**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 20/16**  **Hours of supervision:  8.45am—3:45pm**  **13th July, 2016**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<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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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

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**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 11, term 2:

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Welcome Back to Term 3
I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break. I have really enjoyed catching up with the students in the classrooms and playground this week about their holiday experiences. The cold conditions make it challenging to engage in outdoor adventures so I was surprised that some of our families used the opportunity to explore the snow and go camping.

It seems children are ready to focus on learning and improving in every aspect of their educational potential every day they come to school. So children are ready for the learning day it would be great to have students arrive before 9.00am so they are ready for learning at the start of the school day.

There is lots of news for today’s newsletter. Perhaps organising a cuppa and sitting down to read this bumper issue will be a good idea.

Celebration of Learning Event
With almost every family coming along to the Celebration of Learning events in the last week of last term, I am confident that we have strong partnerships between home and school. Thank you to all the parents who came along and shared in the excitement we have around the learning across the school. I know teachers really appreciated the chance to touch base with parents, so thank you for coming.

Soup Lunch Day
What a treat to have soup available in the last week of term. Thank you to the mums who prepared and organised a lovely lunch. Thank you to Julie, Jenelle, Janine, Catherine, Lainie, Sarah, Meagan and Steve for their hard work.

Wet Weather
We expect more wet and wintry conditions ahead in coming weeks. The school grounds can be very wet and sloppy at times. Parents/Guardians are asked to provide a change of clothes (pants, socks etc.) if they expect their child is likely to get wet/muddy. Our supplies in the office are depleted at this time. All students should be coming to school with a school jacket or jumper to wear outside. It is fantastic to see more children wearing boots and bringing along coats, scarves, slippers etc to keep themselves warm at school. Please try to have children come to school wearing school uniform. If students are not in uniform then a note is required unless of course the class has decided to have a class reward including casual clothes day.

Our new building has arrived
School Council has been working for a number of years on a project to further enhance our school facilities for the overall benefit of our community.

With the increase in enrolments and unlikely increase in classrooms it was decided to explore the options of having a school owned building during 2015. This will enable us to keep our class sizes down and offer flexibility for future planning.

School Council engaged the services of an experienced project manager to guide us through the logistics of this project which have been underway since 2015. We have been very fortunate to have access to a second hand building to meet our needs as a new building was well outside our budget.

During the holidays this building was transported onto the school site. In the coming weeks various contractors will transform this space.

Can you help?
To save some costs, I would love to hear from any parents who may like to help me wash down and paint the internal ceiling and walls. I can imagine we could run a working bee over a series of weekends along with a B.B.Q. lunch to get the job done and many hands would make this possible. This part of the project needs to be done very soon. We anticipate the plastering will be completed early next week.

We would need help deciding colours, calculating quantities, seeking donations of materials and well as those who can paint. If we don’t get volunteers we will need to organise for contractors to get this done to ensure we can install new floor covering, fit out the space with cupboard and benches etc. Please let us know if you are interested in being part of this exciting project and what you can do to help make this a reality.

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School Disco
We have organised a school disco for our students which will be held on Friday July 29. If there are any parents who would like to assist in organising this event please let me know.

We need help to plan for and decorate the MPR as well as organise drinks for the students.

Head Lice and Holidays
From our experience, Head Lice becomes a significant issue at school for families after we have had school holidays. Parents are strongly urged to check their child’s hair before returning to school. If we can all be vigilant, hopefully head lice will not become a huge community health issue. We will be starting head lice checks soon.

Playgroup for 2017 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 2017 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

Family Life Human Relations Presentations
Families will have the opportunity to come along with their children to a Family Life Human Relations at school on Tuesday July 26. The session for families with students in Year 3 and 4 will be from 6.30-7.30. The session for families with students in year 5 and 6 will be from 7.30-8.30pm. Please note this date on your calendars. More information will be sent home soon.

