IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Fridays</td>
<td>Assembly will be held at 3pm in the multi-purpose room. Parents/guardians/carers and interested community members are most welcome to attend.</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
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<td>Ficifolia Festival Street Parade Saturday Feb 13th</td>
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<td>Permission forms have been sent home last week for those children who will be coming along and representing our school in the parade on Saturday February 13th. Come along and join in the fun as we join in the Ficifolia Festival celebrations in 2016.</td>
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<td>We are encouraged to use this year’s theme: “Retro Vintage”. Students are asked to wear their school uniform in the parade. Some students will have the opportunity to decorate a blower hat, handlebar moustache, monocle, trendy suspenders or hand held streamers during their art sessions.</td>
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<td>This year the parade will start at 5:00pm. We will be assembling at the football oval from 4:30pm and look forward to having all our families coming along.</td>
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<td>Please note: 2016 Prep students must be accompanied by an adult in the parade to participate in this event.</td>
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<td>Selected students who placed in the swimming trials held at the end of 2015 to attend the District Swimming—9:30am to 1pm.</td>
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<td>‘Tea Under the Oaks’ - further information will be supplied in the newsletter next week.</td>
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<td>Labour Day public holiday.</td>
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<td>Whole School Photos — Please note the change of date to term 2</td>
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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

Free Money—see Financial Assistance Information on page 5
From The Principal’s Office

Tea Under the Oaks
Drouin West School Council invites all school families to “Tea Under the Oaks” on Friday February 26th from 6:00pm. “Tea Under the Oaks” is an informal get together for our school families held in the school grounds. I would encourage all families to come along with their picnic tea (some families organise a take-away meal); camp chairs, outdoor games, insect repellent, meet staff and catch up with other families. Bring along sports equipment and start a game on the oval, play a game in the Maths garden or simply relax or wander around the school grounds and explore our school gardens.

We will be inviting our local CFA volunteers to say thank you for the work they do in our community. We will provide free icy poles at this event!

School Stationery and Curriculum costs and voluntary contributions.
Thank you to those families who have already paid the $120 for stationary items for the classroom and materials used in our specialist programs.

Prompt payment is always appreciated enabling the full implementation of our curriculum programs across the school.

Parents are welcome to contact the school and arrange to come and speak with me if they need further information regarding school materials and curriculum costs and voluntary contributions.

Parent Teacher Conferences
Thank you to those families who have come into school to organise a time to meet up with their child/ren teachers. This assists students/teachers/parents with smooth transitions between the 2015 and 2016 school year.

If you can’t come into school to arrange an appointment please send a note or phone the school to speak directly with the class teacher.

Student Welfare Support for students
At Drouin West we strive to meet the range of student welfare issues that come up throughout the year. It is imperative that parents inform teachers or myself if any problems or questions arise. We appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership with families to address even the smallest concern.

We have a number of ways we can support students and their families.

National School Chaplaincy Program
Our Chaplain, Wendy Ronalds works in our school most Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If students want to see Wendy they can catch up with her in the playground or write and post a short note in her letterbox. Wendy loves to connect with parents and can have a chat about anything from an issue at home to concerns about their children at school. For parents who don’t come into the school on the days Wendy is available, parents are welcome to ring the school or send along a note.

Social Worker
We have Audra Glaves, a Mental Health Social Worker coming into the school on Fridays throughout the year. Audra has worked in our school now for a number of years. Social Workers can offer professional help with simple problems like making friends, coping with change, to more complex issues, such as: fears, phobias & anxiety, behaviour problems at home and at school, self-harm, alcohol & substance abuse, depression, managing anger, attention deficit & hyperactivity, social skills, eating disorders, developing skills to stop bullying, grief and loss, disabilities such as hearing impairment, sight impairment, deaf blindness, down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, cerebral palsy and autism.

Families wishing to access this service throughout the year are welcome to talk with Wendy or myself to obtain more details.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
Nominations for members of the School Council of Drouin West Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm Wednesday February 17. The ballot should nominations exceed vacancies, will close at 4.00 pm on Friday March 4, 2016.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be displayed at the school office. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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PARENTS TIMEOUT

The Parents Timeout Group will talk about what we can find tough as a parent

This program will be facilitated by Parentzone Gippsland. The sessions will cover things that are of interest to you and could include any of the following topics:

- Ways to deal with problem behaviour
- Positive ways to get along with each other
- How to get through a day without using your real
- How to increase the sense of kids listening to you
- How to get kids to do what they are told most of the time
- How to help your kids feel good about themselves

The group will provide parents with the opportunity to meet with other parents in a safe and confidential environment.

