IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Olympic Sports 9 – 1:15pm Students to dress in their class country colours. Please see sport notice in this newsletter for details.</td>
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Super ‘B’ Award Winners

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 1, term 3:

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From The Principal’s Office

Our new Building…Can you help?
To save some costs, I would love to hear from any parents who may like to help me wash down and paint the internal ceiling and walls. I can imagine we could run a working bee over a series of weekends along with a B.B.Q. lunch to get the job done. Many hands would make this possible. So far I have had one volunteer offering to help. This part of the project needs to be done very soon. We anticipate the plastering will be completed in the coming week.

We would need help organising materials, calculating quantities, preparing surfaces, covering window, as well as those who can paint. If we don’t get volunteers we will need to organise for contractors to get this done to ensure we can install new floor covering, fit out the space with cupboard and benches etc.

We are looking at working on the following weekends 30th and 31st July and the 6th and 7th August. Please let us know if you are interested in being part of this exciting project and what you can do to help make this a reality.

School Disco
We have planned a school disco for our students which will be held on Friday July 29.

If there are any parents who would like to assist in organising this event please let me know. We need help to organise the event as well as decorate the MPR. Thank you to Julie Thomas has organised drinks for the students.

Family Life, Human Relations and Sexuality Education Presentations
Information was sent home on Monday to all families detailing parent and family information sessions starting next Monday. Please don’t miss this opportunity to come in and find out what your child’s class will be covering in this unit of work. Families who have students in year 3-6 will have the opportunity to come along with their children to a Family Life Human Relations at school on Tuesday July 26. The session for families with students in Year 3 and 4 will be from 6.30-7.30. The session for families with students in year 5 and 6 will be from 7.30-8.30pm. Please note this date on your calendars.

Head Lice and Holidays
From our experience, head lice becomes a significant issue at school for families after we have had school holidays. Parents are strongly urged to check their child’s hair and treat lice and remove eggs before returning to school. If we can all be vigilant, hopefully head lice will not become a huge community health issue. We will be starting head lice checks very soon.

Parent Opinion Survey
Parents from our community are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey, which is confidential and anonymous. The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted during Term 3 from 20 July to 5 August 2016.

The survey is an important part of every school’s parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement.

If you receive the survey, which will be sent home today, please ensure that you return your completed survey to the school by 5 August. For any queries, please contact the school. We need to follow up with families who receive a survey to encourage a return rate of 100%.

Playgroup for 2017 Preps.
If you are intending to enrol your child or know of anyone who will be enrolling their child at Drouin West Primary, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

We will be holding a series of playgroup sessions in term 4 for 2017 preps and require enrolment details to ensure each child is offered the opportunity to attend.

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

Drouin West Primary School
2016 Disco
Friday 29th July in the Multi-purpose room.
7pm—8:30pm
Cost will be $5.00 per student

Permission forms will be sent home on Wednesday 27th July.
Students must bring the permission form with them to the disco.
My Journey to State Cross Country
My First race was at Chairo, in the Baw Baw District.
I came 1st, it was a hard race.
My Second race was at Lardner Park, in the Gippsland Region.
I came 10th, it was even harder than Chairo.
Then my 3rd race was at the Victorian State Cross Country.
At the start I got elbowed in the face, sadly I came 83rd.
My opinion would be that State was the hardest race I have ever had.
I hope I can try again next year.
From Tom 4/5A

Spy Dome!!
Wow!! A Spy Dome. Should we go inside it? “I don’t know.” said Cooper. “Yes we should” said Rory. “Let’s go” said Mark. It is very dark. There was a games room in the middle. Agent Rock Star was hiding in a corner on the left. They went on to the next room, it was a food room it had 25 kinds of fruits and 100 kinds of vegetables. The next room was empty. “Surprise” as all of the Spy’s jumped up and got a Surprise.
Oh! It was their Birthday, we totally forgot.
Cooper, Rory and Mark 1/2A

My Step Dad!
Dwayne is my step dad. I call him D or D’man. He used to live in Tassie.
Appearance: He has short black hair, solid muscly build and hazel eyes.
Personality: He is warm, caring, gentle, strong and smart.
Achievements: He coached cricket and soccer. He also played over 300 finals. He went in the Army.
Occupation: Dwayne is a Security Guard.
Family History: He has six brothers and three sisters. His whole family lives in Tassie.
You must agree he is the best because he buys you things as a little treat and the most important is why I love him is because he cooks, cleans, helps and is very, very smart.
Nicola 3/4B

Sports News
Thank you to all the students and parents who have welcomed me back after my holiday. I had a fantastic time and look forward to working with parents and students to provide the best learning outcomes for each child.
This term we are working on performing and creating routines using dance, gymnastics/aerobics and skipping. Congratulations to Tom Smith who competed at the State Cross Country Finals in Bundoora last week. Even though he was elbowed in the head at the start, Tom persevered and completed the 3 kilometre course.

