Mondays
Lunch orders and Student Banking

Fridays
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.

Wednesday April 15th
Confident Parents, Confident Children program 9am.

Thursday April 16th
New date for students attending the inter school Athletic Sports

Friday April 17th
Responsible Pet Ownership visit for all Foundation and year 1 students.

Monday April 20th
Anzac Day badges for sale in Mrs. Collin’s room from today. Badges are 20 cents each.

Wednesday April 22nd
Confident Parents, Confident Children program 9am.

Fundraising meeting in the staffroom 9am.

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

Payment Plan Reminder
Please would all families that have elected to use the payment plan option for the Student Stationery Charge remember to have their payments up to date.

Woolworths Dominos
Do you have spare dominos that you do not need. The Ian Richardson Foundation are collecting the dominos to send to the Burma orphanages. Please bring your extra dominos to the office. Donations to assist with the cost of sending the dominos to Burma would also be appreciated.

OUT of SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Welcome back to OSHC for term 2. We are looking forward to a very busy term with an increase in our numbers for both morning and afternoon sessions.
We would like to welcome our newest staff member Fujun to Drouin West. Fujun will be working Tuesdays and Fridays, please drop by and say welcome to her. We would like to thank Lauren for her support while she is on placement; she is here Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
We are be hoping the good weather continues a bit longer so that we can take every opportunity to get outdoors. When we are unable to venture outside our first project of the term will be making Paper Mache footballs in our favourite team colours. If you have any newspapers that we could use please drop them in at the office.
Have a great Week
OSHC Team

Photo: Tarn, Pauline, Fujun and Peta.
Welcome to term 2
Welcome back to school everybody. I hope that you had a restful and relaxing Easter holiday break and look forward to a great term of learning ahead.

The mantra for our school is to Nurture, Inspire, Enrich and Achieve our best for students in every lesson, every day at school.

To help us achieve this for each student, parents can assist by having their child ready for a day of learning at school.

Aim to:
- arrive on time
- minimize any absences
- pack healthy food in lunchboxes
- complete home learning tasks

get enough sleep.

With encouragement and support from home and school, we can work together to support every child to reach their academic and social potential.

Staffing update
We are slowly adjusting to Miss Henzen’s name change to Mrs. Forster following her marriage during the school holidays to Danny. On behalf of everyone at Drouin West I would like to congratulate Shae and Danny and wish them every blessing for their future together.

Ms Joy Barson is taking long service leave for the first two weeks of term 2. We welcome Mrs. Colleen Crookston to our team for the next two weeks.

School Council News
School Council met in the last week of term 1.

Congratulations and thankyou to the following staff and parent members of school council who provide this valuable support to our school by being on council.

Parent Representatives
Karl Joiner (President & OSHC Convener)
Rhiannon Trimble (Vice President)
Joanne Griffiths
Janelle Harper
Catherine Thorpe (Fundraising Convener)
Carolyn McIntyre (Buildings and Grounds Convener)
Duane Cunnington (Treasurer)

Department of Education and Training Representatives.
Kerry Ware (Executive Officer)
Judi Collins (Minute Secretary & Chaplaincy Convener)
Joy Barson (Policy Convener)
Ann Webster (Admin support)

Since this meeting due to changed circumstances, we have a need to fill two casual parent vacancies for 2015. If any parent is interested to join us on School Council please talk to any members of School Council about what is involved and let us know at the office of your interest.

Generally our meetings are held on Tuesday nights (third Tuesday of the month) at school from 7.30pm. This is a great way to learn about what is happening across the school, provide feedback from a parent perspective, share ideas and support our school in achieving the best for all students.

ANZAC Service at school
All families and community members are welcome to come along and join us for an ANZAC service on Friday April 24 at 2:45pm. A group of year 6 students will be planning and preparing the ANZAC Service as part of our weekly assembly.

ANZAC Services in Drouin
If any family is intending to go to the dawn service and would like to represent our school in Drouin please let me know.

Families interested in attending the service later in the morning are welcome to meet Judi Collins and myself at the Drouin and District Bank at 10.15am. Students will need to wear their school uniform to represent our school and walk in the parade to the cenotaph in the park.

Lego Club
Lego Club will continue during term 2 on Monday at lunchtimes in the Multi Purpose Room for any student interested in exploring Lego. It is a great opportunity for children to get to know each other across the levels of the school and work together to build some fantastic creations.

