**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 31/15**  
Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3:45pm  
14th October, 2015

## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Parents are very welcome to come along to school assemblies. These are held each Friday afternoon in the Multi Purpose Room from around 3pm depending on how many items and announcements we have on a particular week.</td>
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### October 16th
- **Friday**  
  Grades 1/2A & 2/3A excursion to Coal Creek - Please return permission notes to school by Wednesday 14th October.

### October 20th
- **Tuesday**  
  Foundation Friendship Playgroup at 2pm—2016 Foundation year students have the opportunity to get to know our school. Please make the children and families feel welcome as they become part of our school community.

### October 27th
- **Tuesday**  
  Foundation Friendship Playgroup at 2pm for 2016 Foundation year students

### November 2nd
- **Monday**  
  Curriculum Day. Staff will be undertaking professional development on this day. This is a student free day.

### November 3rd
- **Tuesday**  
  Melbourne Cup public holiday

### November 5th
- **Thursday**  
  Finance Committee meeting 4pm

### November 10th
- **Tuesday**  
  Foundation Friendship Playgroup at 2pm for 2016 Foundation year students

### November 17th
- **Tuesday**  
  Foundation Friendship Playgroup at 2pm for 2016 Foundation year students  
  School Council meeting 7:30pm in the staffroom.

### November 24th
- **Tuesday**  
  Foundation Friendship Playgroup at 2pm for 2016 Foundation year students

### Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Christmas Child is a special event that Samaritan’s Purse organizes annually.

We have a couple of empty shoe boxes left if you would be able to help bring joy to a young child who would not have the experience of receiving a special gift.

Boxes must be returned by Friday 30th October.

### ICY POLES TOKENS

Having trouble finding 50cents for an icy pole each morning?  
Come to the office and buy ICY POLE TOKENS for use throughout the weeks ahead.
From The Principal’s Office

Drouin West Primary School Disco
All feedback from those who attended the disco was that everyone had a great time on Friday night.

Thank you to Judi Collins (who organised this event), and the Thomas family who assisted with the setting up. Thank you also to Kasey Bayne, Cathleen Ryan, Marion Proctor, Shae Forster, Pauline Boorer and Joy Barson who assisted with supervision along with the parents who could stay and help supervise and pack up.

If anyone has taken photos of the disco please could we have an electronic copy of them for the school. We can provide a USB.

One of the children has left behind a super hero t-shirt. Please collect it from the office.

What is School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)?
SWPBS is a research based framework for building social competence and positive learning environments for students. The evidence based approach to promoting and acknowledging positive behaviour in school communities was developed by Dr Kame’enui, George Sugai, Geoff Colvin, Rob Horner and Tim Lewis.

We are very proud that 96.5% of all our students consistently demonstrated the 4B’s during September. These students were rewarded with a bonus 10 minute playtime on Friday.

Lost Property
Many students take off and leave their jumpers and jackets outside as the day warms up and activity levels increase. It is a time when our lost property pile grows. Please help us to help you locate your child/children’s jumpers by ensuring they are clearly named and ask your child to check through lost property if you have a missing item.

HATS! HATS! HATS!
What a great job everyone is doing remembering to bring along their hats to school each day! Keep it up.

Head Lice and Holidays
From our experience, head lice become a significant issue at school for families after we have had school holidays. Parents are strongly urged to check their child’s hair at the beginning of the term.

If we can all be vigilant, hopefully head lice will not become a huge community health issue in our school.

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

The framework encourages school communities to use data to inform, review and improve learning environments by explicitly teaching preferred and expected behaviours in students. Some schools have further developed this framework to include staff, parents and the wider community in teaching and acknowledging positive behaviours. Many schools implementing SWPBS have reported reduced behavioural issues, improved learning outcomes and calmer school environments.

In 2007, the Victorian Government ran a pilot in 8 specialist schools. Seeing positive results, the Government then began a trial of SWPBS in 20 pilot schools which included Drouin West in 2009.

Since 2009 we have formulated our 4 B’s- Be a Learner, Be Safe, Be Kind and Be Respectful; established consistent processes in the school to promote positive behaviours; collected data to track changes; established our Honey Pot Shop and Super Bee postcards so students can be acknowledged and rewarded for their improvements.

WILD DOG TRIATHLON CLUB inc
PO Box 912 Warragul 3820

Come and give Triathlons a try. The first race for the season is Saturday, October 24th at 4:30pm, Burke St Park Warragul.

For more information visit our website www.wilddogtriclub.org.au or ring Prue
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 1, term 4:

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Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

**PENNY PUNCTUATION**
The next day I played Star Wars. I got General Greevas (he is the best!).
By Sienna 1/2A

**CONNIE CONNECTIVE**
People have to close their shop or they get fired even though they might need to get paid.
By Hayley 5/6B

**VINNIE VOCAB**
It’s futile to have a holiday on Friday just for a stupid parade.
By Shelby 5/6A

**OLLIE OPENER**
Finally it is the holidays!
By Joshua 1/2A
I would like to draw your attention to a survey conducted by the ABC in Behind the News.

Twenty Thousand Australian children were surveyed to find out what makes them happy or sad. The survey was carried out as part of the ABC’s Mental As initiative.

- BTN ran its Happiness Survey online, 20,000 kids responded.
- The sample was self-selecting, and not necessarily a representative cross-section.
- Responses were tallied for children aged 6 to 16.
- Location of respondents: NSW 35%, Vic 24%, WA 14%, SA 11%, Qld 8%, Tas 4%, ACT 3%, NT 1%.

I have selected a couple of results to share with you.

The results found that Australian children worry most about:
- Their future 43%
- Family 39%
- Health 37%
- Friends 34%
- Body 31%
- Bullying 30%
- World problems 28%
- School 27%
- Being different 24%

What I found most interesting from this survey was that when children were asked “Who would they talk to if they felt worried?”
- 46% said they would talk to their parents,
- 24% percent said they would talk to a friend
- 19% percent said they wouldn't talk about it to anyone.

I was greatly encouraged to see so many children were prepared to talk to their parents. We cannot underestimate the critical role parents and families provide in the healthy growth and development of our children. Our children need us to guide, nurture and inspire.

Of course I was most concerned that 19% of children would not talk to anyone about their worries. We need to teach children that it’s okay to share what is worrying them with someone they trust. I would encourage you to have an open and honest conversation with your child about what may be worrying them.

If you or someone you know needs help, you can call Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800, Lifeline 131114 or talk to a trusted friend. You are welcome to pop up to school and speak to your child’s teacher or speak to me. Your GP can be a good first contact too and help you head in the right direction of whatever is worrying you or your child.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds
Tuesdays and Wednesdays (School Chaplain)
Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who are celebrating their special day during the weeks of Monday, 12th October to Sunday, 18th October.

Allira 1/2A, Henry 3/4A, Hayley 5/6B and Mrs. Ronalds

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.

Congratulations to our students who raised $455 for Youth Projects at the disco! Youth Projects, works with the most disadvantaged members of our community through an approach of “help in one place” to provide counselling and support for those most in need, while offering links to school training, apprenticeships and employment all under the one service. Their Medical clinic also provides general health care to clients in the CBD. Head to Facebook for more information on Youth Projects as well as Good2Go, our non-profit coffee shop that offers training and mentoring to disadvantaged young people looking to break into the workforce.” www.facebook.com/youthprojects To donate via PayPal, head to our website www.youthprojects.org.au.