



Our hours of supervision are 8.45am-3.30pm

# The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School  
Issue No 19 - Thursday 23rd JUNE

2022 TERM 2



Wishing our community a  
happy and safe school holidays!  
'We'll see you back for Term 3 on Monday July 11th'



# 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
<b>Fridays</b>	Outside Assembly @ 2:50pm Parents & Friends—1st Friday of the month @ 9:00am (after drop off)

**Thu 23rd JUN**    **LAST DAY of Term 2 for Students**

**Fri 24th JUN**    **Student Free Day—Professional**

**Mon 11th JUL**    **First Day of Term 3**

**Wed 10th - Fri 12th**    **Waratah Bay Beach Adventure Camp**  
**AUG**

**Mon 15th - Wed**    **Grade 5/6 Urban Camp**  
**17th AUG**

**Tues 19th JUL**    **School Council Meeting 7pm**

**Mon 5th SEPT**    **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'*

With our term coming to an end, it is a great time to reflect on the enormous progress our students are making. Students all grow and develop at all different rates and it has been great to see the learning growth our students are continuing to make.

Tomorrow afternoon, our semester reports will be accessible on COMPASS. These reports indicate your children's progress in regards to our Victorian Curriculum. Attendance has had an impact for some students, unfortunately this has been unavoidable for some families and we will continue to provide support around this. Learning is a journey and through multiple exposures and building on experiences our student master concepts and thrive. With that in mind, can we continue to stress that being at school on time and ready for learning by 9am is SO important. Coming in late can cause stress for your child and interrupts their sequence of learning. If they are missing blocks of instructional time, it can hinder their potential performance.

We are very saddened to inform our community that our wonderful Chaplain Wendy Ronalds is leaving us. Wendy has been a tremendous asset to our school over many years. Wendy goes about her work with such a kind nature and has always strived hard to ensure our students and staff at DWPS are very well supported. Our *Seasons for Growth* programs over the years have positively affected so many children. Wendy is now moving on to training facilitators of this program to spread it even further into communities. Words can not express how grateful we are for what Wendy has done for our students at DWPS and we wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

We are also wishing a farewell to Education Support Staff members Izzy Stephens and Ashleigh MacDonald as they embark on new ventures and Ann Webster as she officially begins her retirement. Thank you for all you have done as part of our school team during your time at DWPS.

Tomorrow is a Professional Practice Day for our staff, so it is a student free day. We hope all families have a lovely school term break. Stay safe and we will see you back for another great term in term three.

We are back on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July.

Take care,

Kelly Halliday



**Farewell and Best Wishes!**



# From Mrs Ronalds

## *School Chaplain*



Dear Families at Drouin West Primary school,

After 12 years of Chaplaincy at Drouin West Primary school I am writing to let you know that I will be finishing up at the end of this term.

I have had a new opportunity come across my path which I would like to try, as a Community Resilience Officer (CRO) for East Gippsland, working for "Good Grief", an umbrella organization of Mary Mackillop Family Services-essentially training staff in the Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds program and providing ongoing support in implementation. This new role seems like a good fit as I've facilitated these programs for over 350 children at Drouin West Primary School!

It's not been an easy decision to leave a community that I love, but it seems to be time.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given me so I could serve our community through Chaplaincy. It has been my privilege to walk alongside the children, families and staff.

I look forward to popping back to school early next term to see the children who have just completed Seasons for Growth receive their certificates at assembly. It will be so nice (but sad) to say goodbye in person then.

Kind regards,

Wendy Ronalds

## OSHC Coordinator

### Drouin West Primary School



**DROUIN WEST**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EST. 1874

**Must hold or be working towards - Diploma/Advanced Diploma of Children Services/Degree in Early Childhood, Primary Education or equivalent.**

**Please forward your resume to  
[drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  
attention to Kelly Halliday.**

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**Applications close on Recruitment Online Friday 8th July**

We are looking for someone to join our team! Please share with your contacts if you know someone who may be interested.

