# Newsletter

## Drouin West Primary School

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Hours of supervision:** 8.45am—3:45pm  
22nd February, 2017

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### Extra Curriculum Activities

Activities that are available to students during recess or lunch time.

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| Wednesdays | Beginner Recorder Group - At first play students in years 3 to 6 are able to join the Beginner Recorder Group.  
Advanced Recorder Group - At lunch time students in years 3 to 6 are able to join the Advanced Recorder Group.  
Recorders are available to purchase at the office for $10. |
| Fridays  | Choir - Students in years 3 to 6 are welcome to join the choir with parent written permission. Permission forms are available from Mrs. Brown. |

### Important Dates

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| 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. |
| Friday, February 24th | “Tea Under the Oaks” - 6pm                                  |
| Monday, March 13th    | Labour Day Public Holiday                                  |
| Sunday, March 19th    | School ‘FAIR’ So Exciting!!!!!!                            |
| Friday, March 24th    | Whole school photo day.                                    |

### FREE Money

If you have a Healthcare Card please come to the office and collect an application form for the Camps, Sports and Excursion fund.

### Student Personal Information

Parents are asked to check the information sheets and return them to the school (or respond to the email) regardless of whether there are changes or not. We are trialling the new email system for sending out this lengthy document, please accept our apologies if you receive more than one copy. Please check your emails, especially your junk folder in case it is there. Families that do not have an email address listed on their child’s enrolment form will receive a printed copy of the student personal information pages. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

### Newsletter

There are 4 options for receiving the school newsletter. Printed version, emailed, Team App or the school website. If you would like to be added to our email list please contact the office.
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 at school
Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured by the school and the Department of Education does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This includes toys brought to school.

Tea Under the Oaks
Drouin West School Council invites all school families to “Tea Under the Oaks” this Friday, February 24th from 6:00pm. “Tea Under the Oaks” is an informal get together for our school families held in the school grounds. I would encourage all families to come along with their picnic tea (some families organise a take-away meal); camp chairs, outdoor games, insect repellent, meet staff and catch up with other families. Bring along sports equipment and start a game on the oval, play a game in the Maths garden or simply relax or wander around the school grounds and explore our school gardens.

We have invited our local CFA volunteers to say thank you for the work they do in our community. We hope Captain Koala will be able to visit us along with the Drouin West Fire Truck. The school will provide free icy poles at this event!

Student Safety
It is terrific that students arriving at school prior to the first bell, are waiting in the Healing Garden until the first bell goes at 8.45am. Well done everyone

Student Safety After school
Parents are asked to closely supervise their children if they are in the playground after school. Last week unknown children from our school, jumped out in front of a car, along the one way road out the back of the school, as a joke. We know that the students in After School Care were accounted for, as they were inside having afternoon tea when the incident occurred.
Teachers provide supervision at both the front gate and at the car line after school until 3.30pm. Parents are asked to supervise their own children if they choose to play in the school grounds after school.

Car Park Safety
With the increase in enrolments to Drouin West in 2017, the issue of finding a car park at the front of the school or in the staff car park area at the side of the school can be difficult. Drouin West like all other schools at the end of the day can be very busy particularly when parents park their cars and come into the school ground.

At our School Council meeting last night various ideas were discussed to help to alleviate the issues of which we are aware:

Problems:
The number of cars needing a parking area around the school is increasing as our enrolments increase. Families are finding it difficult to find a car park.
Staff working at the school are unable to find a car park in the morning as parents are parked in the side car park.
Students are walking to parked cars in the side car park without direct supervision and the risk of an incident occurring is of serious concern.
At the end of the day staff are unable to leave as parent cars are blocking access.

Ideas:
We would urge parents to delay their pick up time by 5 minutes as we do notice that there are many more parking spots at 3:20pm and plenty of spaces by 3:25pm at the front of the school.
The car line is very quiet by 3:22pm so parents would not need to wait in a car line to collect children if they arrived a little later.
Parents who have been using the staff car park area at the side of the school, are now asked to park at the front of the school. We know most parents are unaware that this is the designated car park for staff cars. School Council has approved for a sign to be installed.
School Council will consider options to create more parking areas around the school for parents and visitors.
If parents have ideas to improve the situation, please chat with members on School Council or myself.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
Nominations for members of the School Council of Drouin West Primary School.
Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm Wednesday February 22. TODAY! The ballot should nominations exceed vacancies, will close at 4.00 pm on Friday March 10, 2017.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 3, term 1

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!
Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who will celebrate their special day during the week Monday 20th February to Sunday 26th February 2017

- Kai 4/5A
- Nicolaas P/1A
- Blake P/1A
- Jack 5/6A
- Mrs. Marki

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

Vocal / Singing Tuition
This is available to students in year 5 & 6.
Singer, songwriter and pianist
Jemma Michael
0449 022 570

Our Chaplain

Please see the notice attached to this weeks newsletter for an exciting opportunity to be part of a 5 week parenting course.

