IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Assembly will be held at 3:00pm in the multi-purpose room. Parents/guardians/carers and interested community members are most welcome to attend.</td>
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**Tuesday**

| October 25th    | Step into Prep Playgroup at 2pm—3pm. 2017 Prep year students have the opportunity to get to know our school, by taking part in our playgroup session. Please make the children and families feel welcome as they become part of our school community. Questacon 9.00am—1:30pm Science Circus. Thanks to the hard work of the Fundraising committee we are able to offer this to the students at no cost. |

**Wednesday**

| October 26th    | Prep/1A Prep/1B Woolworths Excursion 9am—11am |

**Tuesday**

| November 1st    | Melbourne Cup Day, Public Holiday student free day. |

**Wednesday**

| November 2nd    | Junior Athletics Day 9am—11am. |

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**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 1, term 4

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From The Principal’s Office

Planning for 2017
We are starting to plan ahead for 2017. We have had a large number of inquiries from families to come to Drouin West throughout this year and will be welcoming a number of families transferring to our school next year. Some families are new to the area while others are transferring schools within the local area. At this stage we are planning to increase our class groups from eight to nine class groups in 2017. This will enable us to reduce our class sizes across the school while also increasing our overall enrolments.

To ensure we make informed decisions about our class structures, it is helpful to know if any more new families will be coming along to Drouin West.

If you are aware of families intending to come to Drouin West and they have not formally enrolled it is important to let them know, we will need their enrolment forms and confirmation that they will be coming in 2017.

On the other hand, if you are intending to leave Drouin West and have not mentioned this to a member of staff, please also let us know.

Baby News!!!
Congratulations to Shae and Danny on the safe arrival of Addison born on Thursday September 29 at 9.00am. We wish this family a very special hug and lots of love as they adjust to life with a baby. It is with parent permission I can include a photo in our newsletter.

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

Scrabble Tournament
Students in years 5/6 have the opportunity this year to enter into a local Scrabble Tournament. We will be honing our skills during playtimes and lunchtimes in coming weeks.

If there are parents who would like to coach our students please let me know. We have some very keen players who would love to learn some strategies of playing and using letter tiles to get the biggest scores.

Have you lost a sleeping bag?
A sleeping bag was left behind after the year 4 camp. If you are missing a sleeping bag please come to the office to collect it.

If it’s not collected this week we will donate it to the opportunity shop.

Buttons, Buttons, Buttons!
If you have any spare buttons we would love them for a project the children will be working on in art.

Thankyou
Miss Templeton

HATS! HATS!
A reminder that students will need to bring along and wear their hats in term 4.

Parents/Guardians are invited to purchase THRASS charts for home use. They are available from the office for $7.50 each.
Our Chaplain

This week on Monday 10th we celebrated World Mental Health Day. Beyond Blue states that World Mental Health Day is a great opportunity to start life changing conversations, tackle stigma and discrimination and break down help-seeking barriers around mental health. Beyond Blue are urging everyone to make their mental health a priority—just this week, but every day.

It's important to remember, ‘it’s okay to not be okay.’ I have read some incredible stories this week of people who have, in my opinion, bravely talked about their mental health challenges. One of the common themes that have emerged is the support of family, friends and medical professionals who so faithfully support people with mental illness and get them through some challenging times. We are blessed in this country to have access to help.

No one has a perfect life, we are all dealing with things along the way, but sometimes we need some more support. When our bucket is full we might need the help of others to support us to get us through.

In the meantime—remember to look after yourself. Don’t underestimate how good some exercise can help you feel, spending time with a treasured friend, reading a good book or just prioritising some time that will help you deal with the stresses you may have. Learn to listen to the early warning signs and seek help early rather than leave it too late.

To learn more about mental health or for tips on taking care of yourself and treatment and support, visit bb.org.au or talk to someone you trust or seek someone out in the medical profession. I am available if you are not sure where to start getting some help. It sounds so simplistic to say but you wouldn’t put up with a broken bone without doing something about it! But it still does feel different doesn’t it, talking about mental health challenges?

Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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.

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Drouin West Movie Fundraiser

Hurry don’t forget to book your tickets!!

The fundraising committee have booked the Warragul Cinema on Friday 21st October - Evening Session

If you could arrive at the cinema by 6:45pm to organize your candy bar items please.

Pre-paid tickets will be available for $20.00 per person which includes a candy bar voucher

Please come and help us raise money for our school.

Tickets are now available on QKR!
Happy Birthday !!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students who will celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 10th October to Sunday 16th October.
Allira 2/A and Henry 3/4B

Sports News

Welcome back to term 4. This term is another busy one for the sports program. Yesterday we had 6 children compete at the Gippsland Regional Athletics. Well done to Charlotte, Tom, Zac, Kieren, Keegan and Hayden for reaching this standard of competition.

The junior school athletics will be held on Tuesday 2nd November from 9.00-11.00. Family members are welcome to attend. More details closer to the day.

The grade 5/6 cricket teams will compete at Buln Buln on Monday 7th November. Forms for parents transporting will be sent home this week please fill these in and return them to school as soon as possible. Permission forms will be sent out closer to the day.

Swimming trials for the 2017 school swimming team will be held later this term and finally our end of year whole school picnic sports day will be held on Wednesday the 14th December. Please remember if your child is unable to participate due to illness or injury please send a note to school.

Regards Marion Proctor (PE Teacher)