IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<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>Monday to Friday</td>
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<td>Anzac Day badges for sale in Mrs. Collin’s room from today. Badges are 20 cents each.</td>
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<td>ANZAC Day parade. Students are welcome to join Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Ware at 10:15am at the Drouin and District Bendigo Bank. Students must wear school uniform to take part.</td>
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<td>Education Week Open Morning 9am to 11am. We invite the community to come and see our school in action.</td>
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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

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FREE TO GOOD HOME

Table tennis table.

If you could make use of a table tennis table please come and speak to the office staff.

WOOLWORTHS DOMINOS HELP THE BURMESE ORPHANAGES

Do you have spare dominos that you do not need. The Ian Richardson Foundation are collecting the dominos to send to the Burma orphanages. Please bring your extra dominos to the office. Donations to assist with the cost of sending the dominos to Burma would also be appreciated.

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**From The Principal’s Office**

**ANZAC Service at school**
All families and community members are welcome to come along and join us for an ANZAC service on **Friday April 24 at 2:30pm**. Please note the early start.

**School Choir**
The choir will be performing “Can you hear Australia’s heroes marching?” at the ANZAC service at school this week.

**ANZAC Services in Drouin**
If any family is intending to go to the dawn service and would like to represent our school in Drouin please let me know.

Families interested in attending the service at 10.30am are welcome to meet Judi Collins and myself at the Drouin and District Bank at 10.15am. Students will need to wear their school uniform to represent our school and walk in the parade to the cenotaph in the park.

**A Healthy Start to School**
We have finally received enough Prep (Foundation) library bags to send one home with each Foundation student. Included in this year's pack is an information booklet designed to help you and your child transition into school.

This was the first year the booklet was produced and the Victorian Government is seeking feedback from parents on its usefulness via an online survey.

By completing the online Healthy start to school survey parents of children in Foundation can contribute to the future content of the booklet and share experiences that may be useful to future Prep parents.

The survey takes about ten minutes. To access the survey, visit: A Healthy Start to School - A guide for parents of prep children in 2015

**Head Lice**
We have commenced head lice checks at school this week. The team of trained parents provide this important service to our school community so that we can prevent a wide spread outbreak. From experience we know the incident of head lice increases after the school holidays.

Thank you to the parents who continue to regularly check and treat their own children. Please let us know if you’ve detected eggs and lice so we can alert all families in the school through notices in the newsletter as needed.

**School Council News**
School Council met last night and approved a number of upcoming events. Of particular interest will be the Year 5/6 camp to be held from July 20-24 in the city, the 5/6 excursion to the Light Horse Museum on May 18 and the 3/4 excursion to the Immigration Museum in the city on June 4. Notices will be sent home to parents prior to these events.

School Council also approved the supplier for Drouin West Sports Tops which will be given out to students representing our school at interschool competitions.

The Annual Report for 2014 was also tabled and approved. The annual reporting meeting will be held on May 19 prior to our May School Council Meeting.

School Council is still keen to have both casual parent vacancies filled for 2015. Please consider joining School Council and influence the future direction of our school. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard as we make important decisions for all students in the school.

Generally our meetings are held on Tuesday nights (third Tuesday of the month) at school from 7.30pm.
Lest we forget

On April 25th in 1915, ANZAC landed at Gallipoli, Turkey. This was the first major engagement in the First World War for ANZAC forces. The population of Australia in 1914 to 1918 was approximately 4.8 million. 416,000 Australians enlisted, representing 38.7 percent of the male population aged between 18 and 44 years old. 61,514 were to die and 155,133 were wounded in action. This was a massive national and personal sacrifice on the part of a young nation.

The war historian C.E.W Bean was the first to suggest the term “the spirit of the ANZAC”. He said, “It stands for reckless valour in a good cause, for enterprise, resourcefulness, fidelity, comradeship and endurance that will never own defeat.” These qualities are celebrated every ANZAC day.

On ANZAC day, hymns are sung, prayers are offered, readings are given and the “Reveille” is sounded. People stand in silence to honour the sacrifices of men and women who have served Australia and New Zealand in conflicts around the world since that historic landing at Gallipoli, Turkey on April 25 1915.

People ponder the cost of war and the efforts of those who fought on their behalf. Anzac Day is extremely important for Australia and New Zealand because it is a reminder of the fragile nature of life in a broken world. It is a reminder of the finality of death and the value of life. It is a statement that life and freedom are worth the cost. It is a reminder that freedom is precious, for it is always won at great cost to others.

On behalf of our community at Drouin West Primary School I would like to thank all that have served in any war over time for this gives us the freedom we enjoy now.

Lest we forget.

