### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<th>Mondays</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>Tuesday</td>
<td>August 23rd Moonlit Sanctuary—this excursion for grades P/1A, P/1B, 1/2A &amp; 2A. Payments and forms required by this Friday 19th August. Preferred method of payment is QKR.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>August 24th Fair Committee meeting Drouin Tennis Club 7:30pm. New members are very welcome. Please come along.</td>
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<td>August 26th Book Week Parade. Come as your favourite book character</td>
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<td>August 31st Father’s Day Stall. Preferred method of payment is via QKR.</td>
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<td>September 5th to 9th Year 4 students are invited to attend 3 days of camping at Nayook. Preferred method of payment is QKR.</td>
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### Super ‘B’ Award Winners

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 5, term 3

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From The Principal’s Office

Arriving at school on time - we are getting better!

Arriving at school before 9.00am enables children to be ready for learning at 9.00am each day. We have noticed that students are settled and ready for the day, if they arrive in plenty of time to organise their bags, notes, reading satchels, catch up with friends or chat with their teachers. The stress of arriving late or as the bell is going, impacts on children’s ability to take in the morning instructions in the classroom.

Parents are required to sign children in at the office and take the late slip to the classroom if they arrive after the bell.

Well done to the families who have worked on getting to school by the 9.00am bell.

Educational Support Staff

This week we acknowledge our wonderful team of Educational Support Staff in our school. Our Educational Support Staff include: Megan McIntosh, Janne McFadden, Kirsten Ward, Helen Brown, Keira McMaster, Tarn Williams, Jake Proctor, Pauline Boorer, Mitchell Goodwin, Meaghan McNeill and Ann Webster. This week we also welcome Melanie Bajada to our team.

The high level of additional support that our educational support team provides, adds to the quality of the programs our students receive at school.

Some of the day to day roles include: aiding individual students in classes, providing additional supervision in the playground, managing the numerous tasks in the office, managing the school library, and providing additional support through literacy intervention programs.

Staffing Update

Shae Forster will be going on maternity leave from September 5. We have organised Kathryn Giles to cover 2A for the last two weeks of this term and the first four weeks of term 4. Pending the approval of the Victorian Institute of Teaching, we anticipate that Leah Reid will be able to take 2A to the end of the year.

Our new Building…Progress Report

We have now put in time over three week ends and have completed the major part of the internal painting. The ceiling and most walls have had multiple coats of paint.

Thank you to the Narayan, McClusky, Thomas, O’Riley, and Thorpe families who assisted on Saturday/Sunday to complete this painting. Thank you to Ann Webster who also came along to wash down light diffusers and remove brackets along the windows.

We will not be working on the building this weekend as a number of contractors will need to complete their work before we paint the doors and architraves. If you are interested in helping with preparing and painting these sections please let me know.

QKR by MasterCard

QKR (pronounced quicker) by MasterCard is a safe and extremely easy way to pay for school events, fundraising and stationery. You can also sign the permission forms. If you don’t have a smart phone or Ipad that will allow you to download the App, then you can use the following link to access QKR via your computer.

https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/

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
Our Chaplain
Michael Grose leading parenting expert has written the beginnings of an article titled, “5 must-know facts to help you understand boys” His website parentingideas.com.au has some more information if you are interested in following up.
“Raising boys is a hot topic in Australia and other parts of the world. It’s obvious that those adults who do best raising and educating boys have a significant understanding of the psychology and physiology of boys. Here are five facts about boys to help you better understand them:

1. They are wired for activity
It seems boys’ brains were designed by a different architect than girls. While girls develop verbal, social and fine motor skills quite naturally boys are wired to be more active, boisterous, competitive and territorial, which is one of the reasons why parents are usually kept busy raising boys in the early years.

2. They are slower to mature
The maturity gap between boys and girls of anywhere between 12 months and two years seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood. Parents should take this into account when deciding the school starting age of their sons. This maturity gap is also evident when kids finish school and move into tertiary studies or the workplace.

3. They want approval
Most boys ache for approval from their parents, their fathers in particular. Wanting the best for their boys some dads can be too hard on their sons. Better to foster a strong relationship than drive them too hard.

4. They want to blend in
Boys just want to fit in. They are group-oriented by nature and tend to be very loyal to their friends. As a rule, they don’t like to stand out from the crowd so they respond best to private praise and won’t respect you if you embarrass them in front of their friends.

5. They need a disciplined approach
Boys usually like limits and boundaries. This make them feel safe and secure. They also like to know that a parent will enforce the house rules, so don’t be afraid to be firm, although you don’t have to use the same authoritarian methods as parents in the past may have used. Firm, fair and consistent are the keys to effective discipline for boys.”

I will be taking some personal leave for the next four weeks. For those children in my current Seasons for Growth classes, we will complete our final two weeks of SFG (Summer) at the start of next term. I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of Term 4.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain
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.

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who will celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 15th August to Sunday 21st August.
Rory 1/2A, Ethan 5/6B, Louis 5/6B and Marcus 0/1B

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

Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Christmas Child is a special event that Samaritan’s Purse organizes annually.
If you would like to bring a big helping of joy and love to children that would normally not experience such generosity, then this is a golden opportunity.
There are special shoe boxes available from the school office at $1 each. Each box comes with a leaflet explaining how to fill the shoe box and a special page where you can put some of your details. The children really appreciate the gifts, but they enjoy knowing the person that gave them such a special gift even more. For them it is such a huge delight to be able to know that there is someone who cares enough about them to spoil them a little.
On the Samaritan’s Purse website: https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/get-resources/downloadable-resources/there are also knitting, sewing and crocheting patterns if you would like to include a special handmade gift. Maybe you know someone who is very good at making things and could ask them to help you.
Don’t forget to also pay your $9 shipping on the Samaritan’s Purse website so that you can track which country your box ends up going to.
Book Week Parade

Come dressed as a book character.

Friday 26th August
Parents/Guardians are invited to purchase THRASS charts for home use. They are available from the office for $7.50 each.