IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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**HATS! HATS! HATS!**

Aren't we fortunate to be having such glorious sunny days.
Our SunSmart and uniform policies ask that students wear wide brimmed hats. Bucket hats do not provide sufficient protection. Please ensure you wear the correct type of hat. Please also remember that hats must be worn with the brims down. Students with rolled brims will be asked to play in the shaded area.

What a great job everyone is doing remembering to bring along their hats to school each day! Keep it up.

**Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**

It’s not to late to do a shoe box of happiness. We only have 2 empty boxes left at the office waiting for a lovely person to fill them up.

Boxes must be returned by Friday 30th October.

**ICY POLES TOKENS**

Having trouble finding 50cents for an icy pole each morning?
Come to the office and buy ICY POLE TOKENS for use throughout the weeks ahead.
From The Principal’s Office

Planning for 2016
We are starting to plan ahead for 2016. To ensure we make informed decisions about our class structures, it is helpful to know if new families will be coming along. If you are aware of families intending to come to Drouin West it is important to let us know. We have had numerous families coming along to the school this term for a tour so we expect our enrolments to continue to increase. With our commitment to have small class sizes when possible, it is critical to have an accurate indication of student numbers.

On the other hand, if you are intending to leave Drouin West can you please also let us know.

Foundation Friendship Playgroup 2015
Our first session of “Step into Prep Playgroup” was a great success thanks to the preparation and planning by Wendy Ronalds. Thanks to all the students who assisted with welcoming new families and showing them where to go. Please be aware that some new families will not be familiar with our car parking arrangements out the front of the school.

World Teacher's Day
World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated at Drouin West on Friday, 30th October. I encourage all parents to help us acknowledge how much we value and appreciate our teachers at Drouin West.

Head Lice and Holidays
From our experience, head lice become a significant issue at school for families after we have had school holidays. Parents are strongly urged to check their child’s hair at the beginning of the term. We have started checks last week.

Take the Pledge
Take the summer fire safety pledge and support Drouin West CFA at the same time. Simply taking the pledge will give the Drouin West CFA a chance to receive $1,000 and you can also win a $200 voucher. go to http://www.thefiresafetypledge.com.au/, fill in your details and select Drouin West as your brigade. Please share this with your family and friends as each pledge equals another vote for such a great team of people who are always supporting our community.

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The Value of Trees in urban areas

Dr Greg Moore is one of Australia’s leading authorities on the importance of trees in urban environments.

He has contributed to the development of Australian standards in pruning and amenity tree evaluation and has been a major speaker at conferences in Australia and internationally. He has been a regular on Melbourne radio, particularly with ABC 774 and 3AW.

His credentials are huge and he is actively involved in major organisations like Greening Australia, National Trust, Trust for Nature and Sustainable Gardening Australia.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 2, term 4:

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Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

PENNY PUNCTUATION
I strongly agree that zoos are good for animals because vets can help sick or injured animals, tourists and locals can see different kinds of animals and zoos raise money for animals.
By Josh b 3/4A

CONNIE CONNECTIVE
The body is amazing although it is a bit disgusting.
By Harry 1/2A

VINNIE VOCAB
It is fantastic how tadpoles turn into a frog. Red my book and you will find out.
By Joab F/1A

OLLIE OPENER
How do tadpoles change into frogs?
It is amazing!
By Ciarra F/1A
Chaplain’s News

Last week I talked about some results from a Behind the News Happiness Survey that 20,000 children between the ages of 6 to 16 filled in.

The survey was carried out as part of the ABC’s Mental As initiative. A child psychologist by the name of Kirrilie Smout has analysed some of the results. 43 percent of children surveyed said they worry most about their future. Kirrilie Smout says, “Just like adults, children have worries and fears and they also have times when they feel okay and times when they feel happy. If we understand that rather than having this idea that childhood is all about ice creams and butterflies, then we are in a better place to actually help children cope with the negative experiences and the negative emotions they do have.” Ms Smout says, “Research shows that parents underestimate how worried kids are about a number of life issues.” With the survey showing 43 percent of children worry about their future most of the time. Ms Smout explains, “This is partly because children don’t show worry in the same way adults do. Children will often bounce around looking happy and engaged in what they are doing but they are not as good at using words to talk about their worries.”

