**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 36/15**

**Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3:45pm**

**18th November**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<td>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.</td>
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**December 24th**

Foundation Friendship Playgroup at 2pm for 2016 Foundation year students

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM**

**December 1st**

Information session for parents of children enrolled for the 2016 Foundation year.

Commences at 7:30pm

**December 2nd**

Tradie for a Day. Year 6 students to visit the Baw Baw Skills Centre to take part in various activities.

**December 3rd**

Swimming trials for selected year 2 to year 5 students.

Finance Committee meeting at 4pm

**December 8th**

Orientation day. Students in year 6 will attend their chosen secondary school and 2016 Foundation year children will attend at Drouin West from 9am until 12:30pm

**December 9th**

Junior School Concert 7pm. Information will be sent home closer to the date.

**December 10th**

Senior School Concert 7pm. Information will be sent home closer to the date.

**December 11th**

Thank you morning tea. 11am in the multi-purpose room. Invitations will be sent home closer to the event. Second transition day for year 6 students to Drouin Secondary College

**December 14th**

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

**December 15th**

Transition Day. Students will spend time with their 2016 teachers and class mates.

School Council meeting 7:30pm in the staffroom.

**December 16th**

Class parties and a visit from Santa

**December 17th**

Picnic Sports Day. 9am until 1:30pm

**December 18th**

Last Day of term 4. Students finish at 1:30pm.

**December 19th**

Choir students save this date please. Drouin Carols by Candlelight at 7:30pm. Information and permission forms will be sent out closer to the event.

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**CASSE MOVIE**

In CASSE in term 3 and 4 we have been making a movie called the CASSE games (it’s similar to the Hunger Games, but no one dies plus, it’s not violent.) In the CASSE Games, tributes will solve bullying scenarios and the tribute with the best solution will continue to the next round. Our aim in making this movie is to encourage students to stand up for themselves and become upstanders and help people out, instead of being bystanders. The cast will all be CASSE members, and we will take this movie around to all the grades over the next few weeks. We hope you enjoy this movie as we’ve worked hard to bring it to you!

By Hollie, Belinda & Jordan CASSE Upstanders
**Student Placements for 2016**  
Staff will put significant time and thought into allocating students to classes in the coming weeks. We take into consideration friendship groups, siblings in close year levels, balance between boys and girls, social dynamics, a balance of class sizes across the school and individual learning needs of students. Teachers also consider student friendship requests.

If parents/guardians have any special requests to be considered, I would encourage you to speak directly with class teachers, put your request in writing, arrange an appointment to speak with me in person or alternatively contact me by phone in the coming weeks. Requests are considered and every attempt is made to accommodate requests.

**Sunscreen**  
Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.

It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin about 20 minutes before going outdoors, every 2 hours even if the stated level of protection is 4 hours.

Please would parents send along with their child their own SPF30 or higher sunscreen that suits their skin. Roll on types are easy for children to use. Please teach your child how to apply their sunscreen to the exposed areas of their skin when in their school uniform.

This information was supplied to the school by SunSmart. You can visit their website for additional information to help your family learn to be aware of the importance of sun protection.  

**Foundation Friendship Program**  
Our fourth session of “Foundation Friendship program was a great success thanks to the preparation and planning by Wendy Ronalds. It is wonderful to meet our new Foundation students and their families. Thanks to all the year 5 students who assisted with welcoming new families to the school. Next week will be our last session.

Please be aware that some new families will not be familiar with our car parking arrangements at the front of the school.

**Qkr by MasterCard**  
This payment App is now available for use to purchase Icy Pole tokens and to pay OSHC accounts. If you require further information please contact the office.

**Library Books**  
Thank you to those families who have returned misplaced library books to school throughout the year. As we need to do an annual stocktake of these precious resources, we will be asking for all library books students have borrowed, to be returned to school by the beginning of December.

Please help us by returning any books that are at home in the coming weeks.

If you love sharing books with your children, a visit to the public library can provide a great opportunity for families to borrow books during the long holiday break.

**Advice for Parents addressing children and young peoples’ responses in relation to traumatic events**  
Children and young people may have seen and heard about the terrorist attacks that occurred in Paris on Friday 13 November 2015.

Children often worry and know more than we realise. Adults may assume that children are doing okay if they don’t talk or ask questions about what has happened. Sometimes they have questions they may not ask unless we provide the opportunity.

It is wise for you to monitor your child's exposure to television coverage, print media and social media. Some children and young people will want to talk about the tragic events and try to make sense of what they have both seen and heard. Other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality.

Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.

There is a range of things you can do to assist your child during events such as this, including:

- Acknowledge that the event was distressing
- Reassure children that they are safe
- Look for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared)
- Normalise responses - typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness
- Maintain a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful.
- Separate fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events.
- Plan relaxing activities before bed – talk your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favourite book).
- Speak in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents' reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay.
- Always remember the value of doing something with children that they like to do such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.
- The authorities in France and countries around the world will help to support the people who have been impacted by this event.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 6, term 4:

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Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

**PENNY PUNCTUATION**
When we entered, a mysterious man was standing with a candle (what kind of man holds a candle all night).
By Chloe M 3/4B

**CONNIE CONNECTIVE**
When he got there Dan T.D.M and Stampy were waiting then they told the detective what they thought.
By Sam 3/4B

**VINNIE VOCAB**
We made a little temporary hut near a ricer that night, then we rested.
By Ethan H 2/3A

**OLLIE OPENER**
One hour later, Boom!! Sreeech!
“Grrr I’d better check that out” the bear said.
By Brinley W 1/2A
Chaplain’s News
What a frightening weekend for many in Paris. It has been very sobering to watch the news and see the events unfold. Unfortunately Paris is one of many countries who have been hit by terrorist attacks. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends affected by such dreadful events.

We have been talking about the events as a family. Our children are getting older now and are developing an understanding of these world issues.

We have been talking about how unfair it is that so many innocent people got hurt and killed. How brave the police have been to respond so quickly. How hard it must be for leaders of countries to make decisions that are wise and helpful.

We have also been discussing how blessed we are to live in this country. While we are not immune to problems of the world we have so much support or access to so much support.

- We have wonderful schools our children can attend with kind, caring and intelligent staff
- We have food to eat
- A healthcare system that we can access even if we don’t have a lot of money
- Housing that protects us from the heat and the cold

Sometimes I get fearful for the future, the future my children will be growing up in. But I remind myself to be thankful. We are blessed with so much and my hope is that my children can carry on the light of peace. My hope is that we will be preparing children who can work alongside others for peace and good.

It has been beautiful to see so many people support the vigils that have been held in Australia and across the world to support peace and show solidarity against these evil events.

We pause to remember those who lost their lives this week. In our silence we vow to work in peace alongside others and be a shining light. We encourage our children to do the same.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds (School Chaplain)
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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The Grinch
Crash! Bang! Suddenly I woke up. “What was that noise?” I whispered. I peeked out the door. It was the Grinch stealing all the presents. I shouted “Stop that!” I quickly ran into my room, then I stayed silent. The Grinch has already got to the door. I tip toed to the front door where the Grinch was. Then I looked at the Christmas tree to see how many presents he left. Not a single one! Not even…. The Christmas tree! I followed him to his cave. When I got to his cave he looked behind him. I hid and stayed silent. Then I kept walking. I smelt a rotten smell. Then the Grinch looked behind him and he saw me. He said “what are you doing here?” I laughed at his cat face. “What are you laughing at?” the Grinch said. I said “Do you hate Christmas. Christmas is a special celebration.” Then I told him all about Christmas. He said “I remember Christmas, I like Christmas now.” Then they lived happily ever after. The end. By Sophie 1/2A

OSHC News
The weather has been very up and down, seeing us spend time both inside and outside this week. Outside play has included cricket, skipping, ball games in the undercover area, free play on the playgrounds and using the ropes to make courses. Inside has seen the girls do all the puzzles, lots of Lego, creating a movie or two and colouring.

It is lovely to have Tarn back on deck. Thanks to Peta, Pauline and June who have worked the extra sessions. The end of year is rapidly approaching and new enrolment forms for 2016 will go out in the next couple of weeks with a new booking sheet also.

Please speak with Peta if you have any questions.
6. After you have registered you will need to wait for the school administration to accept your application.

Need help?
Contact: Drouin West Primary School
Email: drouin.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 5625 1971

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Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Rick Pemberton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5120 2582 / 0407 567 312
or rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

Happy Birthday !!!!!!
Happy birthday to the following student and staff who are celebrating their special day during the weeks of Monday, 16th November to Sunday, 22nd November.

Ethan F 5/6A and Peta from OSHC

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

Crochet patterns and crochet cotton.

If you have any crochet patterns or crochet cotton that you no longer require please would you bring it to the school office. Items will be made as donations for a church charity support Christmas stall.