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

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<td>Fun and Games - All students are welcome to attend the music room during lunch time.</td>
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<td>Library - All students are welcome to visit the library during lunch time.</td>
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<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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<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>Scrabble Club - Students in years 3 to 6 are able to join with the Scrabble Club in the multi-purpose room. Students should listen for announcements to verify if the Scrabble Club is on each day. Drouin West Talent Competition - years 3 to 6 students can take part in the competition to find the talent we have at Drouin West. Please listen for announcements.</td>
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### IMPORTANT DATES
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<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>Step into Prep Playgroup at 2pm—3pm. 2017 Prep year students have the opportunity to get to know our school, by taking part in our playgroup session. Please make the children and families feel welcome as they become part of our school community. Questacon 9.00am—1:30pm Science Circus. Thanks to the hard work of the Fundraising committee we are able to offer this to the students at no cost.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
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From The Principal’s Office

The Positive Parenting Telephone Service
This service is run by Gateway Health and provides a telephone based parent education program for parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren and carers of children aged 2 to 10 years. The program has been operating in the Goulburn and Ovens Murray regions of Victoria for the past 17 years.

The Department of Education and Training have recently announced that they have provided Gateway Health with funding for 12 months to expand this service across the state with the hope of increasing the access for families to a parenting program with particular emphasis on fathers and grandparents caring for their grandchildren as well as rural families.

Parents are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls from a trained Parent Educator over an 8 to 10 week period in addition to completing written and practical tasks based on readings in a workbook or via online modules. The service is free and has daytime, evening and Saturday morning appointments available.

We have included a flyer in today’s newsletter and have copies of the brochure at the office if families would like more information.

School Council News
School Council had a meeting last night. We were delighted that 30 families responded to the Parent Opinion Survey and gave feedback about their experiences at Drouin West.

The improvements in all elements of the School Climate, Student Behaviour and Student Engagement has been significant this year with most areas well above the standards of other schools.

The comments we were given were also very positive. A number of parents mentioned the dedicated, friendly staff, THRASS, Minilit, the community feel, the progress their children have made in “leaps and bounds” as well as the high quality programs offered at our school.

The couple of negative comments included the condition of the car park, (hopefully this is resolved) the questions in the survey being repeated (this is a survey designed by the Education Department and we can’t change the questions) and a couple of parents indicating their desire for more extra curricula activities to be offered.

We will keep this in mind as we start our planning for 2017. The challenge is to balance time out of the classroom, the additional costs to families with experiences that enrich the lives of our students. As a staff we do try and create this balance when we make decisions on what our priorities need to be for students.

Thank you to those families who did respond to the survey. We have included a copy of the results in this newsletter.

Planning for 2017
We are starting to plan ahead for 2017. We have had a large number of inquiries from families to come to Drouin West throughout this year and will be welcoming a number of these families transferring to our school next year. Some families are new to the area while others are transferring schools within the local area. At this stage we are planning to increase our class groups from eight to nine class groups in 2017. This will enable us to reduce our class sizes across the school while also increasing our overall enrolments.

To ensure we make informed decisions about our class structures, it is helpful to know if any more new families will be coming along to Drouin West. If you are aware of families intending to come to Drouin West and they have not formally enrolled it is important to let them know, we will need their enrolment forms and confirmation that they will be coming in 2017.

On the other hand, if you are intending to leave Drouin West and have not mentioned this to a member of staff, please also let us know.

Scrabble Tournament
Students in years 5/6 have the opportunity this year to enter into a local Scrabble Tournament. We will be honing our skills during playtimes and lunchtimes in coming weeks.

If there are parents who would like to coach our students please let me know. We have some very keen players who would love to learn some strategies of playing and using letter tiles to get the biggest scores.

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

Extra curriculum opportunities.
Parents can contact individual musical teachers to arrange private lessons.

Drum, Guitar & Ukulele Lessons— Joe Patrick Phone: 0498 742 381

Piano Lessons— Karen Thomson. Mondays 11am onwards Phone: 0356 299 268
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 2, term 4

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Drouin West Movie Fundraiser
Hurry don’t forget to book your tickets!!