The survey revealed children are turning to their parents more than anyone else when they need help. However, nearly one in five kids said they didn’t tell anyone when they are feeling worried. Dr Richard O’Kearney who is a developmental psychologist says “when children are really embarrassed about something, they’re least likely to tell anyone. One of the things that get in the way of disclosure is the fear of what people will think about me if I tell them my concerns.”

Dr O’Kearney says “for other groups of kids it may be that they’re not in a context where they think their concerns will be taken seriously. They feel sort of dismissed at home from parents-especially boys who tend to be told to “man up” and that they’re not supposed to worry about things.”

So what are the implications of these results for us? Well last week I went home and asked my kids would they tell me if something was really worrying them? I used the opportunity to reassure my kids that we would always try and support them and nothing is so bad that they can’t tell us. We also talked about who they could talk to if they didn’t feel they could talk to us.

In my experience as a parent, if and when my children tell me what is worrying them then I really need to listen! Because it’s probably something they have been worried about for awhile but they haven’t found the words to tell me. I now know they are less likely to tell me their worries when I ask them if they have any. My kids will usually give me tiny hints that I need to tune into.

You know your children best. Allow time to tune into the conversations you have with them. Often these will not be planned conversations, they will take place on the way to school or cricket practice, while you are hanging out the washing, cooking tea or out in the garden.

If you or someone you know needs help, you can call Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800, Lifeline 131114 or talk to a trusted friend. You are welcome to pop up to school and speak to your child’s teacher or speak to me. Your GP can be a good first contact too.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds
Tuesdays and Wednesdays (School Chaplain)

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who are celebrating their special day during the weeks of Monday, 19th October to Sunday, 25th October.

Ash F/1A, Phoenix F/1B, Ms. Dale and Ms Barson.

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
5/6 PE Unusual Sports

In 4 weeks of PE we taught our class about different sports. The sports included Korfball, Touch Football, European Handball, Dodgeball and Ultimate Frisbee. These sports aren’t your regular sports like AFL or Basketball, they are unusual sports. So we got into 4 groups and picked which sport we wanted to teach. We had to research what the rules are and had to teach the rest of the class the unusual sport.
By Dallon 5/6B

In PE we have been teaching our fellow classmates how to play a non-traditional sport such as Korfball, Touch Footy etc. At the start we split off into 4 groups of 5. There were 4 choices; Touch Footy, Korfball, Ultimate Frisbee and European Handball. All groups did a fantastic job at researching and explaining how to play the game. I enjoyed Touch Footy, The drills were fantastic. The drill was tunnel ball Touch Footy passing, the girls won. I had fun playing Touch Footy and also the other sports.
By Christian 5/6B

OSHC

Well we are all back, refreshed and ready for Term 4. We have enjoyed catching up with what the children did on their break and we now look forward to warmer weather which means more time outside.
Please help us with our planning for our Christmas activities by donating your old 'Women's Weekly' magazines. If you have any lying around that you no longer need we have great plans for recycling them. Please drop them in to the Multi Purpose room. We do have some vacancies so please come and speak to Peta.
Hello Drouin West Primary community.
Welcome back to Term 4 when the weather is nicer and we can get outside and play. On Wednesday the 4th of November we will be holding our Junior School Athletics competition. This competition will feature a variety of athletic events for students who are in Foundation to Grade 2 classes to participate in. The competition will begin at 9.00 am and conclude at 12.30, with students having a recess break between 11.00am and 11.30am. We welcome all parents who wish to come along and support the children on this magnificent morning and provide opportunities for parents who would like to be involved on the day. If you are interested in helping out on the day please complete the slip below and return it to the office, any help we receive on these special days to ensure they go ahead is greatly appreciated. We encourage all students on the day to come dressed in their house colours and support their teams.

Catch you there, Matthew Suter PE teacher

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**Junior School Athletics Sports Day**

**Wednesday 4th November**

9am to 12:30pm

Yes I am available to come and help at the Junior school athletics sports day on Wednesday 4th November.

I can help: (please tick the time / times that best suit your availability)

- All morning
- 9am to 10am
- 10am to 11am
- 11:30am to 12:30pm

Name: ____________________________________ best contact number: __________________