Dear Parents,

DANCE NIGHT

I hope everyone enjoyed our Dance Night as much as I did. I understand this is a tradition going back many, many years and I can understand why. It seemed to me that just about every family came along and shared in the welcome back to school BBQ. The children certainly enjoyed the dancing. They had obviously been practising hard. I was particularly pleased to see so many of them wanting to get up on the stage to show the right moves to those of us with two left feet.

The Dance Night presented some additional challenges this year as a result of the teachers’ industrial dispute with the government. Our Parents and Friends Group expertly led by Andrea Hoogwerf, Karen Knight, Jackie McCann, Linda Aziz, Nadine Underwood, Nyree Windsor, Sarah Macdonald, and Helen Searle took on the organisation of the whole event and did a brilliant job, as did Michelle Powell, Neil Searle, Jenny Carroll, Richard Knight, Dennis Aziz, Naomi Avery, Selma Tron and Paul Nyikos. Thanks also to Naomi and Alan Follett from Queenscliff Meats for a great deal with the sausages for the sausage sizzle. I would like to thank them all for the hours they put into running the event. I would also like to thank the many other parents and friends who gave up their time to help on the evening to make this such a success. Finally I would like to thank Kethley Hemsworth who managed the choreography and led the dancing superbly. Apart from the social part of the evening, the event also raised money for our Parents and Friends Fund which goes towards providing many extras for the children at our school.

AIR CONDITIONING IN THE BER BUILDING

Anyone who has been into the Year 5 and 6 building during the recent spell of hot weather will know that the promise by the architects that this is “a self cooling building” is not entirely accurate. We are in the process of installing air conditioning to bring the temperature on hot days down to a reasonable level. However the cost of doing this means that we have had to go through a process of written quotations from a number of suppliers to meet the requirements of the school’s auditors. This process finished on Friday, so we are now in the position of being able to place the order and should have the building air conditioned from the start of next term at the latest. I appreciate that this is too late to deal with the current hot weather, but it will mean children and adults can work in that part of the school in more comfort in future.

YEAR GROUP LEADERS

The school has created Year Group Leaders positions. The Year Group Leaders have a number of responsibilities, one of which is to be your named point of contact with the school’s leadership for more important matters relating to your children’s year group. Generally, if you wish to let the school know about day to day information relating to your child or a routine issue that you would like us to deal with, please still contact your child’s teacher or the school office in the first instance. You remain most welcome to chat to me or Steve Barry whenever you see us. I am usually to be found somewhere in the yard before and after school unless I have a meeting off site.

The leaders for each Year Group Team are:

Prep - Amy Wright Year 1 and Year 2 - Emma Lamb Year 3 and Year 4 - Steve Barry Year 5 and Year 6 - Andrew Page Specialist Programs - Joanne Black

BUNYIP FESTIVAL - SATURDAY MARCH 23RD

It is under two weeks until the Bunyip Festival 2013. Please make sure that you have ordered your children’s wristbands, bought your raffle tickets and planned to be here for the day to support your school’s major fundraiser of the year and have lots of fun.

Regards, Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Student Details Forms
Please check and return them.

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

Payments are to be sent to school in an envelope clearly marked with the student’s name, year and details of what the payment is for. Cash needs to be for the exact amount as no change is held at the office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

12 Mar. School Council 7:30pm
13 Mar. Preps Canteen Special Lunch Order
14 Mar. Yrs.1 & 2 Canteen Special Lunch Order
17 Mar. Drysdale Market
18 Mar. Parents & Friends AGM
21 Mar. Yrs.3 & 4 Canteen Special Lunch Order
22 Mar. Yr. 4 Pt. Lonsdale/Queenscliff Fort Excursion
23 Mar. 33rd Bunyip Festival
24 Mar. Yrs.3-6 Cross Country 1:50-3:30pm
27 Mar. Yrs.5& 6 Canteen Special Lunch Order
28 Mar. Healthy Eating Walk 10:30am
28 Mar. 2:30PM FINISH - END TERM 1
29 Mar. Good Friday
15 April Start Term 2
25 April ANZAC Day holiday
9 May Parents & Friends Mother’s Day Stall
3 June Curriculum Day, no school

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Neil Searle
Vice President: Rebecca Smith
Treasurer: Stephen Barry
Vice Treasurer: Matthew Green
Secretary: Michelle Powell
Members: Joanne Black, Jenny Carroll, Mitchell Sinnott, Clare Goodier, Andrea Hoogwerf, Felicity James, Karen Knight, Scott Pearson, Selma Tron, Tara van Winckel.

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.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au
Activities Vaccine Date
19/3/13 4/3/13

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.

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.

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.