Dance-a-thon
Come along to assembly next week 29th July and join in with all the students as they perform the Macarena and Chicken dances.

Olympic Games Day
We will be holding our own Olympic games on Tuesday 9th August, to coincide with the official Olympic Games. Our games will run from 9.15-1.30pm. Come along and see the parade of nations, entrance of our Olympic Torch, the reading of the oaths and 8 different Olympic events. The children will compete in modified events of Boat races (sailing), hobby horse jumps (equestrian), balloon volleyball, windy ping pong (table tennis), target throw (archery), number hockey, gumboot throw (hammer throw) and scooter board relays (swimming). So mark the day on your calendar and come along to join in all the fun. Each grade will represent a different country and children are asked to wear the colours of their grades country. Grades and countries will be in next week’s newsletter. For the day to run I will need hobby horses and gumboots, if you are able to help supply either of these items for the day please contact your child’s teacher, the office or myself. Bring on the games.
Regards Marion Proctor
Our Chaplain

I have just read an interesting article by Michael Grose, leading parenting expert on how we should bring a balanced approach to our parenting. For some of us this can be a challenge as we try to over protect our children and give them all they could ever want. As we all know, and Michael states clearly, at the end of this article, parenting is a mix of firmness and warmth; discipline and nurturance; high expectations and relationship building. Have a read and see how you think you are going with your parenting!

“You know you are over-parenting if:

1. You take on all, or nearly all, of a child’s problems.
   Kids are good at handballing their problems to their parents. They’ll bring disputes with siblings for you to sort; expect you to take forgotten school lunches to school and pester you to organise their after-school lives. Mums and dads that over-parent invariably end up sorting out all their children’s problems which may make life easier in the short-term, but can mean kids become more dependent on their parents than children in the past.
   Point to remember: Leave some problems for kids to solve

2. You regularly do for a child the things he or she can reasonably do for themselves.
   It’s an irony of modern life that the busier parents get the more we tend to do for kids. In the race to get things done we dress young children; prepare children’s snacks and accompany them on trips outside the house even when they are old enough to do these activities themselves. If your child is becoming more rather than less dependent the older he becomes then it’s probably time to reassess your parenting.
   Point to remember: Never do regularly for a child the things they can do for themselves.

3. You parent the individual and not the gang
   If you are constantly trying to make sure life is smooth for each child then you are probably parenting the individual, rather than for the good of the whole family! I’m not talking about ‘playing favourites’, but having an intense focus on meeting each individual’s wants can often be at the expense of family life in general.
   For instance, you allow a child to go on a sleepover rather than attend the birthday of a sibling. Parenting the gang means that children need to fit into the patterns of family life and don’t always get what they want.

Point to remember: Raise your small family with a big family mindset.

Most of the research indicates the authoritative approach as ‘parenting best practice’. Authoritative parenting is a mix of firmness and warmth; discipline and nurturance; high expectations and relationship building. It’s an approach that sits… surprise, surprise… somewhere between over-parenting and under-parenting. Yep, as always a balanced approach to parenting, as to most things in life, seems to be the best way to go. Who would’ve thought it?” Michael Grose www.parentingideas.com.au

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.

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Learn to sing with Tammy Patrick
Tammy is a local music Teacher with 28 years of experience teaching within schools and from her home studio. Learn to sing for fun and enjoyment at Drouin West Primary School with live piano!
Come and try out a lesson with Tammy for Free.
$25 per half hour lesson.
All Music supplied.
Lessons will be on Fridays.
Phone Tammy on 0428 233 948

Happy Birthday !!!!!!
Happy birthday to the following student who will celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 18th July to Sunday, 24th July.

Riley 1B

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