Dear Parents,

**BUNYIP FESTIVAL**
Thank you to everyone who was involved with the Bunyip Festival at the weekend. This was the thirty third Bunyip Festival and by all accounts one of the best. I was particularly impressed with the strong community feel of the day with parents and friends from both schools sharing the occasion with others from the Drysdale community. There were plenty of past students as well as those who are thinking about joining our school in 2014 or later.

**THANK YOU**
A Festival of the size and scale of the Bunyip takes a lot of organising and a massive amount of very hard work, both in preparation and at either end of the day. There has been a team of people from both this school and Clifton Springs working on the organisation for many months. They have been superbly led by Michelle Powell and include Casey Benson, Naomi Avery, Denise Kadenbach, Karen Knight, Dani MacDonald and Lou Wiffen. When I arrived at 7 am, these people were already hard at work setting up the stalls on the oval, organising the rides and turning the school into a festival site. They were still hard at work at 5.30pm having made sure that everything was cleared away and the school was ready again for educating children from Monday morning. This team have my deep thanks and admiration for their commitment and efforts over the last six months.

I would also like to thank the many, many parents and friends who volunteered on the day to sit on a stall, sell raffle tickets, help in the canteen or paint faces. None of the Festival would have been possible without your support. This was a particularly challenging year with the industrial action undertaken by teachers which prevented most of them from helping on the day. The parents of Drysdale Primary came through brilliantly to make sure the Festival ran and was such a huge success.

None of the Festival would be possible without the support of our major sponsors. In particular, I would like to mention again, Surf Junction which provided the main raffle prize as well as discount vouchers for everyone who worked as a volunteer on the day.

The Volunteer Winner is KERRYN SKUZA. She has won breakfast for two at Van Loons Nursery and a $20 Wish Voucher from Safeway. Congratulations and thank you.

**SUZANNE FILEBORN—RETIREMENT**
This Thursday Suzanne will retire from teaching. I would like to thank Suzanne for her contribution and commitment to the students of Drysdale Primary School over the past 23 years. She has cared for the educational needs of our students and has been a dedicated Teacher and Primary Assistant not only here at Drysdale Primary School but also at Albion North P.S., Werribee P.S., Bell Park North P.S., Bellarine P.S., and Newcomb South P.S. A teaching career spanning 38 years. Well done and congratulations Suzanne.

**END OF TERM**
Students finish at 2:30pm this Thursday and school resumes on Monday 15th April. Have a Happy Easter and enjoy your holidays.

Regards,  
Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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**YEARS 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT TERM DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS THIS WEDNESDAY.**

**END OF TERM 1**
**THURSDAY**
**28TH MARCH**
**2:30 P.M. FINISH**

**FREDDO SHOW BAGS FOR SALE @ $5 EACH IN OFFICE. PROCEEDS TO BUNYIP FESTIVAL**

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Vice President: Rebecca Smith  
Treasurer: Phil Dunlop-Moore  
Secretary: Michelle Powell  
Members: Joanne Black, 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](http://www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au)
NUDE FOOD

Our Nude Food winners are: Madison 6C and Maddy Prep C. Congratulations! 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.

BAKERS DELIGHT DRYSDALE

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

RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to the students who rode or walked to school last Friday 22nd March for Ride 2 School Day. Over half of our students participated—a great effort. Thank you.

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.

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.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Permanent Vacancies for After School Care

We are licenced to provide care for 55 children. There are 6 vacancies for Monday, 15 for Tuesday, 22 for Wednesday, 21 for Thursday and 27 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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PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Please be advised that private property brought to school by students is not insured by the school and the Department of Education does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage. This includes items such as mobile phones, calculators, sporting equipment, bicycles etc. Students are to provide appropriate security for all personal items, and the school will at all times endeavour to assist with this. It is appropriate if required, for students to request the Office or the Principal to look after certain items or sums of cash for short periods of time.

