Newsletter
Drouin West Primary School
‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’
Issue 2/17
Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3:45pm
15th February, 2017

Extra Curriculum Activities
Activities that are available to students during recess or lunch time.

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<th>Mondays</th>
<th>Lego Club P-6 in the Multi Purpose Room</th>
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<td>Tuesdays</td>
<td>Fun and Games - All students are welcome to attend the music room during lunch time.</td>
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<td>Wednesdays</td>
<td>Beginner Recorder Group - At first play students in years 3 to 6 are able to join the Beginner Recorder Group. Advanced Recorder Group - At lunch time students in years 3 to 6 are able to join the Advanced Recorder Group. Recorders are available to purchase at the office for $10.</td>
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<td>Fridays</td>
<td>Choir - Students in years 3 to 6 are welcome to join the choir with parent written permission. Permission forms are available from Mrs. Brown.</td>
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IMPORTANT DATES

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<th>Mondays</th>
<th>Lunch orders and Student Banking</th>
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<td>Fridays</td>
<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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<td>Friday</td>
<td>February 17th</td>
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Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
Nominations for members of the School Council of Drouin West Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm Wednesday February 22. The ballot should nominations exceed vacancies, will close at 4.00 pm on Friday March 10, 2017.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be displayed at the school office. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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<td>Parent Member</td>
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<td>DE&amp;T employee member</td>
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From The Principal’s Office

Ficifolia Festival Parade
What a great time we had as part of the parade this year! Thank you to all the families who came along to show support and represent the school. This year we believe there were over 40 students representing our school as well as the many parents who came along to assist the children. Students really enjoyed being in the parade and were so excited to be waving to the crowds.

Thank you also to Megan Asling who coordinated the posters and letters to make the title of Possum Magic as well as the percussion instruments for our students. Thank you to Joy Barson, Courtney Heath, Christine Winter, and Megan Asling who assisted with supervising students in the parade.

Tea Under the Oaks
Drouin West School Council invites all school families to “Tea Under the Oaks” on Friday February 24th from 6:00pm. “Tea Under the Oaks” is an informal get together for our school families held in the school grounds. I would encourage all families to come along with their picnic tea (some families organise a take-away meal); camp chairs, outdoor games, insect repellent, meet staff who can attend, and catch up with other families. Bring along sports equipment and start a game on the oval, play a game in the Maths garden or simply relax or wander around the school grounds and explore our school gardens.

We have invited our local CFA volunteers to come over for a visit so we can say thank you for the work they do in our community. Children may be able to meet Captain Koala and explore the fire truck if there are no incidents requiring a response.

We will also provide free icy poles at this event!

Parent Teacher Conferences
Thank you to those families who have come into school to organise a time to meet up with their child/ren teachers. This assists students/teachers/parents with smooth transitions between the 2016 and 2017 school year.

If you can’t come into school to arrange an appointment please send a note or phone the school to speak directly with the class teacher or contact teachers through class Dojo.

Student Welfare Support for students
At Drouin West we strive to meet the range of student welfare issues that come up throughout the year. It is imperative that parents inform teachers or myself if any problems or questions arise. We appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership with families to address even the smallest concern.

We have a number of ways we can support students and their families.

National School Chaplaincy Program
Our Chaplain, Wendy Ronalds works in our school most Tuesdays and Thursdays. If students want to see Wendy they can catch up with her in the playground or write and post a short note in her letterbox. Wendy loves to connect with parents and can have a chat about anything from an issue at home to concerns about their children at school. For parents who don’t come into the school on the days Wendy is available, parents are welcome to ring the school or send along a note.

Social Worker
We have Audra Glaves, a Mental Health Social Worker coming into the school on Fridays throughout the year. Audra has worked in our school now for a number of years. Social Workers can offer professional help with simple problems like making friends, coping with change, to more complex issues, such as: fears, phobias & anxiety, behaviour problems at home and at school, self-harm, alcohol & substance abuse, depression, managing anger, attention deficit & hyperactivity, social skills, eating disorders, developing skills to stop bullying, grief and loss, disabilities such as hearing impairment, sight impairment, deaf blindness, down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, cerebral palsy and autism.