- There is no cost to attend
- Children are welcome to attend the session
- Registration is essential
- Transport may be provided – discuss this with your allocated worker.

For more information or to register please contact.
Your Worker or Parentzone 5132 9998

PROGRAM DETAILS
2016 DATES: Monday mornings for 6 weeks
15th February
22nd February
29th February
5th March
12th March
19th March
TIME: 10.30am - 12.30pm
VENUE: Warragul Uniting Church
231 Fuchsia Street, WARRAGUL

MUSIC TUITION
With JOE PATRICK
Now taking enrolments for 2016
DRUMS, GUITAR & UKULELE
$18 / 20 min weekly lesson
Lessons will be held at school during school hours.
Please contact 0498 742 381
Limited places are available.

INTENTIONAL PARENTING

Topical Information & Discussion
Every six weeks
For parents, by parents

#1 intentional parenting

CCW Multi-Purpose Room
- Mon Feb 8, 9.15-10.45am, for Mums
  Gold coin donation for child-minding on site
  OR
- Mon Feb 15, 7.15-8.45pm, for Mums & Dads
Please arrange your own child-minding
Ring us if you’re looking for a list of baby-sitters

Next Topic: Boundaries & Consequences
Mar 21 morning for Mums
Mar 22 evening for Mums & Dads

Expressions of interest, please call or text:
Margaret Conley 0419 957 722
Anne Cutchie 0488 609 188

Community Church Warragul Inc #A0035075H
1-29 Wills St, Warragul

Piano/ Keyboard Tuition
Hi everyone, my name is Karen Thomson and I would like to offer piano/keyboard lessons to all students within Drouin West Primary school. I have been teaching piano/keyboard lessons at Drouin West Primary School for many years. I have been teaching students for over 25 years and I am also qualified and registered with the Australian Guild of Education. Thus giving me the opportunity to take students through grade levels so they progress with grade examinations when they are ready to do so. These lessons are on offer to all grades levels in your school.

Lessons are:
$10.00 PER 15 MIN LESSON (one lesson per week of term).
$20.00 PER MUSIC BOOK supplied by myself if required.

Lessons should be paid to myself on the day or cash or cheque can be made out to cover the full term amount if preferred. Cheques are to be made payable to Karen Thomson thank you.

To book in your lessons with me please contact me on 56 299 268.

Please do not ring the school to make bookings.
Our Chaplain

Hi everyone! I hope you are slowly getting your family into the school routine. I have found this interesting article you might enjoy reading. Enjoy!

Confidence Building Tips

Michael Grose leading parenting expert has written an excellent article on building confidence in your children. Have a read and see if there might be a useful strategy for you to use at home.

Every parent should know

Children with healthy self-esteem and self-confidence learn more, achieve more and are generally happier than those with low confidence levels. However building children's and young people's confidence is complex. Great confidence-builders use a number of approaches that impact on how kids’ think, how they feel and what they can do. Over the coming weeks I will outline some strategies that Michael suggests maybe helpful to build real self-confidence in kids of all ages:

Model confident thinking

Kids soak up the language, thinking and behaviour of those closest to them in their environment. Parents and teachers play a part in modelling confident thinking and behaviour especially when it comes to tackling new activities. In particular, let kids hear positive self-talk when you tackle something new. They should hear something like “I’ll have a go at this. If I don’t do so well then I can try again tomorrow.” This is far more effective than “I’m no good at this. I’ll probably stuff it up.” What story are you creating that your children will copy and pass on?

Michael is running a Cracking the Confidence Code online course that starts on February 26th. This course will teach you real, research-based strategies that will help you develop a lasting sense of confidence in your kids. Have a look at www.parentingideas.com.au for more information.

If you have any questions please contact me at the school on a Tuesday or Wednesday or email me on ronalds.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au. I do check emails regularly.

Take care!
Wendy Ronalds
School Chaplain-Tuesday and Wednesday

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 8th February to Sunday, 14th February.

Alanah 2A and Zachary 4/5A

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
Tea Under the Oaks & National Red Balloon Day

FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2016 6PM

Help Drouin West Primary School Thank our local Drouin West CFA Volunteers

Bring the family along and get to know staff and other families in a relaxed, fun atmosphere

BYO Picnic Tea, drinks and rug or deck chairs.

Free Icy Poles

We will be placing Red Balloons around the school to show our appreciation

Drouin West Primary School
'Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve'
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Conveyance Allowance is payable to families who live 4.8 kilometres or more from their nearest school. The distance is measured from the families' home gate to the school via the shortest possible route. This payment is provided by the Government for families where a bus is not available.