Annual Report to the School Community
Our Annual report for 2016 is available from the office for parents interested in reading this report. The report provides a broad summary of the data collected from student, staff and parent surveys as well as student achievement results and a financial position statement.

Lost Property - Un-named clothing and other items
Parents please ensure items of clothing including windcheaters and jackets are clearly named. It’s a bit tricky to return items to children when they are not named. Also if you have an item of clothing that does not belong to you, can you return this to the lost property container.

Uniforms
If parents need assistance with providing uniform items we do have some second hand items available at the office for a cost of $2 per item. Funds raised will go towards supporting an orphanage in Burma as our ongoing social service project.

Happy Birthday !!!!!
Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 11th July to Sunday, 17th July.

Emma 4/5A, Ruby 4/5A, Beau 1/2A and Mrs Ward

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
Welcome back everyone!

Trust your holidays went well and you enjoyed spending time together as a family. We had some time in Melbourne and some time at home; pruning roses, baking, playing games, going to the movies, doing some shopping and catching up with friends. We all decided that another week of holidays would be nice! It was nice not to have to get up and out the door on some of those very wintery days! Thankfully we chose a nice day to tackle the roses. In a way it’s quite a rewarding job. A snip here and a snip there results in a beautiful array of flowers come spring. I will so enjoy picking the flowers and putting them in a vase.

As I was pruning I was thinking about people. It’s good to get rid of the thorny stuff in ourselves. A simple apology to someone you have hurt, is like cutting away an old branch which can restore the relationship and help it to grow. Saying “I’m sorry” can be difficult, but is so worth it to restore a relationship. As we discipline our kids and teach them the rules of life, it can seem quite harsh, but these boundaries we are giving is actually helping our children to feel secure and blossom.

As I was pruning I was thinking, what parts of me, do I need to prune to blossom into a beautiful person? How can I help my family blossom? What do I need to do to help my children flourish? Helping our children flourish is not necessarily the fun part of being a parent. It takes hard work and effort to give them the guidance they need to make wise choices. But it will be worth it.

This week at assembly, the children who completed Seasons For Growth last term will be presented with their certificates. Come along if you can.

Today the new groups of Seasons for Growth have started. I welcomed Jett, Eve, Ally, Lachlan T, Keenan, Oscar, and Jazmyn at 12:30. At 2:15, Bevin, Kai, Aleisha, Cody, Toby and Joshua were part of my group.

Take care!

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.

Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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Grade 2A Celebration!!

On Wednesday 22nd June, Grade 2A celebrated reaching a whole class Dojo point total of 1200!! The whole class has been working extremely well together to earn points for Being Respectful, Being Kind, Being Safe and Being Learners. Children are rewarded with points for when they are lining up safely in the gallery, when they are being focused and persistent learners in the classroom, when they are working together to achieve tasks and displaying good teamwork and when they are being kind to one another when helping each other with their learning or just during everyday interactions.

The children voted on what they would like to do to celebrate their achievement and an overwhelming majority voted to have a free dress day. We had children choose to come dressed as a favourite character or just in their favourite clothes. It was a very exciting day and has certainly inspired the children to continue to strive for their best. We will be aiming for 1300 points this term, the children have decided we need to challenge ourselves and aim for a higher total this term!

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2016 Disco

Will be held on Friday 29th July in the Multi-purpose room. 7pm—8:30pm
Cost will be $5.00 per student

Permission forms will be sent home on Wednesday 27th July.
Students must bring the permission form with them to the disco.
THRASS Information Afternoon
Monday 18th July
3.15-4.15pm in P/1A classroom

Childcare will be available in the Library with Mrs Ware.

All students at DWPS use THRASS as a tool to assist their spelling and reading.

This is your opportunity to find out what THRASS really is and how useful it is to our students. As you understand THRASS you will be able to better assist your children with their spelling and reading skill acquisition.

Please let your class teacher know if you are able to attend.