**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 14/15**  **Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3:45pm**  **20th May, 2015**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<th>Mondays</th>
<th>Lunch orders and Student Banking</th>
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<td>Fridays</td>
<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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<td><strong>Thursday</strong></td>
<td><strong>May 21st</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cross Country</strong></td>
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<td>We would really appreciate PARENT HELPERS, PLEASE come and give your support and encouragement.</td>
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<td>Students in years 3 to 6 will take part in the Cross Country between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.</td>
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<td><strong>As students will be running along the boundary road, we ask that families do not drive along the boundary road between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Thursday</strong></td>
<td><strong>May 28th</strong></td>
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<td>Biggest Morning Tea at Drouin West Primary School</td>
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<td><strong>Monday</strong></td>
<td><strong>June 1st</strong></td>
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<td>Grandparents'/Special Guest Day in F/1A and F/1B at 2:15pm</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday</strong></td>
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<td>All students will be watching the performance of Jack &amp; The Jumping Beanstalk. This performance is in line with the learning students have been doing about the environment. The fantastic Fundraising Committee will be paying the $5 per student cost of the incursion.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday</strong></td>
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<td>Grade 3/4’s excursion to the Immigration Museum in Melbourne. Notes will be sent home shortly.</td>
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**Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office**

**PHOTOS!! PHOTOS!! PHOTOS!!**

Our website has been updated with all the 2014 end of year photos and photos from term 1 2015. Make sure you take the time to have a look at the students and families as they enjoy a variety of activities.

**Pianist Required**

Our choir is on the lookout for a rehearsal/performance pianist. If you, or someone you know would be interested in playing the piano for us please let Ann in the office know. Rehearsals take place in the music room on Thursdays at 1:45pm until 2:15pm.

With thanks
Helen Brown

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From The Principal’s Office

Education Week
Hundreds of schools and some early years education providers will open their doors to their community to showcase how they are helping every child reach his or her full potential this week.

At Drouin West it was fantastic to see current parents, the broader community, including some prospective families, come along to our Open Morning today.

A big thank you to the following students who were able to lead the many visitors on school tours: Megan Carlile, Kaitlyn Cheetham, Alex Foreman, Brydie Allan, Brooke de Riter, Jordan Deszczz, Zach Dumergue, Ethan Fry, Dallon Jeffrey Molan, Xavier Roberts, April Boxshall, James Nicholl, Jake Parkinson, Tahlia Pemberton, Matty Poels, Belinda Robins, Jack Smith and Sophie White.

These students conducted tours helping visitors to the school feel welcome and answering a range of questions about what makes our school so special.

Annual Report to the School Community
The Annual Reporting meeting was held at the school last night, prior to the regular School Council meeting.

The Department is now combining the components of each schools’ annual report to create the final Annual Report that will be published in the State Register on the VRQA website. The annual reports will be published on the VRQA website in June 2015. Parents are welcome to read the Annual Report on this website or ask for a printed copy from the office.

Leaves! Leaves! Leaves!
It’s that time of year when our deciduous trees are letting go of their leaves and our grounds and pathways are covered in all the colors of Autumn.

Please help yourself to the bags of leaves that are collected as they make for great mulch (the worms get very excited) and these leaves can be an important addition to compost heaps.

We would love to re-use the plastic bags so please return these to school so they can be refilled.

Gum Boots, Beanies, Scarves…
Students are welcome to wear gum boots, beanies, scarves, and/or coats when they play outside at school. We do encourage students to be outside unless it is raining and it can be cold at this time of year.

It can also be a great idea at this time of the year for children to bring along an old pair of slippers they can wear in the classroom.

Parents who expect that their child might also need and a change of clothes (tops, bottoms, socks) because they play on wet grassy/muddy areas of the playground are asked to put spare clothes in children’s school bags in case they are too wet/muddy.

Umbrellas can be a bit tricky at school and are easily broken.

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

Cold and Flu Season
Although the weather has been kind to us in recent days, we are heading into flu season, which generally runs from May to October, peaking in August.

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.

OLLIE OPENER

Suddenly I heard a gate screech open.

By Branden Lilleyman 5/6A
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 5, term 2:

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during the weeks of Monday, 18th May to Sunday, 24th May.

Alex Kennedy 3/4B, Brianna Heywood 0/1B, Lexie Nicholson 2/3A and Dallon Jeffrey Molan 5/6B.

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

Out of School Hours Care

We all knew it would happen eventually and down came the rain.
We had mostly indoor activities during the week, developing our artistic skills. Drawing, colouring and 3D pictures.
If you would like more information about OSHC or the activities children participate in, please do not hesitate to contact Peta Watson OSHC Coordinator. Please note our OSHC program runs in the morning from 7am to 8:45am and the afternoon from 3:15pm to 5:45pm sharp.

3D pictures by Harry and Ms Pauline
Hi everyone,
I have had lots of children ask me how the chickens are going so here is an update.
The chickens are now 3 weeks old and are growing up fast. They eat lots of chicken
crumbles and love to eat grass and stale bread. They are very friendly and our little
dog Lilly likes to watch them run around and would love to play with them.
When the chickens have grown up and got all of their feathers I will take some more
photos of them for everyone to see.
Regards Kirsten Ward
Free kids’ event!

Join author and illustrator Kieran Brophy in a reading of his new children’s book: “Did Roy Royce make a healthy choice? Food choices” developed with Nutrition Australia Victorian Division plus some activities to keep them moving.

We welcome 4-8 year olds and their families to visit Drouin Library for a fun and free community event to encourage kids to understand and embrace healthy food choices.

Saturday 23 May
Drouin Library 10.30 - 11.30am

Bookings are free but essential.
To book visit www.wgrlc.eventbrite.com.au or call 5622 2849 for assistance.

Proudly supported by Baw Baw Shire Council.
Our school is a collection place for the BRA-A-THON

Please leave any contributions at the school office.

All sizes, especially larger ones and the smaller cups also.
As long as the elastic has some give in it they are wanted.

Maternity Bras are also on the list as being highly sought after for helping women in many underprivileged countries.

Also donations of new underpants would be gratefully accepted.

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