Dear Parents,

**TERM 2**

Welcome back to school for the start of term 2. I hope everyone had a very relaxing holiday and enjoyed the break from school. I am delighted to welcome Rebecca Hoyne as our new teacher of 4G. Rebecca has recently moved to Geelong from Melbourne with her family and brings with her considerable experience and expertise as a primary school teacher. We are looking forward to her working at Drysdale for the remainder of the year. Term 2 is a very important term in any school year. Everyone has settled into school and often uses term 2 to accelerate their learning. In a good school like Drysdale this means finding the small extras that will make a difference—reading for a couple more minutes every day at home, making sure that you come to school every day, getting involved in one new activity. It also involves expecting to be the best you can be and believing that you are going to become the best you can be.

**SCHOOL REVIEW**

Later this term Drysdale Primary School will be having its school review. Every government school has this check every four years conducted by a team of experienced principals from other schools across the state. The outcomes set the school’s agenda for improvement over the next four years (to 2017.) There are two hugely important ways in which you as our parents and friends can become involved. Firstly, before the review, the school produces an analysis of how well we believe we are performing and where we believe we can improve further. Secondly we consult with all members of our school community about what we believe the school should have achieved before the next review in 2017. I am including a questionnaire and consultation with this newsletter to seek your views about how well we are currently doing and what you believe the school should be achieving in four years time. It would be enormously helpful if you could take a few minutes to let us know your views. To make the most of this information, I need replies by the beginning of next week, Monday April 22nd.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION**

Following my call towards the end of last term for nominations to the last remaining school council vacancy for parents, we have two nominations and will hold an election. The candidates are: Jenny Carroll and Paul Rawson. You should receive a yellow ballot paper, a blue candidate statement, a white envelope with DPS return address and a plain envelope for the ballot paper to go into. A box and voter register is located at the office. Nominations close on Tuesday 23rd April at 4:00pm.

**“SIGHTS FOR SCHOOLS”**

Over my time in education I have come to recognise the importance of having good eyesight. Sometimes children or their parents have not been aware that there is something which needs to be corrected. For example my brother in law didn’t realise until he started wearing glasses that the world was not blurred because that’s how he had always seen everything. I have negotiated a deal with the Sights for Schools program for children who need glasses to receive a free pair of frames and lenses. All you need to do is to make sure your child has had an eye test and have registered with the program using the form at the bottom of the letter included with this newsletter. Our aim at Drysdale Primary is to provide small solutions that will make a big difference to children’s education.

Regards,

Phil Dunlop-Moore, Principal
**ANZAC DAY BADGES**

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Call 0417 379 655 for casual vacancies.

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**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 19th April, we are asking for volunteers from Years 5B, 5D and 5K. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 a.m. We need about 8 helpers each Friday. Thank you.

**Junior School Council**

Drysdale Primary School have once again registered with the Woolworths Earn And Learn Rewards program. Last year it was an outstanding success and we received some amazing equipment and resources throughout the school. We have more microscopes in the Year 6 area to new tables in the Prep and Year 1 areas. All you need to do is collect the point sheets from Woolworths and fill the sheets in and bring the filled sheets to school. JSC has a box set up in the Year 6 end of the BER building where they can be placed. Thank You For Your Support JSC

**Student Banking**

Student banking takes place every Tuesday morning in the Staff Room. If there are any students who want to commence Student Banking, applications can be obtained from the Drysdale Commonwealth Bank.

**Dollarmites Treasure Hunt Competition**

Just make three or more deposits during Term 2 and you’ll be in the competition! 1st prize $5,000 family holiday, 25 runners-up prizes—Adventure Packs worth $700 each. Details: commbank.com.au/adventureisland

**NuDE FooD**

Our Nude Food winners are: Tate 2A and Amelia 4D. 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. Thank you. - Mrs Tara van Winckel

**Parents & Friends**

**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 be in next week’s Link.

**CanTeen News**

Swimming Year 4

Lunch orders can still be submitted whilst the swimming program is running.

**Canteen Menu—Winter**

The new Winter Canteen Menu will go home next week with The Link.

- Dianne Ward (Canteen Manageress)
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.

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.

