IMPORTANT DATES

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Mondays
Lunch orders and Student Banking

Fridays
Assembly will be held at 3:00pm in the multi-purpose room. Parents/guardians/carers and interested community members are most welcome to attend.

Thursday March 2nd
Fair meeting 9am
Please come along and support this hard working group. You will be very welcomed. Families with toddlers are encouraged to come along and bring your little ones with you.

Monday March 13th
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday March 16th
Senior school athletics day. Students in years 3 to 6 are able to take part in the athletics day from 9am to 1:30pm.

Sunday March 19th
School ‘FAIR’ 18 more sleeps!!

Friday March 24th
Whole school photo day.

HELP REQUIRED

‘FAIR’ Mail Box Drop

Helpers are needed to drop Fair flyers in mail boxes in the local area. Even if you can only do your street, that would be a great help. Thank you to Homegrown Design (Griffin family) and The Original Printers (Ferguson Family) for producing our flyers.

Please complete this slip and return it to the school office.

We are able to help with the Fair flyer drop.

Name:__________________________________________ Phone number:____________________________________

Street/area to cover:________________________________________________________________________________
From The Principal’s Office

School Council News
Thank you to Karl Joiner, Rhiannon Trimble and Duane Cunnington who have re nominated for School Council as parent representatives. Thank you also to Ann Webster has filled a Department of Education vacancy. As the number of nominations are less that the vacancies, we will not require a ballot.

School Council members who will continue their term in 2017, include Courtney O’Riley, Kim Vanderplight and Joy Barson.

We all look forward to working with our school community to make 2017 a really great year for students, parents and staff at Drouin West.

We still have two unfilled parent vacancies. Let us know if you are interested in coming along to our next School Council meeting as a visitor to find out more about School Council. It would be fantastic to have all of our parent vacancies filled.

Inspirational Speaker
We had Melissa Duncan presenting to students at Drouin West last Friday. Melissa is a 1500m runner and was selected for the Rio Olympics. Her experiences in recent years shows how to be resilient, motivated, set goals and have a positive attitude to get the best out of the most difficult circumstances. Having the occasional guest speaker visiting the school is a great opportunity to inspire our students.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Each year children in Year 3-6 are given an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. The competitions in 2017 cover Science, Digital Technologies, Mathematics, English, Writing and Spelling. Please read the information attached with this newsletter for further information. Please ensure the reply slip and payment is returned to school by the last Monday of term 1 should you wish for your child to participate in 2017.

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is also not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Tea Under the Oaks
We had a great number of families coming along to “Tea under the oaks” last Friday. The weather was great and school families, which included Grandparents and Aunties and Uncles and their families appeared to have a great time.

Thanks to Pauline Boorer who organised for the Drouin West CFA to come along so we could acknowledge the work of our local CFA volunteers.
**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**  
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 4, term 1

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**Happy Birthday !!!!!!!**

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their special day during the week Monday 27th February to Sunday 5th March 2017

Ryder P/1A, Talen 2A, Holly 5A, Ivy P/1A, Jay P/1A, Ashden 4/5A, Mikaela 5A and Cailean 3/4B

Don’t forget to come to the office to collect your birthday sticker.
Our Chaplain

Hi everyone How has your week been? Trust your families are travelling well.

Parenting is often messy. Its hard work and takes time and effort. I think my message this week, is that children will often need to make mistakes to learn. This is true for reading and maths but also true for their behaviour.

I may have told some of you this story before, but when my son was in prep, his most favourite time at school was having a library lesson where he got to choose 2 books to take home. Library was held every fortnight so it was a big deal! One day he forgot his library book, which meant he couldn’t borrow a new book. Every single part of me wanted to drive home and bring that library book to school, so he could still borrow. His teacher, who I respected, said to me, “Wendy, don’t even think about going home - he will be okay without the book and he will learn to take on more responsibility if you don’t go home.” It was so hard to leave him at school without his book, but I did. He is pretty responsible now and very rarely forgets something! It would have been so easy to make that situation right for him, but instead some hard learning took place.

