IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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

Grade 5/6 CAMP

Please would families with outstanding camp payments ensure that all fees for camp are paid prior to Friday, July 17th.

Dried Lavender

Do you have any dried lavender that you would be prepared to donate?

I am making lavender drawer liners for the church stall to raise funds for the Christian Blind Mission.

The Christian Blind Mission supports many people worldwide for a great variety of reasons such as:-
- Famine, sight assistance, trauma support due to natural catastrophes and supporting disabled people in 3rd world countries just to name a few.

If you can help me then please bring your lavender donations to the office.

Ms Ann Webster

Student School Banking

Two new items have been added to the prize list for students to choose from once they have saved ten tokens. They are the Glow in the Dark Solar System and the Cosmic Light Beam Torch.

Remember to come to the office and choose your prize or you can put your tokens and order note in your bank book.

Our next prize order date will be Monday July 27th.
From The Principal’s Office

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.

It seems children are ready to focus on learning and improving in every aspect of their educational potential every day they come to school.

Wet Weather
We expect more wet and wintery 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 often depleted after a rainy day. All students should be coming to school with a 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.

We have noticed a number of students enjoying the muddy conditions while playing on the oval and intentionally getting very wet. Should children require a change of clothes because they are too muddy/wet, they will be limited to using the hard surface areas (asphalt, undercover and concrete areas) of the playground for the rest of the school day. Please talk to your children about making sensible choices when playing ball games on the oval at this time of the year.

School Sport Tops
To help our students feel a sense of pride in our school, School Council made a decision to organise School Sport Tops which students representing our school can wear at their district and regional events.

Thank you to the fundraising committee for enabling this. By approving the funds from fundraising efforts this year, we can look and feel like a team when we have sporting competitions. Thank you to all families who support our fundraising efforts.

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.

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.

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 have started head lice checks this week.

Playgroup for 2016 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 2016 preps and require enrolment details to ensure each child is offered the opportunity to attend.

Private Psychologist Services at school
Drouin West P.S. is continuing to offer the opportunity to provide psychological services to students. It is recognised that by providing early intervention in social, emotional and behavioural problems, we can make a positive difference to a child’s future. Families interested in accessing this service are welcome to speak with Wendy Ronalds or myself to organise a referral through their local doctor or paediatrician. This service is of no cost to the family or the school. We have been very fortunate to have Audra Glavas, a Mental Health Social Worker who continues to be available for appointments on Friday’s.
Chaplain’s News

On the last day of term 2 I was privileged to build a little campfire and roast some marshmallows with the children who have completed the 8 week Seasons For Growth Program.

We had very special time learning about how change and loss affect our lives.

We learnt that life includes many seasons. Autumn brings about change, winter reflects a very cold and sad time, spring represents new growth and hope and summer represents how we can learn from our memories and make good choices.

I would like to thank the children who took part. They were exemplary in their behaviour and respect, were extremely enthusiastic and very compassionate and caring towards other members in the group. Certificates of participation will be presented to these children. Congratulations to:
Bailey Dalzell, Joshua Downes, Charlotte Fox, Rees Jones, Blake little, Stephen McKenzie and Shayne Stock.

This term I am excited to be working with a group from our grade 5/6 learning area. These classes will be held on Wednesday afternoon in the music room for students who have booked in.

Take care, Wendy Ronalds

Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 13th July to Sunday, 19th July.


Don't forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
**PENNY PUNCTUATION**
One mysterious day I saw a humorous building.
I decided to go in, suddenly …… the door slammed behind me!
By Eve Thorpe 2/3A

**CONNIE CONNECTIVE**
What stood before me looked like a run down theme park, decaying before my eyes.
By Wade Murphy 5/6B

**VINNIE VOCAB**
Yes! Kids should be able to have lollies in their lunch box, because it gives you energy and gives you strength.
By Ash Mounsey F/1A

**OLLIE OPENER**
Due to doing your homework you can become smarter.
By Megan Carlile 5/6B

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Families Celebrating Learning at Drouin West