



Our hours of supervision are 8.45am-3.30pm

# The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

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2022 TERM 2





# IMPORTANT DATES



<b>Mondays</b>	Lunch Orders— Flexischools App
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Breakfast Club 8:30am—8:45am (Free to All) Library Open to students at lunch time
<b>Thursdays</b>	Lunch Orders - Flexischools App Breakfast Club 8:30am—8:45am (Free to All) Library Open to Students at lunchtime 'Healing the Beat' Free Student Workshops (Yr 5&6)
<b>Fridays</b>	Outside Assembly @ 2:50pm Parents & Friends—1st Friday of the month @ 9:00am (after drop off)
<b>Wed 27th JUL</b>	100 Days of Prep Celebrations!
<b>Tues 2nd AUG</b>	Prep & Year 1 Excursion 'Edward the Emu' at the West Gippsland Arts Centre
<b>Wed 10th - Fri 12th AUG</b>	Waratah Bay Beach Adventure Camp
<b>13th-21st AUG</b>	National Science Week
<b>Mon 15th - Wed 17th AUG</b>	Grade 5/6 Urban Camp
<b>Tues 16th AUG</b>	School Council Meeting
<b>Mon 5th SEPT</b>	Student Free Curriculum Day

## Wet Winter Weather

Brings muddy puddles! Please pack a spare change of clothes for your child.

# From Mrs Halliday



**Drouin West Primary School**

*'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Learner'*



We are back for Term 3 and we know it will be another great one! I hope families had a lovely term break.

## Coming to School

It is very important that children arrive on time. Our school day starts at 8.45am. We are noticing a high number of students being dropped off very early. Our yard supervision begins at 8.45am. This is when the first bell goes and the students can go into class and set up the day, once they are set up they are able to go outside and have a little play before the day begins. The music then goes at 8.55 for students to know to return back in the classroom, ready for 9.00am start of learning! If you are requiring before school care, please contact the office to secure a place for our OSHC.

The kinder development will really kick off this term, we will need to be flexible with our yard play until completion. We will maximise our space, be creative and use some of our other play areas while the build occurs on our grounds. When completed, the kinder will be a fantastic resource for our community. The kinder will be run by YMCA, however we look forward to working alongside them to have a little hub of learning in Drouin West. The construction will require all of our patience and understanding and we truly thank you in advance.

This term, we have lots of events happening for our students. It is wonderful that we can now start filling our events calendar once again. Our Prep/One's are off to Edward the Emu at the West Gippsland Arts Centre in Warragul in a few weeks, which I am certain they will enjoy. Both of our camps are this term, our Year Three and Four students are heading to Waratah Bay for an adventure camp and our Year Five and Sixes are heading to Melbourne for Urban Camp. Our senior students will also participate in a drumming program during the second part of the term, this forms part of social and emotional learning program and is funded by the school. It will have a focus on empowerment and self-belief. Each class will have a 45 minute session weekly on a Thursday.

Looking forward to another great term.

Take care,

Kelly Halliday *Principal*

## School Uniform

We ask for your support with our uniform.

It is necessary for all of our students to wear DWPS uniform.

If you are having difficulties with this, please contact the office.

We are very well supported through State School Relief and we are more than happy to help.



# Updated Child Safe Standards

Effective July 1st

## What are the new Child Safe Standards?

There are eleven new Child Safe Standards:

- Standard 1 – Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued
- Standard 2 – Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture
- Standard 3 – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
- Standard 4 – Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing
- Standard 5 – Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice
- Standard 6 – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice
- Standard 7 – Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused
- Standard 8 – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training for children and young people to be harmed-
- Standard 10 – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved
- Standard 11 – Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people

## Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Drouin West Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students.

We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments.

We promote positive relationships between students and adults and between students and their peers. These relationships are based on trust and respect.

We take proactive steps to identify and manage any risk of harm to students in our school environment. When child safety concerns are raised or identified, we treat these seriously and respond promptly and thoroughly.

Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) and other students experiencing risk or vulnerability. Inappropriate or harmful behaviour targeting students based on these or other characteristics, such as racism or homophobia, are not tolerated at our school, and any instances identified will be addressed with appropriate consequences.

Child safety is a shared responsibility. Every person involved in our school has an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and promptly raising any issues or concerns about a child's safety.

We are committed to regularly reviewing our child safe practices, and seeking input from our students, families, staff, and volunteers to inform our ongoing strategies.

**At the last school council meeting our child safe policies were updated and passed.**



# DROUIN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN (INTERIM NAME)

535 Main Neerim Road, Drouin West 3818

July 2022

## Construction notification

Dear Resident,

As you may be aware, a new kindergarten is being built at Drouin West Primary School in partnership with Baw Baw Shire Council. It is one of 12 kindergartens on or next door to schools opening in Victoria in 2023. The project shares in \$283 million provided in the 2019-20 Budget for Three-Year-Old Kindergarten funding.

### Upcoming works

A builder has now been appointed and works are due to commence on site in August 2022. Works will include ground preparations, the installation of a modular building and the construction of an outdoor learning space and associated car parking facilities. Construction will be completed in time for a Term 1, 2023 opening.

To support upcoming works, we will need to remove a number of trees on the site. We have worked with the arborist to keep as many trees as is safely possible. We will plant at least two trees of a comparable species for every tree removed, in line with our tree removal and replacement policy.

Any works on this site must comply with *Covid Safe Guidelines* and the *Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions*, to the extent that they apply at the time of the works. Construction hours will comply with Shire of Baw Baw guidelines and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regulations.

We will strive to maintain the privacy of all residents and business owners and to minimize potential disruptions throughout the project.

### More information

If you have any further questions about the works at Drouin West Primary School, you can phone us on **1800 896 950**, email [ysba@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ysba@education.vic.gov.au) or visit our website: <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au>.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and patience during this project.

Kind regards,

Victorian School Building Authority



For interpretation services, please ring the Victorian School Building Authority language line on 03 9280 0712.

[schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au](https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au)



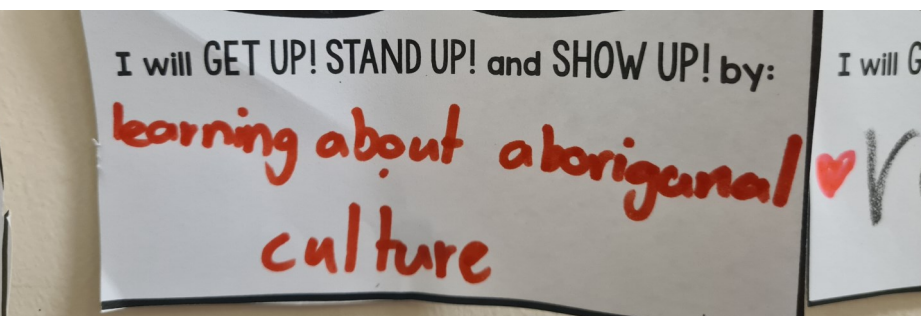
**NAIDOC WEEK!**



Our Year 2 & 3 students acknowledged the theme of this year's NAIDOC week by thinking about how they can 'Get Up, Stand Up and Show Up!' for First Nations Australians.

GET UP!  
STAND UP!  
SHOW UP!

## 3-10 JULY 2022



# FROM OUR COMMUNITY



How will you science this  
National Science Week?



13-21 AUG 2022

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# **AFTER SCHOOL SPORT AND GAMES**

**JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL FOR FREE FUN  
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, ALL CHILDREN  
WELCOME!**

**WHERE: DROUIN PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM**

**TIME: 3:30-4:30PM**

**DATE: STARTING 1ST WEEK OF TERM 3 ON  
TUESDAYS (WEEKLY)**

*Contact Isaac for more information on 0401 265 467  
or [isaac.copland@reclink.org](mailto:isaac.copland@reclink.org)*

No need to pre-register, children can just show up on the day!



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