BUNYIP RAFFLE RESULTS

The 1st prize in the Bunyip Raffle went to Callum 5D winning a Surf Junction Package valued at $1,000.
The 2nd prize went to Jen O’Dwyer winning an Accommodation Package valued at $727. The 3rd prize went to Ben Searle winning 2 Will Kits valued at $550.
The 4th prize went to Clare Goodier winning a Spotlight Kit valued at $250 from Drysdale Auto Electrics. The 5th Prize went to Jade McKenzie winning a framed photograph valued at $185 from Tim Peskett. The 6th prize went to Chelsea Skuza winning Glass Bead Jewellery valued at $60 from Beads by B.
Thank you and congratulations to the winners.

ART ROOM NEWS

BUNYIP FESTIVAL — CHILDREN’S ART WORK FOR SALE

Just a reminder that children are able to purchase their Bunyip Festival Art Work this week. Art Work can be purchased during their art class. Please give $3 to Mrs Miles or Mrs Henderson. Whiteboard markers can also be purchased for .50¢. All work purchased will be laminated.
Thank you. - Mrs Miles & Mrs Henderson

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.

CANTENE NEWS

CANTENE OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Parents, please pay your child’s outstanding lunch order accounts before the end of term to the Canteen.

CANTENE SPECIAL LUNCH ORDERS

Years 5 & 6 Special Lunch Order day is Wednesday 27th March.

CANTENE LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 IS THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

CANTENE OPENS AGAIN IN TERM 2 ON TUESDAY 16TH APRIL

- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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.

**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. Springsdale 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.

**PARENT CHILD YOGA—CONNECTING FAMILIES**

Bookings for Term 2 are now open for parents and children aged 8-12yrs. Sessions designed to assist families increase happiness, health and wellbeing while promoting harmonious relationships. Wed. 4-5pm at St James Hall, 55 Collins St, Drysdale. $15 per class bookings essential. Details: Selma Tron Mobile: 0413 081 602 or Email: selma@connectdkids.com.au

**LEARN TO SAIL—ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB**

Courses for all ages. Enquiries or bookings Ph: 5229 3705 or email info@rgyc.com.au Tackers 1 April 1st-5th, 9am-1pm or April 8th-12th 9am-1pm. Tackers 2 April 8th-12th, 1:30-5:30pm. Tackers 3 April 1st-5th 1:30pm-5:30pm.

**PRE LOVED TOY SALE—MOOLAP P.S. COUNTRY FAIR**

Fri. April 19th, 4pm-6pm at Moolap Primary School, 3 Wills Cres, Moolap. Toy drop off Thur.18th April 3:30pm-6:00pm Details from Kathy Davey Ph: 0412 639 335. Get rid of un wanted toys or buy some toys at bargain prices.

**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

Thank you to those families that supported the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. $167.10 was received through donations and has been forwarded to the appeal.

**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.


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**CLIFTON SPRINGS SIBZ GROUP**

The first Clifton Springs SIBZ group has arrived! We will be running a 6 week program starting early Term 2. It will run for an hour during school time. Recognising the needs of siblings of a child with a disability is often overlooked and extremely important. This program will involve discussions, drawing, drama and above all lots of FUN! Contact Mr Field for details.

**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.

**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.

**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 avernon@bethany.org.au
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FAVOURITE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES BY 4G

Hackey Sack because I liked throwing them outside. — Sereney

I liked the dance when we were doing cool tricks on the floor and Will did a front flip. It was cool. — Nathan

The paper planes because I liked flying them in the race. — Kate

The Hackey Sack was my favourite because when I made mine the two balloon ends were sticking up and looked like ears. I decided to call her Mickey. — Ella

Changes for next year — more Golden Tickets and more Cake Vouchers. — Tegan

I would like more activities like Guess Who’s in the Bunyip Costume. — Shani

My favourite stall was the Cup Cakes because they finally had Gluten Free stuff. — Demi 4G

My favourite stall was the Cup Cake stall because it had Vanilla Cake with Chocolate Topping! — Bryce

My favourite songs at the disco were Party Rock Anthem (Hamish, Simon) Cotton Eye Joe (Will) What Makes You Beautiful (Tayla).