The fundraising committee have booked the Warragul Cinema on
This Friday 21st October - Evening Session
If you could arrive at the cinema by 6:45pm to organize your candy bar items please.
Pre-paid tickets will be available for $20.00 per person which includes a candy bar voucher
Please come and help us raise money for our school.
Tickets are only available at the office.
Our Chaplain

This week I came across this article from Steve Pos in Sale, who has written, “The Philosophy of Whatever”. I have found it a really interesting and challenging read. “You can be whatever you want to be” a colleague of mine questioned this statement that we repeat to kids constantly, “What a load of rubbish! I always wanted to be a ruckman for Richmond but it was never going to happen!” My colleague is small in stature with bent legs and a pronounced limp that he has had since birth (I assume), he was absolutely correct. A kid destined to grow over 180cm was not going to be a jockey, someone with slow reflexes was not going to be a fighter pilot, someone who struggled academically was not going to be a neurosurgeon, a slow runner was not going to the Olympics as a 100 m sprinter. He was absolutely correct, you can’t tell kids you can be whatever you want to be because it’s not true! But still something deep in my soul didn’t agree, there was a fundamental flaw in this idea, a dissonance, a ripple, a problem.

Then it hit me, the statement buys into or popular societal myth of being able to achieve all the things you want to. The basic premise, the basic statement is wrong; you cannot be whatever you want to be but you can be whoever you want to be! As a society we measure people by what they do, what they achieve, rather than by who they are. Everyone has the potential to be whoever they want to be, this is totally independent of what vocation they choose, their natural abilities and talents or how much training they undertake. A boy can grow to be; a faithful spouse, a loyal friend, a man of integrity, a loving father, an honest worker, a respected colleague and acquaintance. A girl can grow to be; a trusted confidante, a devoted mother, an inspiring worker, a person of great integrity, faithfulness and loyalty, and so the list goes on.

The problem is not what we do but who we are. You can’t be whatever you like but it is in your power to be whoever you like. THIS is the message our young people need. This is what they need to dream about; not what you will do when you grow up but who will you be. When we ask a child about their future and they reply “I want to be a fireman”, instead of the indulgent smile and empty platitude about driving a big truck we should respond with “Wow, so you want to save people, be someone who is important in the community, someone who is really responsible and dependable”. When they reply with “I want to be a nurse” we should respond with “Wow, you want to care for people and help people when they really need it, be someone who is really hard working and reliable”. You get the picture.

So next time you ask a young person what they want to be when they grow up slap yourself and then ask WHO they want to be when they grow up. If society valued people based on who they were rather than what they are or what they do a very different society we would have.”

Steve Pos.

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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The Wild Dog Triathlon Clubs 2016/17 season kicks off this Sat., October 22nd at 5 pm at the Burke St Park clubrooms, Warragul.
It is open to all kids aged between 5 and 12, so come and give Junior Triathlon a try. For more information visit our website www.wilddogtriclub.org.au or ring Prue Metcalfe on 0407 88 33 89.

Junior School Sports Day
The junior school sports day will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of November from 9.00-11.00. It will be held in the school grounds and family members are encouraged to come along and support the children. Children will rotate around 6 activities over the two hours. Children are encouraged to wear their house colours. Baw Baw-Yellow, Tarago-red, Strzelecki-blue if you do not know which house your children are in check with their classroom teacher. Clothing must cover the shoulders and mid riff and school hats must be worn. It would be a great idea for children to have a drink bottle to carry during the sports. If you have any questions please see me. I am at the school on Tuesday and Wednesday.
Regards Marion Proctor (PE teacher)

Under 12 2016/17 Season to commence
Wednesday 26th October at 4:30 pm
Bellbird Park No. 2 Oval
Lampards Road, Drouin (Training to commence Monday 17/10/2016 at Bellbird Park cricket nets)
Under 14 Players also wanted!
Registrations and Payment of memberships can now be completed on-line via http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=2146
Enquiries - MICHAEL CADDY 0438 061 366 or u12.drouincc@gmail.com
Warragul Municipal Band present their 2016 Coffee Melody Garden Concert

at stunning Rosehill Farm
Sunday Oct 30th
for a one-off open day
10am - 4pm
$10 Adult. U16 free.

Make a day of it!
BYO Rug/Chairs and friends.
Sausage Sizzle, hot/cold Drinks available for purchase.

Concerts @
11am & 1pm

A well established country garden in the English Style.
Enjoy a charming meander amongst aged oaks,
roses old and new, lawns and hedges.
Individual areas including kitchen and picking gardens,
formal rose garden and borders.
Watch the sheep in the arboretum which borders the garden proper,
and look over tree tops to the distant mountains beyond.

170 Tolley Road Ripplebrook

For more info  5626 8543
www.warragulband.org