Prep enrolments for 2014 are to be finalised. If you have a child at school with a sibling, please make sure you submit your Prep Enrolment Form by 31st May.

Drysdale Primary School has a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development approved ceiling on enrolments. Status of placement will be advised by 31st July 2013.

Priority order of placement:
1. Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school.
2. Students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time.
3. Where the Regional Director has restricted the enrolment, students who reside nearest the school.
4. Students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds.
5. All other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.
6. In exceptional circumstances, compassionate grounds.

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

For Legal Advice call 52 513 453

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It is important for young families to be aware of Orthodontic problems that are often apparent from about the age of seven. Early orthodontic treatment can help correct dental problems and also help minimize extensive treatment at an older age. All our consultations are free and no referral from a dentist is required.

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GREAT SERVICE GREAT HOLIDAY!
Drysdale Primary School Review 2013

Please complete this short questionnaire which will help us make an accurate evaluation of how well we are currently performing as a school and what we need to work on over the next four years to be the best school we can be.

Answers in dot points are fine. While we are interested in all comments, please do not feel obliged to answer every question. We are particularly keen to find out about what is important to you as a member of our school community.

How well are we performing now?

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What does the school currently do particularly well?

What does the school currently need to improve?

What are the three most important things I want the school to be doing exceptionally well by the end of the next review period in 2017? (These can already be strengths.)
1. 
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3. 

What are the most important values for the school to hold by 2017?

Please make any other comment you wish either about the school now or how you would like the school to be in 2017. (Please continue overleaf if necessary.)

Please return completed forms to the school office by Monday April 22nd.
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| **April 14** | 15 | Yr.4 Swimming | 16 | Nude Food Day | 17 | Yrs.3-6 Cross Country | 18 | 19 **Cross Country Backup Day**  
Fresh Fruit Duty: 5B, 5D, 5K | 20 |
| | | PSW Uniform | | PSW Uniform | | | | |
| 21 | Drysdale Market | 22 | P & F  
Secondhand Uniform Sale 3pm  
Yr.4 Swimming | 23 | Nude Food Day  
Schools ANZAC Ceremony | 24 | 6P ANZAC Day  
Ceremony  
Drysdale Grove 10:30am | 25 | ANZAC Day  
Holiday  
10am  
Ceremony in School Hall | 26 | Fresh Fruit Duty: 6C, 6P, 6S | 27 |
| | | | | PSW Uniform | | | | |
| | 28 | 29 | 30 | Nude Food Day  
Active After School Communities, Yoga | **May 1** | 2 | School Photos  
Active After School Communities, Hockey | 3 | Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep C, Prep M | 4 |
| | | | | PSW Uniform | | | | |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | Nude Food Day | 8 | Parents & Friends  
Mother’s Day Stall | 9 | Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep V, Prep W | 10 |
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| | 12 | 13 | 14 | Nude Food Day  
NAPLAN  
School Council  
PSW Uniform | 15 | NAPLAN | 16 | NAPLAN | 17 | Fresh Fruit Duty: 1C, 1L, 1R, 1S | 18 |
| | | | | PSW Uniform | | | | |
| | 19 | Last Drysdale Market | 20 | PSW Uniform | 21 | Nude Food Day  
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Cook/RAAF visit  
W E E K | 23 | 24 | Fresh Fruit Duty: 2A, 2B, 2S, 2V | 25 |
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| | 2 | 3 | Curriculum Day  
No School | 4 | Nude Food Day  
PSW Uniform | 5 | 6 | 7 | Fresh Fruit Duty: 4D, 4G, 4V | 8 |
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| | 9 | 10 | Queen’s Birthday  
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PSW Uniform | 12 | 13 | 14 | Fresh Fruit Duty: 5B, 5D, 5K | 15 |
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| | 16 | PSW Uniform | 17 | Nude Food Day  
PSW Uniform | 18 | Palaeontologist  
Visit for Yr.2  
(Andrew Plant) | 19 | 20 | 21 | Healthy Eating  
Walk, whole school  
Fresh Fruit Duty: 6C, 6P, 6S | 22 |
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| | 23 | 24 | PSW Uniform | 25 | Nude Food Day  
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Performance  
Fresh Fruit Duty: Prep C, Prep M  
End of Term 2 2:30pm Finish | 29 |