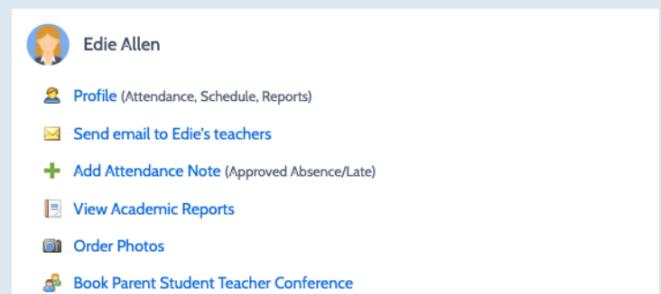
# Semester One Reports

## ...And how to view them

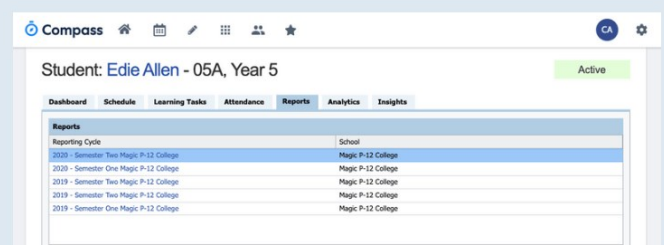
Families will be able to access their child's Semester One reports on Friday the 23rd of June via Compass after 3pm.

### Viewing Academic Reports

- 1 From the home screen, click on the 'View Academic Reports' item or navigate to the 'Student Profile' and click the 'Reports' tab.



- 2 A list of 'Academic Reports' will be displayed. Click the report title to download the PDF.



<https://www.compass.education/guide#section-08>

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[drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au) if  
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# Zoo Reviews

'Here is what our 2/3 students had to say about the Melbourne Zoo trip.'

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, the 2/3 students at Drouin West Primary School (DWPS), went to the Melbourne Zoo. We went on the bus and when we got there, we ate some yummy food. After that, we were split into groups. I was in Miss. Keira's group. First, we went to see the Lion Gorge. I liked the Lion's most. Then we went to see underwater world. It was really cool. I give the zoo 5/5 stars because I liked all of the animals.  
- Khalia 2/3B



On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, the grade 2/3's from Drouin West Primary School went to the Melbourne Zoo. We went on the bus and when we got there, we ate our snack and split into groups. I was in Miss. Keira's group. We saw the giraffe's first. The giraffes had very long necks. When we went past the lions, we heard them chuffing. The Elephants had giant, grey ears. I had no idea the Melbourne Zoo had lemurs! I also didn't know that they had café's inside. How do they get the Elephants in their enclosures? My favourite animal was the lemur. They were so cute and fluffy. I give the zoo 5/5 stars because I got to see so many animals and had lots of fun with my friends. - Hayley P 2/3B

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, the 2/3's went to the Melbourne Zoo. We got there by bus. We saw so much animals. My favourite are seals and meerkats. We took Elbert (our class mascot). We also split into groups. I was in Miss. Viotto's group. I wish we didn't have to walk so far. I liked all of the animals. I give the zoo 4/5 stars because I had to walk so far. - Tilly C 2/3B