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
Sports News

Interschool Swimming
Congratulations to the children who represented our school at the district swimming sports last Friday. Everyone participated to the best of their ability. The following children placed in events and will go on to the Division level on the 7th March.

Patrick - 11 years; freestyle 1st, backstroke 1st, breaststroke 1st, boys open medley relay 1st
Cailean - 10 years; freestyle 1st, backstroke 1st, breaststroke 2nd, boys open medley relay 1st
Lexie - 10 years; butterfly 1st
Tom - boys open medley relay 1st
Bailey Dalzell - boys open medley relay 1st

Congratulations to the 12 year old boys freestyle team who came 3rd.

We wish these 5 children all the best at the next swimming event. Thank you to Mrs. Tymkin for marshalling, Mr Griffin for helping with the starting equipment and acting as starter for the day, Mrs Thomas as stroke judge and Mrs Nicholson for supervising the children. Thank you also to Ms Smith and Mrs. McInnes for helping on the day.

Hockey Clinic
What a fantastic day some grades had yesterday at our hockey clinics. Amy from Hockey Victoria taught the children the skills of hockey and gave each child some information about joining hockey in the local area. It is up to parents to decide if they want their child to participate. Thank you to Mrs Bone and Mrs Thomas who assisted with the clinics.

Sporting dates for term 1 (dates may change due to weather)
Thursday 16th March senior school athletics grades 3-6 from 9am until 1:30pm, this will be held at school and parent help is requested so please save the date. More details in later newsletters.
Sporting schools Softball/T-ball sessions for Grades 3-6 each Wednesday (run during the school day)

Interschool Sports Dates (dates may change due to weather)
7th March is Division Swimming at Drouin Outdoor Pool
Tuesday 28 Mar (all day) – Tarago District Athletics at Geoff Watt Track in Warragul. More details closer to the date and after our own senior school sports. Parent help is requested, so please save the date. There will be information in next week’s newsletter.
16th May Division Athletics at Joe Carmody Track Newborough
26th May Cross country at Chaiero Drouin

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I am at Drouin West Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Regards Marion Proctor Sport teacher
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Conveyance Allowance is payable to families who live 4.8 kilometres or more from their nearest school. The distance is measured from the families' home gate to the school via the shortest possible route. This payment is provided by the Government for families where a bus is not available.

Forms are available from the office. A form only needs to be filled in once for the whole of time that the student attends their chosen school. If your circumstances change then a new form must be completed E.G. you have another child start at the school.

Forms must be completed and returned to the school no later than 24th February, 2017 for full year payment. Late forms will be held over to term 2 for payment.

If you have any questions please come to the office or phone Ann on 0356 251 971.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Please collect an application form from the school office. Forms must be returned by March 3rd.

Drouin West Primary School would like to thank the following generous sponsors who have already donated to our 2017 Fair.

Please support these companies in appreciation of their assistance.

The fair will be held on Sunday 19 March 2017 from 11am to 3pm.

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NEERIM-NEERIM SOUTH FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

We are seeking F Grade (Under 13) netballers for season 2017.

Either girls or boys can play in this grade of netball.

To be eligible for this age group you must be between 10 and turning 13 this year.

We are a part of the local Ellinbank & District Netball Association which is connected to the Ellinbank & District Football League.

We are a family oriented club, with highly passionate and supportive coaches and members.

Please contact President Kasey Tymkin if you are interested:

Mobile: 0409 972 448 Email: kasey.bayne@live.com.au

*Please note* we have a limit of ten players in the team, therefore it will be a first in, first served basis.

PIANO/ KEYBOARD TUITION

Hi everyone, my name is Karen Thomson and I would like to offer piano/keyboard lessons to all students within Drouin West Primary school. I have been teaching students for over 25 years, with many of those years at Drouin West Primary. I am also qualified and registered with the Australian Guild of Education. I am able to take students through grade levels so they progress with grade examinations when they are ready to do so. These lessons are on offer to all grade levels in your school. Lessons are; $12.00 per 15 min lesson (one lesson per week of term), plus music book supplied by myself if required.

Lesson money should be paid to myself on the day or cash or cheque can be made out to cover the full term amount if preferred. Cheques are to be made payable to Karen Thomson. To book in your lessons please contact me on 56 299 268. please do not ring the school to make bookings thank you Karen Thomson.

FOR SALE

Air hockey/ pool games table
Size 7’ x 4’
Includes cues, snooker and pool balls
Air hockey pucks and sliders
Very good condition
$200 ono
Please contact Mrs Proctor (sports teacher)
Tea Under the Oaks
&
National Red Balloon Day

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2017 6PM

Bring the family along and get to know staff and other families in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

BYO Picnic Tea, drinks and rug or deck chairs.

Free Icy Poles

Help Drouin West Primary School Thank our local Drouin West CFA Volunteers Wear Red to show your support for this special event.

We will be placing Red Balloons at the front of the school to show our appreciation.

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