**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

Issue 18/16 Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3:45pm 15th June, 2016

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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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 3pm in the multi-purpose room. Parents/guardians/carers and interested community members are most welcome to attend.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>June 15th</td>
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<td>2017 Fair Meeting at the Drouin Tennis Club rooms, Bennett St Drouin 7:30pm. Please come and support the planning of this great event.</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
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<td>School Council 7:30pm. This is the Annual Reporting meeting for 2015. Parents are welcome to attend.</td>
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<td>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</td>
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<td>Celebration of Learning. Open classrooms 3:30pm—4:30pm. Families are encouraged to visit their child’s classroom to celebrate the learning students have been doing across the school.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Last day of term 2. Students dismissed at 2:30pm</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 9, term 2:

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From The Principal’s Office

Car Park
As many parents would be aware we have some significant pot holes in the car park as a result of recent rain. Please ensure you drive slowly into the car park and avoid the pot holes when possible.

The space we use at the front of the school is considered a road reserve and not maintained by any authority, including the Education Department which does not own the land. School Council has made a number of attempts to try and rectify the issue without a significant cost to the school. This issue will be raised at School Council and we can again try and rectify the issue in the upcoming school holiday break.

Any family with connections to someone with a grader is encouraged to contact the school. Unfortunately the task is beyond our school based Tonka Truck drivers.

Student Mid Year Reports
Teachers have been focussed on preparing detailed, accurate student reports in recent weeks. Teachers use their evenings and weekends to write reports, which is in addition to the day to day preparation and planning that goes into the programs implemented in classrooms. It is exciting to have read student reports and see the progress our students are making in their learning.

The focus on learning is a high priority at Drouin West, with all teachers working to support all children to achieve their personalised learning goals.

Student reports are expected to be sent home with children on Monday June 20.

Celebrating Learning at Drouin West
We are all very proud of the individual achievements so many of our students have made in their learning so far this year. Following on from the feedback of our Celebration of Learning event last year, we will be inviting all parents to come and visit their child’s classroom to see the things of which students are particularly proud.

All classrooms will be open on Tuesday June 21 and Wednesday June 22 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. I would encourage all families to find the time to come and visit their child’s classroom, enabling their child/children to show them some samples of learning from semester 1 and have a quick catch up with the teachers to clarify any information in student reports.

Watch out for your personalised invitation coming home soon!

Information Session and School Tours for 2017 Prep students and their families.
We have offered school tours and an information session for 2017 Foundation students and their families today. Families considering enrolment at Drouin West P.S. who have missed this are encouraged to come along to contact the school to organise a tour and collect an enrolment pack.

If you are aware of any families in the community who may be considering attending Drouin West in 2017, please let them know we are now taking enrolments for 2017.

Drouin West CFA Visit
Next week we have organised with the Drouin West CFA education officers to run the Fire Safe Kids Program. We are able to offer a session for each class which includes a classroom presentation and discussion with the SES volunteers around keeping safe in floods.

Students in the Senior levels will also have the opportunity to update their First Aid knowledge and skills as we have the First Aid in schools program booked.

Soup Day Helpers
Thank you to all the wonderful parents that helped last Wednesday to prepare and distribute the delicious soup to our students and staff.

Thank you to Julie, Jenelle, Janine, Catherine, Lainie, Sarah, Meagan and Steve for their hard work.
Hello everyone!

Found this great article by Michael Grose on “Raising Confident and Happy Girls” I really loved the advice on the difference between a friendship and a clique. Have a read and let me know if you have any concerns. In the newsletter is also attached some information on the next parenting day at CCW. Let me know if you would like to go, I would love to go with you. Michael Grose says…”Girls have a head start on boys in the academic stakes but life these days is not all smooth sailing for girls. They are often harder on themselves than boys, more likely to be perfectionists; and have more fears. Girls, like boys, benefit enormously from having parents who are attentive to their needs.

Here are seven BIG tips for raising great girls:

1. Help girls face up to their fears. Research shows that girls have more fears than boys. These include both developmental fears (e.g. fear of separation from parents as a toddler) and learned fears (e.g. fear of dogs). Some experts believe that this increase in fearfulness is related to overprotective parenting. Help girls confront their fears, rather than avoid them.

2. Get girls outside from a young age. Girls really benefit from spending time in natural environments including through organised groups such as Guiding; camping in the bush with the family or just free play in the backyard. It increases their confidence levels and their sense of autonomy.

3. Praise girls for what they do, NOT how they look. Direct your praise to effort and improvement rather than focusing on how they look. Girl's body image issues are still a problem. It helps if you can link their self-worth to what they do, rather than how they look. This can be tough for some girls, so persistence is important. (See point 6 for an exception to this)

4. Help girls work out what’s worth worrying about and what’s not. Girls take criticism and rejection personally and can take too much attention to what people say. Help them work through what’s worth worrying about and what’s not.

5. Assist girls to navigate ‘girl world’ safely. Girls, although more skilled with relationships, can also be very hard on each other in late primary school and through the secondary school years. My colleague Catherine Gerhardt says that mums should talk with girls about the differences between a clique and a friendship, and help them work out how good friends act.