Families wishing to access this service throughout the year are welcome to talk with Wendy or myself to obtain more details.

School Stationery and Curriculum costs and voluntary contributions.
Thank you to those families who have already paid the $120 for stationary items for the classroom and materials used in our specialist programs.

Prompt payment is always appreciated enabling the full implementation of our curriculum programs across the school.

Parents are welcome to contact the school and arrange to come and speak with me if they need further information regarding school materials and curriculum costs and voluntary contributions.

Gardens
Megan Asling will be working with students on gardening projects (weather permitting) and would really appreciate parent helpers. If you are available from 2:15pm on a Wednesday afternoon or from 9am on a Friday morning please let the school know. Megan and the students will be pleased to have your support.
### Super ‘B’ Award Winners

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 2, term 1

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FICIFOLIA PARADE
Our Chaplain

How are you traveling this week?

“How are you traveling this week?” ~ Lane Olinhouse

Holidays seem a distant memory as we adjust to the rigor of the school routine. As a mum, I am really making the most of the opportunity to try and start our family well for 2017. How my children respond to life is partly a reflection of how I respond to life. So this year I have started working hard to have good work habits-to be organized and on time. My children hear me get up early to be organized for the day and I expect them to do the same. I am planning ahead for homework and after school activities. The weeks are busy and jobs just won’t happen, so writing things on the calendar and talking through with your children about what is expected and when it will occur is a helpful thing to do. Once the jobs are done, then some down time can occur. Every family has their own rhythm-what is yours?

Enjoy the challenges of being a parent!

Take care! Wendy Ronalds
Tuesdays and Thursdays
School Chaplain

If you have any questions please contact me at the school on a Tuesday or Thursday or email me on ronalds.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au. I do check emails regularly.

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.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Conveyance Allowance is payable to families who live 4.8 kilometres or more from their nearest school. The distance is measured from the families’ home gate to the school via the shortest possible route. This payment is provided by the Government for families where a bus is not available.

Forms are available from the office. A form only needs to be filled in once for the whole of time that the student attends their chosen school. If your circumstances change then a new form must be completed E.G. you have another child start at the school.

Forms must be completed and returned to the school no later than 24th February, 2017 for full year payment. Late forms will be held over to term 2 for payment.

If you have any questions please come to the office or phone Ann on 0356 251 971.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Please collect an application form from the school office. Forms must be returned by March 3rd.

Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who will celebrate their special day during the week Monday 13th February to Sunday 19th February 2017

Holly 1/2A, Jack 2A, Hayoung 1/2A and Logan PrepA
PIANO/ KEYBOARD TUITION
Hi everyone, my name is Karen Thomson and I would like to offer piano/keyboard lessons to all students within Drouin West Primary school. I have been teaching piano/keyboard lessons at Drouin West Primary School for many years. I have been teaching students for over 25 years and I am also qualified and registered with the Australian Guild of Education. Thus giving me the opportunity to take students through grade levels so they progress with grade examinations when they are ready to do so. These lessons are on offer to all grade levels in your school.

LESSONS ARE:
$12.00 PER 15 MIN LESSON (one lesson per week of term).
PLUS MUSIC BOOK supplied by myself if required.
LESSON MONEY SHOULD BE PAID TO MYSELF ON THE DAY OR CASH OR CHEQUE CAN BE MADE OUT TO COVER THE FULL TERM AMOUNT IF PREFERRED. CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO KAREN THOMSON THANK YOU. TO BOOK IN YOUR LESSONS WITH ME PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 56 299 268.

PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL TO MAKE BOOKINGS   THANKYOU   Karen Thomson.

Vocal / Singing Tuition
This is available to students in year 5 & 6.
Singer, songwriter and pianist
Jemma Michael
0449 022 570

QKR by MasterCard—Safe, Secure, Easy! and Fast
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Help Drouin West Primary School Thank our local Drouin West CFA Volunteers Wear Red to show your support for this special event.
We will be placing Red Balloons at the front of the school to show our appreciation.

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2017 6PM

Bring the family along and get to know staff and other families in a relaxed, fun BYO Picnic Tea, drinks and rug or deck chairs.

Free Icy Poles

Tea Under the Oaks & National Red Balloon Day

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