Dear Parents,

Priority Enrolment for Children with Hearing Impairment

During this year we have enrolled a number of children with a diagnosed hearing impairment. As there are already a few children in school with a diagnosed hearing impairment, we now have sufficient need to have been provided with some specialist equipment to support their learning. Many of our teachers are voluntarily gaining additional skills in teaching children with a hearing impairment by learning AUSLAn with lunchtime lessons taught by Steff McGrath. We are further aware that there are a number of other children living on the Bellarine with a diagnosed hearing impairment. At our School Council meeting last week, we discussed how we could best offer support to these children and their families given the specialist equipment in some of our classrooms. The outcome was that our School Council agreed to designate hearing impairment as a specific curriculum need as identified in priority four of our enrolment policy.

In plain English this means that Drysdale Primary School will support the needs of children with a diagnosed hearing impairment by agreeing to their enrolment even if we are not their closest government school.

Prep Enrolment Open Morning — Thursday May 28th 9am to 10.40am

We will be holding an open morning for families considering Drysdale PS as their choice for Prep in 2016 or 2017. Any parents interested in having a tour of the school are welcome to call in on Thursday week; no appointment is necessary. Generally we enrol around 80 children into Prep. These usually live closer to Drysdale PS than any other government school or have a sibling already attending this school. If there are spaces within our standard enrolment of 80 after this we will consider children for whom we are not the closest government school.

Pupil Free Day

Following consultation with staff and the agreement of our School Council, I can now confirm that the two remaining pupil free days for 2015 will be on Monday July 13th and Friday December 4th. This means that Term 3 for students will start on Tuesday July 14th and the last day of the school year will be Friday December 18th. On that day term will finish at 2.30pm. I expect to be able to let you know the date of all four pupil free days for 2016 during December once our annual strategic plans have been agreed.

Kids Matter Parents Survey

Please can I remind anyone who has not yet returned the Kids Matter survey for parents that they are due this Wednesday. We are intending to begin analysing the responses on Thursday, so it would be really helpful if any surveys still waiting to be sent back can be returned tomorrow. Thank you. Replies are anonymous. All families who return a survey will have their name entered separately into a draw to win an Adventure park family pass for 4. We would like to acknowledge the generous donation by Adventure Park.

Walk Safely to School — Friday May 22nd

On Friday May 22nd there is a National Walk Safely to School Day. We would like to encourage as many families as possible to walk all or some of the way to school. This is a great way to begin creating a new habit that encourages greater physical activity. I understand that there are a number of reasons why it may not be practical to walk all the way from home e.g. distance, the need for parents to continue their journey on to work or in a few areas near the school the absence of footpaths. For my family, we drive part of the way to school and then complete the journey on foot. This is a good alternative way of supporting this event while managing the practicalities of family life.

Regards,
Phil Dunlop-Moore
Principal
PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal’s Awards at assembly yesterday:


SPRING FAIR 2015

CALLING ALL DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURS

We would like to extend an invitation to any student who would like to hold a stall at our Spring Fair.

If you are the crafty type and would like to sell your home-made items at our Spring Fair, please complete the form with details and a description of what you will be selling and return by Friday 29th May 2015. Andrea and Rachel will happily discuss the details with you at a later date.

Happy Making!!
From the Spring Fair Team

GARDENING CLUB

WANTED:
Do you have an old bath that you no longer need? We are looking for 2 old baths to upcycle as garden beds. They will be used to grow beautiful raspberries. If you can help us with this please contact the office or Miss Fatone.

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

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Accept the Challenge

OPEN MORNING

THURSDAY, 28TH MAY 2015 at 9AM

2016 PREP ENROLMENTS

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31ST MAY 2015
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A friendly reminder for parents that for staffing and catering purposes children should be booked into OSHC through Camp Australia, or if it impractical to do so, through a staff member at OSHC. This is to ensure that we have adequate numbers of staff present to care for your children, and that we have prepared enough food to go around. In related news, could parents be sure to notify OSHC directly, or the Camp Australia head office, if your child will not be attending a session they are booked in for. This helps streamline the session for everyone else as we are not spending time trying to track down children who are not actually coming. The OSHC mobile number is 0404 427 452.

NUDE FOOD WINNERS

Nude Food winners for this week are: Harley 1D and Tate 4H and 2S and 3S were the classes to win. Well Done and remember to bring your nude food in named containers!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Please return payment or the book NOW.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active kids are healthy kids. That's the primary message of Friday May 22nd Walk Safely to School Day. Please join active travelling parents and students at McLeods Waterhole Reserve, Duke St or Oakden St Cemetery car park to walk safely to school. Informal walking groups will start walking at 8:35am from these destinations. It's recommended that children up to 8yrs should be holding an adults hand on footpaths, in car parks and of course crossing roads and children up to 10yrs should be actively supervised in the traffic environment and in crossing roads. Some fresh fruit will be available to those actively walking to school. Hope to see you this Friday.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

On Fridays we need 8 parent helpers to help cut up the fruit for our Fresh Fruit Fridays. Next week on Friday 15th May we are asking for volunteers from all Year 6. If you can assist, please come to the staff room at 9 am. Thank you.

CAMP AUSTRALIA
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CLIFTON SPRINGS PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY 2015

On Wednesday 3rd June from 2 - 3pm. Meet our friendly team of teachers and staff, see our fantastic facilities, ask questions about the programs we offer, and play with the sand or paint a picture! 21A Central Road, Clifton Springs 3222. Phone 03 5251 3158

BEACON POINT PRE SCHOOL

Will be holding an open week for future families. All welcome to drop in for a visit during Education Week from 18th-22nd May. Registration forms and handbooks will be available. If these dates don’t suit, please contact the kindergarten on 52531550

BELLARINE BASKETBALL

30 mins skills followed by 30 mins modified basketball game—FIRST SESSION FREE! Also Aussie Hoops sessions Saturday mornings Ages 5-10. Contact BPBA 5253 3377
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