Thank-you to “Our Daily Bread Ministries-Freedom is never won without cost-Commemorating the Anzac Day Centenary” for the thoughts in this article.

On another note, The Parenting Course has begun! We are having a wonderful time together. Join us on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am in the music room. You are most welcome.

I am generally available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you would like to catch up

Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

Photo of Cailean Thomas in 2/3A. He brought his great great grandfather's war medals into class yesterday. Mr Hector Cole was originally from Officer and he was part of the Light Horse Brigade in WW1. Cailean also brought a photo of Hector and we sampled ANZAC biscuits as part of our learning about ANZAC Day.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 1, term 2:

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Lost Dog

Bermese Mountain Dog
Lost after thunder storm on Tuesday 14th April in the Old Drouin Road Area
Answers to the name of ‘JADE’ 4 ½ years old
Missed by Owner – Reward Offered
Please call Doug on 0418 515 081

DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE
YEAR 7 2016
INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 7th MAY 2015
7.00 – 9.30 pm
DSC AUDITORIUM

Parents of
Grade 5 & 6 Students
and interested community members
are invited to

Find out about our College, our Programs, speak to
our staff and inspect our excellent facilities.

Please direct any inquiries to
Mrs Rosemary Allen
Email: allen.rosemary.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 5623 1002

Or visit our website: www.drouinsec.vic.edu.au

Proud to be your Community College, valuing
Achievement, Respect, Commitment & Community
Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during the weeks of Monday, 20th April to Sunday, 26th April.

Trudy Harvey 3/4B, Branden Lilleyman 5/6A, Harrison Dodd 1/2A, Brodie Anderson 2/3A, Oliver Ferguson 5/6A and Riley Griffin 5/6A

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

YEAR 7 2016 INFORMATION DAY AND EVENINGS

ACCELERATED PATHWAYS PROGRAM (APP) INFORMATION EVENING:
Thursday 23rd April, 7pm

Grade 6 students with academic aptitude and a passion for learning are invited to apply.

INFORMATION DAY: For Grade 6 Students: Thursday 7th May
INFORMATION EVENING: For Parents of Grade 5 & 6 Students: Thursday 7th May, 7pm.

Parents will be able to tour the College in small groups. You will see our classrooms, facilities and presentations about the college learning programs. You will also have the opportunity to talk with teachers, students and other parents.

Contact: Mrs Rosemary Allen. Email: allen.rosemary.f@edumall.vic.gov.au or phone 5625 1002 or visit our website: www.droulnsc.vic.edu.au
Out of School Hours Care

What a fun start to the week. We are enjoying this beautiful weather. The students enjoy outside play so much in the sun, we are returning to the room around 5pm as the day starts to cool down.

Indoor activities this term has been dress ups. We have had lots of royal visits from Queen Samantha (Aleisha), Princess Bella (Holly) and Aunty Gertrude (Ms Pauline). We also have had the art equipment out and as always Lego.

While outside we have been hanging around in the big kids playground, sandpit, playing basketball and practicing the triple and long jumps.

If you would like more information about OSHC, the activities children participate in or availability for session please do not hesitate to contact Peta Watson OSHC co-ordinator. OSHC runs morning programs from 7am to 8:45am and afternoon programs from 3:15pm to 5:45pm sharp.

Asthma Education for Parents and Carers

A reminder that Asthma Foundations across Australia are able to provide free asthma education sessions to parents and carers.

These sessions can be conducted either at the school or at a convenient location for a group of parents or carers. For more information, please contact us on 1800-ASTHMA or schools@asthma.org.au

News from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s Training Department

We are a Registered Training Organisation, which delivers accredited courses under the trading name of Learn It. Live It.

That’s what we want people to achieve from our courses:

- LEARN new skills and knowledge and help themselves and others.
- LIVE a healthier life particularly in managing asthma, anaphylaxis and first aid emergencies.

To find out more about our nationally accredited training go to www.learnitliveit.org.au

FREE Q & A Panel Event @ The Royal Children’s Hospital

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria, in partnership with The Royal Children’s Hospital and Royal Melbourne Hospital, is very excited to announce that once again it will be holding a FREE Q&A Panel Event in June 2015.

This year’s event will be focused on ‘Managing Asthma and Allergy’. An Expert Panel, consisting of respiratory and allergy specialists, will address key questions and concerns you may have in regards to asthma and allergies. The event is open to all ages, those recently diagnosed or with life-long struggles in managing their asthma and allergies.

The panelists will be available to answer all of your questions.

Date: Sunday 28 June 2015
Time: 4pm to 6pm
Venue: Ella Latham Auditorium, Royal Children’s Hospital, Parkville
Cost: FREE

To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on advice@asthma.org.au or 03 93326 7088.