6. Get dad involved from a young age. The presence of an attentive male helps girls feel secure, and a father’s approval helps girls feel comfortable in their own skins. Teenage girls can benefit from positive comments from their dads about how they dress and carry themselves in public. “That dress looks perfect on you. I love it!” can be just the tonic a girl needs when she is feeling self-conscious and fragile about how she looks.

7. Expose teenage girls to the wisdom of older women. Mothers, aunts and family friends need to step forward in adolescence to mentor girls in navigating relationships; how they conduct themselves around others. Teenage girls spend a lot of time in each other's company, and can benefit from the nurturance and nourishments that older women can provide.

There's no doubt that raising girls is increasingly tricky, and as a parent you can use all the tips and ideas you can get to bring out the best in your daughters. You can get regular tips and tricks to help you raise great girls (and boys) when you subscribe Happy Kids, to my weekly parenting guide.” Michael Grose,

www.parentingideas.com.au

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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The Best Teacher in the World!!!!

Miss Bills is the best. Her favourite colour is black. Her real name is Alesha.

Appearance:
She has short blonde hair, is a medium size person and has blue eyes.

Personality:
Miss Bills is a nice, kind, caring and very, very lovely.

Jobs:
Miss Bills is a teacher at Drouin West Primary School and teaches 3/4B.

Miss Bills is the best.

From Nicola, Mia and Keira

Eisteddfod News

The Drouin West Primary School Choir is excited to announce that we have entered The West Gippsland Music and Drama Eisteddfod again this year. The choir section of the Eisteddfod will take place on Friday the 5\textsuperscript{th} of August 2016. At this stage we are unaware of what time the choir section will take place, however, once the Eisteddfod Committee have finalised the program we will notify choir students and their families accordingly. The choir will be performing two songs as part of the local district primary school section. After performing, choirs will then be critiqued by the official Adjudicator and we will receive feedback on our performance. We have been working very hard on our songs over the last few weeks and the ongoing commitment from the students is fantastic. The Eisteddfod is a wonderful opportunity for our choir students to perform to the wider community and we are all very excited.

From Nicola, Mia and Keira

Paradise

$100 dollars WOW! I wonder why they are only selling it for $100. Maybe they are only selling it for $100 because there is going to be a fire happening in 2 hours. It looks like a very nice place to have a picnic. Let’s go for a picnic lunch. We will bring our deck chairs.

When we got there we could not find a boat. "How are we going to get over to paradise", said Max. "I've got an idea", I said. "We can make a raft out of wood". Before we knew it we were on our way. I still don’t know why it was put up for $100. We were on our way to Paradise Island. It took about 2 hours to make the boat, so we took a hose just in case we needed to put a fire out.

By Stephen 3/4A

Winter

Winter is a season. It rains in winter and it is cold. It also snows in Winter. Spring is the next season.

By Charlotte F/1B
Happy Birthday !!!!!!!
Happy birthday to the following student who celebrates his special day during the week of Monday, 13th June to Sunday, 19th June.

Trent 5/6B

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**GOD’S GREAT RESCUE**

**Kids Plus 2016 School Holiday Program**

**When:** Wed 29th of June to Fri 1st of July

**Time:** 1:15 pm to 4:00 pm

**Where:** Drouin Presbyterian Church

**Who:** Prep to Grade 6

This is a free event!

Doors open 1:11 pm on the Wednesday for registration.

For more information please contact

Jamie Dower 0477 834 236 or Church Office 5625 1126

Kids need to be signed in and out each day

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**#4 Father’s role / parenting alone**

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**Everyone Welcome!**

CCW Multi-Purpose Room

- **Mon Jun 20, 9.15-10.45am, for Mums**
  
  Gold coin donation for child-minding on site

  OR

- **Tue Jun 21, 7.15-8.45pm, for Mums & Dads**
  
  Please arrange your own child-minding

  Ring us if you’re looking for a list of baby-sitters

Expressions of interest, please call or text: Margret Conley 0419 957 722  Anne Cutchie 0488 609 188

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Community Church Warragul Inc #A0035075H

1-29 Wills St, Warragul
Munch & Move is a fun-filled program promoting healthy growing for overweight children.

Paediatric Physiotherapists & Dieticians are offering an exciting 10 week program at West Gippsland Healthcare Hospital for children aged 3-5 and 6-10 years & their families.

Each session includes:

- Fun physical activities and games
- Answering your questions on healthy eating, portion sizes and practical tips for home
- Preparing and enjoying a healthy snack together

Make a change today– contact us on 56230647 or speak with your local GP about our program

BELEZA WARRAGUL
The store will be closed between Saturday 25th June 2016 to Saturday 2nd July 2016

Normal trading hours effective from 4th July 2016 will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 5pm
Wednesday and Saturday—Closed

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

Attention staff of Drouin West Primary School

As the parent/guardian of ................................................................. Grade .................

I wish to advise that the absence on ................................................................. was due to:  

Illness ☐ Appointment ☐

Family Holiday ☐ Parental Choice ☐

Other .................................................................

Yours sincerely,

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(Signature of Parent/Guardian)