**Newsletter**

Drouin West Primary School

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

Issue 16/16  Hours of supervision:  8.45am—3:45pm  1st June, 2016

**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>Friday</td>
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<td>1/2A only!! Reward Crazy Hair Day</td>
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<td>Soup Day. Order via QKR. Orders close 10am Friday June 3rd.</td>
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<td>2017 Prep Information Session. 1:45pm—3pm</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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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 7, term 2:

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From The Principal’s Office

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 always a delight to read student reports and acknowledge the progress our students are making in their learning.

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 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, enable their child 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.

Information Session and School Tours for 2017 Foundation students and their families.
We will be organising school tours and an information session for 2017 Foundation students and their families on Wednesday, June 15th. Families considering enrolment at Drouin West P.S. are encouraged to come along to find out about what our school can offer their child.

If you are aware of any families in the community who may be considering attending Drouin West in 2017, please inform them about this session. School Tours will start from 1.45pm and parents/guardians can come along to an information session from 2.15-3.00pm in the Multi Purpose Room, while kinder aged children participate in an activity session with Mrs Ronalds.

Drouin West CFA Visit
In the last week of the term 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, an opportunity to experience going through the Smoke House which is to be confirmed, as well as a chance to have a close look at the fire truck.

If parents have any concerns about students entering the Smoke House (eg Asthma, anxiety) please let us know.

It is great to have this strong community link between the school community and the local CFA.

Wet and wintery conditions
As parents would be aware, we have had some in recent weeks and some areas around the school ground are a wet and muddy. Please ensure you have a spare set of pants and socks for your child at school should they get too muddy during the school day.

We can lend out spare clothes however once our supply is depleted we will need to ring parents to bring in clothes to school.

Chicken Pox
We have had a couple of families let us know that their children have contracted chicken pox. As the spots tend to become evident after the other symptoms are apparent it is very difficult to contain the spread of this virus in our community. Hopefully the symptoms are mild and recovery is quick for anyone who is affected.

Chicken Pox is spread by both direct contact with an infected person and through airborne spread of respiratory secretions. Since infected persons are contagious for one to two days before they even develop a rash, your child may have been exposed to someone with chicken pox without knowing. Symptoms begin with a low grade fever, loss of appetite and decreased activity. About two days later, your child will develop an itchy rash consisting of small red bumps that start on the scalp, face and trunk and then spread to the arms and legs (but may also occur in the mouth and genitalia).

It is important that we encourage and promote the importance of good hygiene habits.

We can encourage children to be ‘germ stoppers’ by:
- covering their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- throwing used tissues in plastic-lined rubbish bins
- washing their hands with soap and warm water or using an alcohol-based hand cleaner
- reducing the spread of germs by avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth.
Hello everyone!

Have a cuppa with a neighbour it could make a difference!

My elderly parents live in a suburb of Melbourne. They have quite an amazing network of neighbours. None of them are related but they all look out for each other. There are young couples, single white collar workers, tradies and older people like my parents. But my Dad will talk to anyone! He will walk down the street and check everyone is ok. Mum and Dad have had meals dropped in when they were unwell; the man across the road is available to fix their computer problems. Just recently the house down the road was involved in an armed holdup in the night, which has left everyone in their street extremely concerned, but they have rallied together and continued to look out for each other.

As I explained in last week’s newsletter, it’s been a tough season for many farming communities. The plight of dairy farmers continues to be a concern for many with the ripple effect passing onto local businesses. The issues are complex but there are things we can do to support our local farmers. We have been encouraged to buy branded milk, which is a great start but there are also some ways we can provide emotional support.

The purpose of ‘Look over the farm gate’ is to assist those who maybe struggling to cope with tough times and provide some tools for people in the community to help each other. There will be some in our community who do ask for help but there will be many who will not.

So today I ask you to consider whether you could ‘have a cuppa with a neighbour ‘because it could make a difference. Have a look around your friends and neighbours; consider dropping in on them or giving them a call, just to make sure they are okay.

Today with your newsletter each family has received a ‘Look over the Farm Gate card and t-bag’ never underestimate the difference you can make by taking time to listen to somebody and offering some support. We need to look out for each other. So even if you are doing okay yourself, just think about looking over your gate and consider how your neighbours might be doing.

We can use the example of my father, a cheery hello, a smile, a g’day as you walk down the street and an offer of a cuppa, really might make a difference.

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.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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**Guess Who**

We are some-one you may know.

Try to guess, Yes have a go.

I am Respectful. I have a friend who is Safe. I have a cousin who is Kind and I have a brother who is a Learner.

Who are we???? By Emily 3/4A

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**Be Safe at the Park**

One day a little girl went to the park. She was walking along the path when she heard some-one crying. "Are you Okay?" "No!" "What happened?" "I stepped on something sharp and pointy." "Something pointy, was it a knife?" "I don’t think so." "Was it a syringe?" "Oh! That is what it may have been." "Well you need to be careful when you walk without putting your shoes on." By Chelsey 2A
Happy Birthday !!!!!!!
Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 30th May to Sunday, 5th June.

Jasmine 5/6B, Dakota MM 3/4B and Mikaela 2A

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

Soup Day Lunch—Wednesday 8th June
Delicious homemade Pumpkin or Chicken Noodle soup, bread roll and drink.
$6 per student
Order on Qkr! by 10am Friday 3 June.

Helpers Wanted—contact office if you can help on the day

Don’t forget to bring a named plastic mug with a handle!

The Great Pizza
"Bryce, Mark, Jesse!" called mum. "Do you want to make a pizza?" "Yes! Please!" yelled the boys. So they rolled, chopped and grated. "Not right!" So they rolled, chopped and grated. "Not right!." Again and again until finally they finished! "Perfect!" they said. Soon it was pizza day. "We will not win," said mum sadly. "It’s not good enough." "Ok!" said the King. "The best pizza is …….. "Oh no." said mum. "Bryce, Mark, Jesse and mum win" said the King.

By Bryce, Mark and Jessie. 1/2A
Cross Country Results – Thursday 26th May 2016

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the District Cross Country last Thursday; Emma, Jamie, Oliver, Charlotte, Trent, Riley, Ruby, Ethan, Zoe, Keegan, Alexandra, Lachlan, Evelyn, William, Beau, Zachary, Hayden, Dakota MM, Dakota R, Emily, Tom, Mikaela, Brock, Kieren and Sharnee.

Of these 25 students, four will be competing in the Regional Cross Country held at Lardner Park in June. Congratulations on your results and good luck boys!

9/10 year old Boys: Keegan and Zachary  
11 year old Boys: Tom and Brock
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)