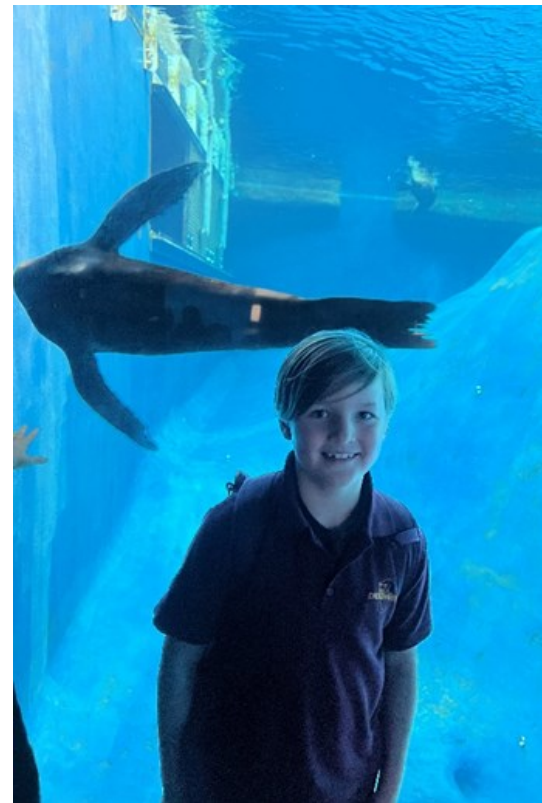
On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, the grade 2/3's at Drouin West Primary School went to the Melbourne Zoo. We went on a bus and when we got there, we split up into groups. I was in Miss. Viotto's group. We saw a Giant Tortoise, Meerkats and some snakes. My favourite was the Meerkats. I give the zoo 4/5 stars because I loved the Meerkat tunnels.

- Charlie B 2/3B



On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, the 2/3 students at Drouin West Primary School went to the Melbourne Zoo. We went on a bus and when we got there, we ate snack and split up into groups. I was in Miss. Case's group. My favourite was the Meerkats. It was pretty good. The wild sea was underground. The Meerkats looked spikey. Unfortunately, we didn't see every animal and we didn't have lots of time to have a good look. I give the Melbourne Zoo 5/5 stars because it is so amazing.

- Callan 2/3B



On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, the 2/3 students at Drouin West Primary School went to the Melbourne Zoo. We all went on a bus and were split between 2. It took an hour and a half to get there. When we got there, we all got off the bus and had to wait for a zoo manager to open the gate and let us in. When we were there, we all had snack and then got split into groups. I was in Mrs. F's group. We first went to the seals and we went underground and I got a photo with them. When we got to the giraffe's, Mrs. F wanted to stay there forever, but we eventually left. The zoo was huge and there were other schools too. When we saw the Giant Tortoise, it was much bigger than I thought it would be. I never knew they did animal shows at the zoo and I didn't know there were two different entries. The baboons were fighting and their bums were not very red. I have one question – Where do they put the animals when they're cleaning the habitats? I give the zoo 3.5/5 stars. If you're asking why, it's because I didn't get to eat at one of their café's.

- Bailey P 2/3B



On Friday, the grade 2/3's went to a cool zoo where the seals zoomed through the water and the monkeys climbed the trees. At the zoo, there was an amazing wild dog. It was sleeping in its cave and it was so cute. There was a huge fish pond with lots of amazing fish. There were sting rays hiding in the rocks and there were yellow fish. There were orangutans that destroyed a block. There was proof which giraffe was a boy. The monkeys climbed trees. It was amazing. The giant tortoises were so cool. You should definitely go. - Nox 2/3A



On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, almost everyone came to the Melbourne Zoo and the other 2/3's came on the cool bus to go on a trip to the zoo. At the zoo, there was some interesting animals and 7 teachers came. We saw some reptiles, seals, lions, tigers and so much more. There are zoo classes, lots of toilets and food places. I think the zoo is suitable to age groups over 3 and younger. I rate it 20/20.

- Leylani 2/3A



On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, Drouin West 2/3 students went to the Melbourne Zoo. I loved the tigers and the enclosures were set up really well and the gorillas were really cool. The lions were so loud when they roared. I didn't like the long walks between the enclosures and the giant tortoises were staring at me and the orangutans were boring. I give the zoo 4 out of 5 stars.

- Sol 2/3C

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, Drouin West Primary School 2/3 students went to the zoo. I loved the meerkats because they were well taken care of and they were so cute and cuddly. My second favourite animal at the zoo was the snow leopard because it was also very well taken care of and looked like a baby. My third favourite animal was the wild dogs. I liked the colour of them and they looked cute and cuddly. I also liked the lions. Their enclosure looked clean and well taken care of. The things I didn't like were, I didn't like how you couldn't buy anything and you couldn't see the penguins. I disliked how much walking you had to do and we didn't get to see all of the animals.