Fun and Games
For students who would prefer to engage in quiet activities during their lunchtimes, Wendy Ronalds, our school Chaplain will be offering Fun and Games in the Music Room on Wednesdays throughout term 2. This is open to all students.

School Choir
Our school choir had their first performance of the year at the last assembly in term 1. Students performed a delightful song “There’s a gnome called Fred” for a packed audience. Congratulations and thank you to all choir members and Mrs Brown for organising this performance. Students in year 3-6, who have shown an interest in being in the choir, are expected to attend lunchtime practice sessions with Mrs Brown each Thursday. We look forward to the next performance.
Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

VINNIE VOCAB
“I’m so very sorry to interrupt the family reunion,” he snarled mockingly.
By Tahlia Pemberton 5/6B

OLLIE OPENER
One shiny sunlit day the doorbell rang.
By Brock Roden 3/4A

PENNY PUNCTUATION
Jackson’s birthday. Oh no. Where has the cake gone? Has the dog eaten the cake? Yes he has!
By Poppy Regan F/1A

CONNIE CONNECTIVE
Ellie looked over at me with a look of desperation.
By Kaitlyn Cheetham.

Parents of
Grade 5 & 6 Students
and interested community members
are invited to

DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE
YEAR 7 2016
INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 7th MAY 2015
7.00 – 9.30 pm
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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during the weeks of Monday, 13th April to Sunday, 19th April.


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

We have just been holidaying on the Southern NSW Coast. It was great to have some family time. We enjoyed doing fun things together.

We saw lots of families camping too, many with young children. While camping has many great highlights...Camp fires...Being close to nature...relaxing at the beach or in the bush, it can also be quite challenging. Everyone together, all the time in a small space!

One day I happened to be watching a Dad take two little boys out in a tinny. They had their life jackets on, were seated in the boat and Dad was using the oars to get away from the shore, before he started the motor up.

The youngest child came running out from the campsite calling out,” Take me, I want to come too.” Dad yelled back,” No, you haven’t got a life jacket on.” The child started yelling louder and louder—“I want to come.” Dad kept insisting, “No-I will take you out later but for now you have to wait with Mum back at camp.” The little boy continued to insist and it wasn’t long before the little boy had a full on tantrum. Every person in the caravan park would have heard him! Poor Dad looked so exasperated that in order to keep the peace he rowed the boat back into shore, got a life jacket for the boy and took him out with them.

What would you have done? Tantrums in public are so difficult to address. I can still remember the times when my children did them. I felt so sorry for the Dad that he had to deal with this situation in such a public way.

I was talking to a mum recently whose son had finished secondary school and people had been commenting on how good he is at playing his instrument. Her comment to me was while that’s so lovely that people are noticing, what they haven’t seen is her sit with her son every day, helping him to read the music, do the practice and encouraging it to be a priority. There were many days when it was easier to say... “Don’t worry about practice.” But this hard work by the son and his mum has helped him be a great player today.

Pain is part of life—necessary. How many times does a child fall over before they learn to walk? If we made it easy for them they would never learn.

I guess my encouragement to all of us is not to be afraid to make the hard decisions. It may not be popular at the time but deep down we know that this will help us create strong and resilient children who can face life and know how important it is to work hard to get to where they want to in life. Most things of value in life take hard work to make them happen—careers, relationships, and talents take lots of work and nurturing too.

I hope this encourages you.

Our Parenting course started today. Join us next week at 9am in the music room...it’s not too late.

I am generally available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you would like to catch up

Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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 Government Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations.
Drouin West Primary School would like to thank these volunteers for their assistance at the school ‘FAIR’.

If we have missed anyone from this list please accept our most humble apologies. We have tried to cross reference with a number of people to ensure our list is accurate. If you know anyone we have omitted please contact the office.

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YEAR 7 2016 INFORMATION DAY AND EVENINGS

ACCELERATED PATHWAYS PROGRAM (APP) INFORMATION EVENING: Thursday 23rd April, 7pm

Grade 6 students with academic aptitude and a passion for learning are invited to apply.

INFORMATION DAY: For Grade 6 Students: Thursday 7th May

INFORMATION EVENING: For Parents of Grade 5 & 6 Students: Thursday 7th May, 7pm.

Parents will be able to tour the College in small groups. You will see our classrooms, facilities and presentations about the college learning programs.

You will also have the opportunity to talk with teachers, students and other parents.

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