant Slide, Chair-O-Plane, Go Karts and Kids Gym Activity Centre. Purchasing a Rides Wristband **BEFORE** the Bunyip Festival for $30 will give you unlimited rides all day! 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 $35.

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**

Family Name: ____________________________________________________________

Phone No: _____________________  Number of Wristbands: ____________  (@ $30 each)

Name/s of persons requiring Wristbands: ____________________  ___________________

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

Student’s Name:___________________________________________  Year: __________

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Hello everyone! Just 11 days to go till the Bunyip Festival! The committee is busy bringing it all together but we are now asking for your help. There are lots of ways you can help out with what is the biggest fundraiser for both schools!

From volunteering on stalls, selling raffle tickets, to donating time, prizes or cakes, there is something for everyone.

**KIDS CRAFT ZONE**

New stall for 2014

We are asking families from both schools for donations of craft decorations for the Kids Craft Zone.

- Small Pom Poms, Goggle Eyes,
- Coloured beads, Stick on diamantes,
- Pipe cleaners, PVA Glue,
- Stickers, Glitter

These would be gratefully accepted and can be brought to the Drysdale Primary School Office.

**MAJOR & SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

If anyone owns a business or knows someone who does, you might like to donate an item for the Major or Silent Auction. A great way to promote your business! Items may also include gift vouchers.

**BUNYIP FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014**

**CLIFTON SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL** 10:00AM-3:00PM

**BUNYIP RAFFLE TICKETS**

- *Bunyip Raffle books worth $10, went home with the eldest child of each family.*
- **Funds raised from tickets sold before Bunyip stay with our school.**
- *Selling more than 2 raffle books will entitle you to go into the draw for a free, all-day unlimited rides wristband valued at $30.*
- *Tickets, sold and unsold, need to be returned to school by Tuesday March 18th.*
- *Thank you to those parents who have already sold their book of raffle tickets and returned money to our school.*

**CHOCOLATE & EASTER RAFFLE**

We invite all families to bring in a small chocolate or Easter donation or basket for the Chocolate Raffle.

**We aim to put together around 20 baskets of chocolate goodies to raffle off, so all donations of baskets and chocolate gratefully accepted!**

Donations can be left at Drysdale Primary School Office.

**CAKE STALL**

Today we sent home a plate and are asking for donations of fresh HOME MADE cakes, slices, biscuits, jams, pickles or sauces for the cake stall. All donations can be taken to your school office on Friday March 21st.

Limited fridge space is available.

Please list all ingredients on the outside or your donation.
Prior to the actual Bunyip Festival we have once again decided to run a Bunyip Activity Day. Throughout the day each class will rotate through several activities, including a disco in the hall. There will also be a number of special activities throughout recess and lunch time. Some examples of these activities include -

*Guess The Teacher Competition
*Bunyip Treasure Map Hunt
*Guess The Jelly Beans In the Jar
*Cake stalls

*Hole in One
*Bunyip Handball
*Paper Toys/Cars
*PREP only photo with the Bunyip

*this will be a casual dress day*

For a cost of $3 per child or $5 a family, the children will receive tokens for recess activities as listed above and also enables them to come in casual dress for this day. (Please note that this cost does not include lunch so you will need to provide this. The canteen will be open on this day for normal trading at recess and lunch.)

Please complete the form below and return it with your payment.

**Bunyip Activity Day**

payment for my child or $5 for my children to participate in the day’s activities.

CHILD/CHILDREN

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GRADE(S) .................................

SIGNED ....................................................