Reilley 2/3C





On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, almost all of the grade 2/3's caught the bus to go to the Melbourne Zoo. At the zoo, there are so many interesting animals to watch like monkeys, red pandas, meerkats, fish, lions, seals and the snow leopards. The most interesting animal was the long, slithery snake. It moved so slowly. There were some Drouin West primary school teachers that came. There were 4 teachers and 2 staff teachers so 6 in total. The 2/3's saw lots of animals. We saw scaly reptiles and the dangerous tigers and lions. One of the lion's names was George I think? The 2/3's were so excited and adventurous. All the amazing animals were so cool, and loud, and exciting, and big and small. All the grade 2/3's went to see the cute platypus but he was in the corner of his tank. So, all the grade 2/3's were sad that they didn't get to see it. The grade 2/3's were so exhausted after the zoo, so we caught the big bus and got on. Some of us slept on the bus. It took a long time to get there and back. I know Xander and Kaleb slept because I sat next to them and they fell asleep.

- Olivia 2/3A



On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, the grade 2/3's drove to an amazing excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. At the zoo, there were many animals such as, jolly giraffes, great gorillas, majestic meerkats, lovely lions and more. The Melbourne Zoo is a great place for you! I rate it 8/10! I recommend you come here, if you don't mind walking. Or you rent one of those cars the rangers ride around in. I think people from all age groups would enjoy the zoo.

- Mechi 2/3A





# Winter Sports

'after many postponements  
we finally made it to the  
interschool Winter Sports  
events!'







# **HAWKS HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**Tuesday June 28 | 3:30pm-4:30pm**

**Tuesday July 5 | 3pm-4:30pm**

**Box Hill City Oval**

**Join us these school holidays for a FREE Hawks Holiday Program. Hawks Holidays Program offers a unique football experience in a high performance environment. The program is designed to encourage participation and create an introduction into the AFL no matter the skill level. Hawks Holidays will be run by Hawks players and Coaches and will include fun football activities and giveaways at each session!**

**REGISTER VIA QR CODE BELOW**





# Join us for school holiday fun at West Gippsland Arts Centre

Looking for something fun, engaging and interactive for the kids to do these school holidays? Join us for **Paint What You Hear**, a series of hands-on workshops that blend music and art. Participants will experience live music and free spirited fun while also getting messy. **Very messy!**

These amazing workshops use live classical and contemporary music and visual art, encouraging participants to respond to the music using painting and drawing.

On Saturday 9 July, participants are also invited to attend an Artwork Display Workshop to frame their work ready for exhibition at West Gippsland Arts Centre for the remainder of the month.

These workshops get very messy so we encourage you to wear 'play clothes' that you don't mind getting covered with paint!



**Wednesday 6 July to Saturday 9 July**

Various session times available.

Visit [wgac.com.au](http://wgac.com.au) for more details and to book your session.



## Paint What You Hear

**WEST GIPPSLAND  
ARTS CENTRE**



[www.wgac.com.au](http://www.wgac.com.au)

Ph 5624 2456

Booking Office:

Corner of Smith and Albert Streets  
Warragul

# Join us for school holiday fun at West Gippsland Arts Centre



**Saturday 2 July  
11am & 3pm**

Gratuitous, ridiculous, hilarious, joyous and possibly hazardous, Rich and Matt are The Listies, Australia's maestros of kidult comedy.

ROFL is all the popular bits of The Listies' sell-out shows jam-packed with a brand new set of hilarious comedy routines that will have the whole family in stitches.



Does it have a burpershop quartet? Yes, yes it does

Does the show feature the world's most annoying song? Totes!



Bringing ancient creatures from land and sea together in one show, Erth's Prehistoric World is the perfect combination of theatrical magic and charm. It takes the audience to the bottom of the ocean to discover ancient bio-luminescent creatures and incredible marine reptiles, and then back to dry land to witness some of the most amazing dinosaurs to have ever walked this Earth...

**Tuesday 5 July  
6pm**

**Wednesday 6 July  
11am & 3pm**

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