Children will make mistakes, our job as parents is to love them through-not make it all better but provide support so they can grow through it. It takes time and energy on our part. But we don’t want the quick fix that is not going to be helpful to them as they grow up. I heard this great quote last week—‘you can’t google experience’ Experiencing life means we will make mistakes but with a supportive family and school community our kids can learn and grow up to be responsible.

I will often chat with my friends about how to be the best Mum. We support each other to do the tough love! It is hard, but it is worth it. That’s why I would really like to encourage you to consider being part of our new parenting group. The information we will hear is good, but the conversations we have with each other about parenting is even better. It’s so nice to hear from other parents who struggle with similar issues. If you are thinking of being part of our parenting group, then please return the expression of interest, which was attached to last week’s newsletter. If you have young children, you are welcome to bring them along as we can have some toys available for them to use and even a DVD if that’s helpful. Come and chat to me if you are interested or return the form.

Also Seasons for Growth expression of interest notes have gone home with students in grade 3-6, so if this is something you would like your child to be part of then please return that note to school. This is a wonderful program that many students have benefitted from.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds
School Chaplain

If you have any questions please contact me at the school on a Tuesday or Thursday or email me on ronalds.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au. I do check emails regularly.

Acknowledgement: National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program have been funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Families enjoying Tea under the Oaks

Drouin West Vegetable Garden

The garden is looking for a bit of nourishment and is after some manure!!!! Any farmers out there who have sheep, cow, horse or chook manure and can get it to school to replenish our veggie beds please let me know.....if anyone is propagating seedlings in the next few weeks do some extra for the school as we will be planting shortly!!! Any donations of any equipment that you don't use will be highly treasured and much appreciated.

Thankyou Mrs Megan Asling Performing Arts teacher
What a fantastic night. Everyone really enjoyed the game of cricket, the Red balloons, the Fireman’s Jacket cake and the free icypoles..

How wonderful that we were able to share the evening with members of the Drouin West Fire Brigade to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to ensure that our homes and environment are safe in adverse conditions.
Sports News

Melissa Duncan, 1500m runner. She qualified for Rio 2016 but had to pull out at last minute due to stress fractures in her foot. She is hoping to go to 2020 Tokyo.

Senior school athletics

The senior school athletics will be held on Thursday 16th March. All children in grades 3-6 will participate from 9.00-1.30. This event is held on the school oval with the children rotating through 8 athletic events. This day is used to select children for our school athletic team. It is appreciated if children can wear clothing and shoes suitable for jumping and running. Tops must cover shoulders and midriffs (no short sleeve football jumpers) and school hats are to be worn. Children are encouraged to wear their team colours on this day; Baw Baw-yellow, Strzelecki-blue, Tarago-red. If you are unsure of which team your child is in please check with their classroom teacher. All children from the same family are in the same team. For the day to run smoothly and for children to gain the most from the experience parental help is needed. If you are able to help please fill in the form found in this newsletter and return it to school by Tuesday 7th March. Any help is appreciated, even if only for an hour.

I can assist at the following times. Please circle the times you are available
☐ 9.00-10.00 ☐ 10.00-11.00 ☐ 11.30-12.30 ☐ 12.30-1.30

Your Name (please print) __________________________________ Contact #

Child’s Name __________________________________________

Thank you for your offer of assistance.
You will be contacted before the day with which event and time you are required.

Regards Marion Proctor
Drouin West School Fair
Sunday 19 March 2017
11am – 3pm

18 Sleeps to go!
It's not long until this year's Fair and we need your help to make the day a success.

Raffle
Boxes will be placed in each classroom for donations for the raffle hampers. See the attached flyer for the theme for your child's class and ideas.

Raffle tickets will be sent home to families in the lead up to the fair and will be available for sale on the day.

