## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Mondays Lunch orders and Student Banking</td>
<td>Parents are very welcome to come along to school assemblies. <strong>This Friday assembly will commence at 2:50pm sharp.</strong> We have a number of exciting items to present and are encouraging families to come along and join in the fun.</td>
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<td>August 18th Tuesday School Council meeting 7:30pm in the staffroom.</td>
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**Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office**

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### Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

#### PENNY PUNCTUATION
What? How did that get up there?
I wondered as I looked up to see an old, blue and rusty ute.
By Chloe Monroe 3/4B

#### CONNIE CONNECTIVE
I felt sad for Ella when she found out that her father had died, nevertheless
I felt happy when she was dancing with Kit.
By Phoebe Allgood 5/6A

#### Vinnie Vocab
Help! Help!
Everyone yelled but it was no use at all because we were smack bang right in the middle of the hot, sandy desert.
By Mikaela Trimble 3/4B

#### OLLIE OPENER
Kenneth Branagh’s Cinderella is the modern version of the classic childrens tale.
By Grace Thorpe 5/6A

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From The Principal’s Office

Arriving at school on time - we are getting better!
The learning day starts at 9.00am and we know students are settled and ready for the day if they arrive in plenty of time to organise their bags, notes, reading satchels, catch up with friends or chat with their teachers.

Well done to the families who are working on getting to school by the 9.00am bell. This helps your child to be ready for learning at the start of the school day.

Special Assembly on Friday Aug 14
We are excited about our extra special assembly on Friday and would welcome in particular the parents of students in the 3/4A and 3/4B classes.

Our choir, who were awarded first place in the West Gippsland Eisteddfod on Friday last week, will also be performing at assembly on Friday. Congratulations to Mrs Brown and all the students who have worked passionately to achieve this outstanding result. We are all very proud of your achievement. Thank you to the parents who came along to support and encourage their children and to Mrs S for providing the accompaniment.

The importance of practicing reading
Did you know that students who read:
• <1 min/day read 8,000 words each year
• 4.6 mins/day read 282,000 words each year
• 20 mins/day read 1.8m words per year
• We cannot compensate for lack of practice.

When parents know that this is a priority and spend time reading to their children as well as making time to listen to their children read they influence how well their child reads at school. Reading is critical for children to be able to access learning opportunities across all curriculum areas.

Let’s all get excited about reading every day!

Playgroup for 2016 Preps.
If you are intending to enrol your child or know of anyone who will be enrolling their child at Drouin West Primary, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

We will be holding a series of playgroup sessions in term 4 for 2016 preps and require enrolment details to ensure each child is offered the opportunity to attend.

School Website
Have you missed the newsletter? Do you want information about the school? Please take the time to visit: www.drouinwest.vic.edu.au
In the last parenting course we did at the school we covered many interesting topics to do with parenting. One of the topics we talked about was, “How to help difficult behaviour”. We were challenged to think about, is there a reason behind this behaviour? Is there a cause?

I know of a parent who when her children were younger would pick them up from school and often there would be squabbles on the way home, a race to get inside the house first, which resulted in someone being shoved out of the way and whiny voices. The children were never very co-operative to answer her barrage of questions about their day. However, she would remain calm, provide some nice food, a big drink and after a while she could see them relax and become nice to each other again! They would even start to tell her about their day. She soon realized that they were tired and starving when they got home so she learnt to jolly them along until they were fed. This greatly reduced difficult behaviour.

It sounds simple doesn’t it? But we all know dealing with people never is quite so simple because we are not perfect!

Looking for the cause can go a long way in taming difficult behaviour. Here are some other ideas when difficult behaviour strikes:

- Communicate calmly
- Provide space for you or your child to cool down
- Have some quiet time
- Distract
- Redirect to another activity
- Provide comfort
- Think about logical consequences
- Remove technology or toys if appropriate

Remember, to a child negative attention is better than no attention. So spending some quality time with each child, each day, even if it’s only a few minutes will be helpful.

Take Care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Acknowledgement: National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program have been funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Happy Birthday !!!!!!!
Happy birthday to the following students and staff who are celebrating their special day during the week of Monday, 10th August to Sunday, 16th August.

Charlotte Fox 3/4A, Phoebe Allgood 5/6A, Chelsey Beecroft 1/2A, Rory Van Riet F/1A and Ms. Webster
Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.

Freshers Day Stall
The Fundraising Committee is looking for helpers:

- **Father’s Day Stall** - Wed 2 Sept 9am to 11am (or part of) to wrap presents
- **Footy Day** - Fri 18 Sept 12 noon - 1:30pm (or part of) to prepare & serve hotdogs & party pies

If you can help please let the office know or contact Catherine on 0432 868 304
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 4, term 3:

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What can you hold without touching it?
Your breath.
By Brock Roden

What do you call a fly with no wings?
A walk!
By Shelby Clara

The Fast and the Furious
On the 31st of July I watched The Fast and the Furious at home. I watched the movie because I wanted to see the racing!

In the movie, Dom and Brian wanted to get money from a street race but after the race Brian had to save Dom from the crooked cops. So, Brian saved Dom from handcuffs. Then Brian’s car blew up and they had to take a taxi to Dom’s house.

The movie was incredible because of the racing. It was also incredible because of the cool cars. The movie is rated M 13+ so people under 13 are not allowed to watch it, but I was lucky. I loved it because of the action.

The film makers did a fantastic job as well as the actors like Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. I recommend this movie to 13 year olds. It has swearing in it but other than that, the movie is terrific!

By Josh Downes 3/4A
Book Character Parade

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character

9am Friday 28th August
Currently we are booked out for our morning sessions, please make all bookings with Peta well in advance so we can try and find a place for your child. We have averaged 141 students each week across the 10 sessions so far this year.

Last week due to the cold and wet weather we have been spending time inside. We had a visit from the Drouin West Sunrise news team. The news crew being Lachie W (Lachie McDonald), Macca (Zach McMillan), Hassa Hack (Harry Mills), Richard Jones (Ashden Milner) and Chayce Milner. We received updates on the local new, sport and weather. Well done boys great reporting. We also had fun indoors with dress ups, Lego, sack races and building indoor cubbies.

If you would like more information about OSHC or the activities the children participate in, please do not hesitate in contact Peta Watson OSHC co-ordinator. The OSHC program runs in morning from 7am to 8:45am and afternoon from 3:15pm to 5:45pm sharp.