Dear Parents,

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Our amazing Parents and Friends Group held their AGM after assembly on Monday. The Parents and Friends have two essential roles in school. One is to help every family feel a part of the school and provide opportunities for parents and friends of the school to socialise as a school community. The other role is to raise money for the school. The Parents and Friends do both roles extremely well as we all saw at the brilliant Dance Night. The Parents and Friends group added a further $7,000 to their fundraising account during the course of 2012. A new Parents and Friends Committee for 2013 was elected at the AGM. The president is Andrea Hoogwerf, the Vice President is Nadine Underwood, the Secretary is Karen Knight and the Treasurer is Jackie McCann. I would like to thank these people for their willingness to take on these roles and for their commitment to the school.

**FUNDRAISING PROJECTS—PARENT CONSULTATION**

The Parents and Friends are keen to identify projects for their fundraising activities. As a general rule Parents and Friends fundraising should be for things that might be considered “extras” for the children i.e. things that will enhance the children’s experiences at school but which would not ordinarily fall within the budget allocated to the school by the government. The Parents and Friends are keen to identify some projects to be the focus for 2013.

If you have any suggestions for a fundraising project—big or small—please either speak to one of the Parents and Friends committee members, drop a note in at the school office, or e-mail the school at drysdale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. These suggestions will be collated and a shortlist of ideas for further consultation will be provided early next term.

**NAPLAN RESULTS 2012**

The school’s national test results for 2012 were made public on the My School website last week [http://www.myschool.edu.au/](http://www.myschool.edu.au/) The results for Drysdale Primary are excellent. The results are compared with all Australian schools as well as a smaller group of schools which are considered to be statistically similar to ours. Drysdale compares very well in both categories with results that are statistically above similar schools in writing at both year 3 and year 5, reading in year 3, grammar and punctuation in year 3 and numeracy in year 5. This reflects very well on the children who were in years 3 and 5 last year, the quality of teaching they have received and the quality of support they have had at home. I would like to thank everyone in the school community—children, teachers and parents—for their hard work in generating these outcomes.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCIES**

I am calling for nominations for School Council. In this election period we have One Parent Vacancy for a two year appointment. If any parent would like to discuss the role of Council, I would be more than happy to provide advice and information.

Nominations for School Council will open today, Tuesday 19th March and will close on Tuesday 26th March at 4.00pm.

Nomination forms are available from the school office.

Regards,  
Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**BUNYIP FESTIVAL CAKE STALL**

Cake/slice plates were sent home today. Please make sure you follow the instructions enclosed. Thank you.

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

21 Mar.  Yrs.3 & 4 Canteen Special Lunch Order
22 Mar.  Yr. 4 Pt. Lonsdale/Queenscliff Fort Excursion
23 Mar.  33rd Bunyip Festival 10am-3pm at Drysdale P.S.
27 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
14 April  Drysdale Market
15 April  Start Term 2
16 April  Canteen Opens for Term 2
22 April  P & F Second Hand Uniform Sale
25 April  ANZAC Day holiday
2 May  School Photos
9 May  Parents & Friends Mother’s Day Stall
3 June  Curriculum Day, no school
10 June  Queen’s Birthday Holiday

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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](http://www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au)
Our Nude Food winners are: Aidan 2S and Nicholas 4V. 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

**Bakers Delight Drysdale**

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

**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.

**Found**

Rabbit. White and grey. Gumbowie Avenue area. Please contact the office.

**Mowing roster**

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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.

**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 Stalls**

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.

**Canteen Special Lunch Orders**

**Years 3 & 4** 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.

**Canteen Opens Again in Term 2 on Tuesday 16th April**

- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)
COMMUNITY NEWS

QUEENSLIFF 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.

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

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.

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.

TUNING INTO KIDS—Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A six session parenting program to help children learn to understand and regulate their emotions which in turn leads to them becoming more resilient. Every Thursday for 6 weeks. 2nd May—6th June. 9:30am-11:30am Bellarine Community Health, Palmerston St, Drysdale. Stefanie Szlapa Speech Pathologist 5251 2291. Cost $15. Registration is essential.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Hi Everyone,
My name is Rachel Feldman. I’m a mum at this school. I am participating in the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave. Please help me raise money for this cause by donating money via the link below.
Thank you.

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

THIS 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 22nd March, we are asking for volunteers from Years 4D, 4G and 4V. 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.

ACCELERATED LEARNING 2014
Accelerate your child’s learning by applying for a place in the 2014 Select Entry and Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program at Bellarine Secondary College
Visit www.bellarinesc.vic.edu.au under the Curriculum banner for further information and application forms.
Information Evening Tuesday, 26 March 7.00p.m. Ocean Grove Campus. Details from Lea Purdy 52519055 or email purdy.leanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 avermon@bethany.org.au
**Do you need to make a Will or Power of Attorney?**

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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Hello Everyone!

Well it’s the last week and we are running hot. We have a tonne of donations from our great community and a fantastic group of volunteer parents. I’ve now sent out the finalised volunteer times which you should have received last night. Please let me know if you have not received anything and would still like to volunteer, we have a couple of spots left in face painting. But we need floaters for the day who are happy to just pitch in should a volunteer not be able to turn up.

If anyone has anything for the Easter Raffle can they please drop it off at the front office.

Wristbands can still be bought, so please, if you haven’t already done so, head to the lovely ladies at the front office and order some.

Raffle tickets are now due back. Please understand that we are required by law to account for all raffle tickets handed out. So please even if they are not sold can they be returned to the front office. Also those that have sold more than two books will go into the draw for a wristband.

Now on to the good stuff. We have some great donations this year. Holidays, car services, vet care for your pets, Helicopter Rides, Golf Green fees, Wine; lots and lots of great Wine, Antique items, and a great Signature Printed White Sherrin Football proudly donated by the GFC and framed by Bellarine Photography. It’s a 2012 Team with Matthew Scarlett’s signature. A great item for those who collect memorabilia.

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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Map of the Bunyip Festival

- Ponies
- James the Fire Engine
- Rides
- Wrist Bands & Tickets
- Outside Market Stall
- Food, food & more food!
- CFA & SES
- Gate 2 Info Booth & Raffle Ticket Sales
- Eating Area
- Silent Auction
- Entertainment Major Auction
- Cup Cake Decorating
- Cake Stall
- Slushies & Fairy Floss
- Face Painting & Crazy Hair
- StAGE
- Show Bags
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