CANTENE SPECIAL LUNCH ORDERS
Preps Special Lunch Order is this Wednesday 13th March.

Years 1 & 2 Special Lunch Order is this Thursday 14th March

Years 3 & 4 Special Lunch Orders to be returned to the Canteen by Friday 15th March. Special Lunch Order day is Thursday 21st March.

Years 5 & 6 Special Lunch Orders to be returned to the Canteen by Friday 22nd March. Special Lunch Order day is Wednesday 27th March.

- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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.

TEEN'S PROGRAM VICTORIA
25th Feb.—29th March. $35 for five weeks of group tennis coaching. Open to beginners and those who would like to resume playing tennis. Contact James Madder on 8420 8429 or essentialtennis@hotmail.com or Tennis Victoria email: tvreception@tennis.com.au

DRYSDALE 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

8am—6pm for primary school children, offering a range of activities, experiences and excursions. Enrolment forms are available at the school office or online: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/shp. Applications due by Wed.20th March. Details from 5272 4443 or kpont@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

DRAMA WITH DEANA
Drama/presentation skills workshops that will give your children the confidence to SHINE! For Years 1-6. Tues & Wed. at 4pm, Springdale Hall, High St, Drysdale. Deana Ph: 0417 935 096 or 5251 3858.

RED FLEXIBLE PLASTIC RECYCLING
We are recycling all our flexible plastic waste. With the RED project, we can prevent a lot of plastic heading into landfill from our school.

Flexible plastics include: Supermarket Carry Bags, Bread Bags, Pasta Bags, Fruit & Vegetable Bags, Cling Wrap, Frozen Food Bags, Zip Lock Bags, Old “Green” Bags.

The plastic is collected and then recycled into products like outdoor seating, tables, signs and playground equipment that we can use here at school. For each kilogram of plastic we collect for the rest of the year, we will receive $5 towards the purchase of these products. So collect your plastics at home and bring them to school and put them in the Year 5 classroom Big Red Bin. Thank you.

BUNYIP ACTIVITY DAY
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH
CASUAL DRESS DAY
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT RECESS
AND LUNCH TIME
$3 PER CHILD OR $5 PER FAMILY

WANTED - MOWING HELPERS!
We are in need of parents to help maintain the grounds. It takes approximately 1½ hours to mow and you only have to do a section once per year. If you can help out, please leave your name and contact number at the school office. Thank you.

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.
This Friday 15th March, we are asking for volunteers from Years 3C, 3F and 3S. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

PREMIER’S ACTIVE FAMILIES
The Premier’s Active Families Challenge encourages Victorians to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity for 30 days over six weeks. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people, more active, more often. It will be held from March 4 to April 14. Go to www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge to register as a family today.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
Envelopes for donations to the Good Friday Appeal were sent home. Please return your donation for this worthy cause by this 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:
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• 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
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Hello Everyone!

I’ve sorted out the volunteer slots and have sent out the times that you have chosen, please understand that we may have had to move you to another stall due to a large amount of volunteers for that particular time slot. We have a few spaces left to fill and they are as follows:

**Pony/James the Fire Engine Ride Stall** - 2 people for 1pm to 2pm

**Show Bags** - 1 person for 12noon - 1pm

**Face Painting** - we need a few, so if there are any artistic mums or dads or even older brothers or sisters out there that would like to have a go at face painting, please contact me about the slots below:

- 12noon - 1pm - 1 person
- 1pm - 2pm - 2 people
- 2pm - 3pm - 3 people

Please leave your name at the front office if you can fill these slots. Remember all volunteers that turn up on the day and does their time slot will receive a 20% off voucher from Surf Junction as well as going into the main draw.

Due to the current AEU dispute, the Bunyip Festival Committee has decided to make some permanent changes to the current Festival and those in the future; one being that we are now selling fairy floss in bags and using a slushies machine donated by one of the food vendors.

If anyone has anything for the Easter Raffle can they please drop it off at the front office. We’ve been recently told that someone from Clifton Springs School is happy to come and collect them to save parents a trip to their school.

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. All money raised from the tickets sold **BEFORE** the day stays with Drysdale Primary school. If you can please return all tickets sold or unsold by Monday 18th March. Thank you.

Wristband order forms have also gone out; please get your order back to the school as soon as possible.

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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BUNYIP ACTIVITY DAY

**Date: Wednesday March 20th 2013**

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 Stall*

*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 to pay for the activities as listed above and enable them to come in casual dress for this day.

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

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**THE BUNYIP**

Please find enclosed $3 payment for my child **or** $5 for my children to participate in the day’s activities.

**CHILD/CHILDREN**

________________________________________________________________________

**YEAR(S)**

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**SIGNED**

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