My favourite games outside were Guess the Jelly Beans because I was so close. — Jess

My favourite games outside were Golden Tickets because I found some. — Laney

My favourite games outside were Handball because I like winning tickets. — George

BUNYIP ACTIVITY DAY - THINK, FEEL, WONDER BY 3C

I think it was awesome because we got to play table tennis.
I felt happy because it was the best day ever!
I wonder if we will do the same activities next year? — Jack

I think that the Bunyip Activity Day was fantastic!
I felt happy, nice and good. It didn't annoy me.
I wonder if the Bunyip Activity Day will be different next year? — Keira B.

I think that I loved the Bunyip Activity Day because in the disco I got to dance in the circle.
I felt proud when I got a Golden Ticket when I did good dancing in the circle.
I wonder if in three more years I could be the Bunyip? — Juliette

I think I liked it when I won ‘Guess The Treasure’.
I felt excited because you did activities and there were cupcakes.
I wonder if they could have a girl Bunyip? — Leah

I think the 20th March was the best day ever!
I felt on the Bunyip Activity Day that my heart was rising up.
I wonder if the Bunyip will come to the festival? — Callum

I think that the best thing was the disco because One Direction was on it.
I felt surprised when Juliette, Leah, Bridie and I got six in a row.
I wonder who will be the Bunyip next year? — Ruby

I think the Bunyip Activity Day was magnificent because we got to play table tennis. I felt weird when I had to dance with the Bunyip.
I wonder if the Bunyip knows my name? — Keira W.
My favourite thing was the rock pools because we walked on seaweed and it was all mushy and sometimes it went pop! — Isaac 4V

My most favourite thing on the Year 4 excursion was learning about the war and the guns at Queenscliff Fort. I also liked the black lighthouse.— Abbey 4V

My favourite part of the Year 4 excursion was at the Queenscliff Fort and getting to dress up as soldiers.— Tahlia 4V

My favourite part of the excursion was when we were locked in the jail cell, it was so funny, everyone was screaming.— Paddy 4V

My favourite thing on the Year 4 excursion was the sand castle competition. Josh and I built a lighthouse and boat. We used seaweed and lots of sand.— Maddy 4V

My favourite part on the Year 4 excursion was the rock pools because I found a crab shell with Gus, it was awesome.— Lachie 4V

At Queenscliff Fort I liked dressing up as soldiers. We had a war and saw bunkers.— Angus 4V

At the rock pools it was cold, wet and fun. We saw lots of interesting things. I found a sea squirt, it was small, pink and slimy. Altogether it was COOL! — Amelia 4D

My favourite thing was the rock pools. My favourite thing about the rock pools was seeing the red, slimy, oozy sea anemone. My other favourite thing was seeing the wild, dangerous and deadly rip out in the deepest part of the ocean.— Tess 4D

I thought the rock pools were very cool and had lots of great mesmerising creatures to see in them. At the same time I thought the fort was very interesting but scary too.— Sophie 4D

The rock pools were amazing, some small, some big. I liked the dark gloomy deep ones. I found spikey sea urchins, some beautiful shells, some hungry carnivore shells and stripy herbivore shells. We walked on slippery rocks and unusual seaweed and sea leathers.— Emily 4D

Last week on Friday 4D went on the awesome Queenscliff excursion. We went to the Queenscliff Fort, one reason it was there was to protect our gold from being stolen from other countries. We also went to the rock pools and my feet were soggy by the end.— Ryan 4D

My favourite part of the excursion was the rock pools with brightly coloured coral and lots of types of shells. — Cameron 4D
Thank you to our Bunyip Sponsors!!

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