Roster of Helpers
Many hands make light work so please nominate a ½ hour of your time to help out on one of the stalls. Please return the form attached to this newsletter with your preferred time and stall by Wed 8 March.

Cake Stall
Calling all bakers! Forms and containers will be sent home soon for donations of yummy homemade treats for the cake stall. Stay tuned for more information.

Tickets
As with previous years, you will be able to pre-purchase your Fair tickets and save $$$$$. Tickets can be used for just about everything on the day - rides, sideshows, beauty parlour, food and drinks, Showbags and more. Stay tuned for more information.

Sponsors
A BIG Thank You to all the businesses and community groups who donate goods and services for our Fair. Please support the people who support our school.

With everyone’s help we can make this a great day!

Follow us on facebook @DrouinWestPrimarySchoolFair
Drouin West School Fair
Sunday 19 March 2017 11am – 3pm

Helpers on the Day

The Fair Committee has been working very hard to make our fair a success. We have some great activities, stalls and entertainment lined up for the day.

We require parent helpers for the various stalls. Could you please spare some time to help us out?

Just fill in the slip below with your preferred time slot and activities.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH.

With everyone's help we can make this a great day!

Name .................................................................................................................................
Contact Phone Number ........................................................................................................
Eldest Child's Name ........................................................ Class ..............................................

I can help at the School Fair in the following time slot/s (please tick your preferences):

☐ 11.00am – 11.30am  ☐ 11.30am – 12.00pm  ☐ 12.00pm – 12.30pm
☐ 12.30pm – 1.00pm  ☐ 1.00pm – 1.30pm  ☐ 1.30pm – 2.00pm
☐ 2.00pm – 2.30pm  ☐ 2.30pm – 3.00pm  ☐ anytime

If possible, I would like to help out with (you can tick more than one item):

☐ Ticket Stand  ☐ Showbags/Lucky Dip/Lolly Guess
☐ Jumping castle (collecting tickets)  ☐ Raffle / Silent Auction
☐ Combat Course (collecting tickets)  ☐ Beauty Parlour
☐ Fruit & Vege Stall  ☐ Face painting
☐ Food & Drinks  ☐ Crazy hair
☐ Taking Orders  ☐ Nail painting
☐ Cooking  ☐ Tattoos
☐ Serving  ☐ Parking attendants
☐ Cake stall  ☐ Photographer
☐ Slushie Machine

OR

☐ I don't mind where I help out
**RAFFLE DONATIONS REQUESTED**

A Raffle will be held as part of the School Fair. We would like to ask families for donations to this raffle. There will be nine hampers made up of donations from students - each with a different theme.

Each class has been allocated a category for their hamper and students are asked to bring an item to add to the hamper. **All items must be new and unused.**

Below is the list of classes and the categories they have been allocated and some ideas for items.

**PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE IN THE BOXES IN EACH CLASSROOM BY TUESDAY 14TH MARCH.**

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<td>flower seeds</td>
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<td>Baby</td>
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<td>Ladies</td>
<td>bath wash or salts</td>
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<td>hair accessories</td>
<td>make up</td>
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Raffle will be drawn at the School Fair on Sunday 19 March 2017.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL FAIR!**
Each year children in year 3-6 at Drouin West are given the chance to enter competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales. The competitions cover Science, Mathematics, English, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing.

The entry fee for Science, Mathematics, English and Digital Technologies is $8.00. Writing which is individually marked by teachers is $17.00. The Spelling assessment is also hand marked and the entry fee is $11.00.

Students are awarded a certificate as follows:
- High Distinction to the top 1%,
- Distinction to the next 10%,
- Credit to the next 25%

Participation to all other participating students.

Students also receive a report with diagnostic information which highlights strengths and weaknesses.

If you would like your child to enter one or more of these competitions, please complete the form below and return it with the correct payment by Monday March 20 (last Monday of term 1).

Kerry Ware
Principal

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### International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

I would like my child/children to enter the following competitions:

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Signed: ………………………………………………………. (Parent/Guardian)