Forms are available from the office. A form only needs to be filled in once for the whole of time that the student attends their chosen school. If your circumstances change then a new form must be completed e.g. you have another child start at the school.

Forms must be completed and returned to the school no later than 29th February, 2016 for full year payment. Late forms will be held over to term 3 for payment.

If you have any questions please come to the office or phone Ann on 0356 251 971.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Please have your applications into the office by Thursday 24th March.
Sports News
What a busy term of sporting activities we have ahead of us. Grades 3-6 have sport on Tuesday and Foundation-2 have sport on Wednesday. It would be appreciated if children could wear or bring shoes suitable for participating in physical activities. Gumboots, slip on shoes and sandals tend to fall off and make activities difficult and dangerous. If your child has an injury or is not feeling 100% please send a note explaining what they can and can’t do so that they can be catered for during activities. Children will be expected to participate unless they have a note. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to sport sessions and hats are a must in term 1 and 4.

Interschool sport
Children in grades 3-6 and who turn 9 or older this year have the opportunity to compete in interschool events. These events are swimming, athletics, cross country and winter sport round robin; (football, netball, soccer, and hockey). Children compete within our own school and then individual performances are used to select our school teams. These teams/children compete at district level. From these the best 2 children in each event are select to compete at divisional level, children then progress to zone, state and national level competitions.

Children can also try out for a variety of state sports teams, such as football, cricket, netball, soccer, basketball. Children need to compete at a high standard to try out for these teams. They would need to be competing in interleague or district squads. If your child is grade 5 or 6 and fits into this category and wishes to try out for a team please let me know. Applications are done online, have to be signed by the school and there is a cost to the family of $25.00.

Sporting dates for term 1 (dates may change due to weather)
- Senior school athletics Tues 23rd Feb all children in years 3-6 (time 9.00-1.30) held at school. Parent help is requested see note below.
- Hockey clinic years 1-2 Wednesday 24th Feb (run during the normal school day)
- Hockey clinic years 3-6 Thursday 25th Feb (run during the normal school day)
- Sporting schools Cricket sessions (run during the normal school day) years 3-6 Friday 5th, 12th, 19th February and 4th March . Foundation– year 2 Monday 22nd, 29th February and 7th, & 21st March.

Interschool Sports Dates (dates may change due to weather)
- District swimming Wednesday 17th February Drouin outdoor pool selected children (time 9-00-1:30pm notes have already been sent home)
- Division Swimming-Wednesday 2nd March Drouin Outdoor Pool (time 12.00-2:30pm) parents will be responsible for transporting and supervising their child if they qualify for events
- District Athletics Thursday 10th March selected students from years 3-6 Geoff Watt Track Warragul (more details closer to the date)

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.
 Regards Marion Proctor

Years 3-6 School Athletics Tuesday 23rd February
For the day to run efficiently and for children to have the greatest opportunity to participate easily, adult (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) help is requested. All activities will be explained to you at the start of the day and school staff will be around to assist and help with activities. If you can help for all or part of the time please fill in the form below and return it to school by Tuesday 16th February.

I can assist at the following times. Please circle the times you are available

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<th>Time</th>
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Name: (please print) __________________________
Contact number: __________________________

Thank you for your offer of assistance.
You will be contacted before the day with which event and time you are required for.
Regards Marion Proctor
Drouin West Primary School  
**MONDAYS ONLY!!**  
*Lunch Order Price List 2016*

Jacksons on Albert  
PH: 5625 5004

Please have orders clearly written with students name & grade on the front of an envelope with money enclosed as shown below.  
**Please add .30 cents for fuel**

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<td>Wholemeal Bread extra</td>
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<td>Steamed Dim Sim</td>
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<td>Cheese</td>
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<td>Party Pies/ Sausage rolls</td>
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<td>Tomato</td>
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<td>Chicken OR Ham &amp; Salad</td>
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<td>Roll Buttered</td>
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<td>Salad Sandwich (no meat)</td>
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**SNACKS:**  
- Fruit Cups: $1.50  
- Cheese Stick: $1.20  
- Sultanas: $1.00

**DRINKS:**  
- Juices: Apple, Orange or Apple & Blackcurrant: $2.20  
- Flavoured milk 300ml: $2.20  
- Chocolate / Strawberry / Iced Coffee: $3.70

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**EXAMPLE**  
John Smith — Drouin West P.S.  
Grade 5/6A

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<td>Choc Milk</td>
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Total enclosed: $6.20