**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

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**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<th>Mondays</th>
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<td>Fridays</td>
<td>This week assembly will be held at 2:15pm in the multi-purpose room. Parents/guardians/carers and interested community members are most welcome to attend.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>June 22nd</td>
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<td>Celebration of Learning. Open classrooms 3:30pm—4:30pm.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>June 24th</td>
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<td>Last day of term 2. Assembly 2:15pm. Students dismissed at 2:30pm</td>
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| Monday             | July 11th                        |
| First day of term 3. |
| Wednesday          | August 10th                        |
| Curriculum Day - please note this future date. |
| Monday             | November 14th                        |
| Curriculum Day - please note this future date. |

Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

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**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 10, term 2:

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From The Principal’s Office

As this is our last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish everyone a restful two week break from school. Some families will be planning outings while others will just relax at home. Treasure these times and play board games, do some cooking together, clean up toy cupboards, rug up and go for a walk to explore the outdoors, perhaps even go for a ride along a bike path or visit the library. Whatever you do, enjoy this precious time together!

Staffing updates
We have been fortunate to have had Jackie Clark covering our Physical Education program this term and Liz Giles taking MiniLit intervention groups for the last 6 weeks of this term.

On behalf of the students, staff and parents, I would like to thank these staff members for being part of our school community and implementing these programs in the school. Marion Proctor and Heather Finger will both be returning from leave to start term 3.

Student Mid Year Reports
How exciting to see the progress students have made with their learning so far this year. As I talk with students, I am delighted that they can tell me about what they have been learning, the aspects of learning of which they are really proud and what their goals for the next step in their learning will be.

Hopefully parents have had the opportunity to read through reports with their children and talk about and celebrate this progress at home.

Parents are encouraged to talk with their child’s teacher about anything raised in their child’s report that may need to be clarified. It is by maintaining a strong home-school partnership with all our families we can work together to support children to reach their full potential. There are many ways families can support children to achieve their best so if you want more information please ask!

Celebrating Learning at Drouin West
The school has been a buzz this week with families coming in to visit their child’s classroom, look at and have children talk about their learning achievements so far this year. It was lovely to see parents, aunties, uncles, friends and grandparents come along. I know how excited and proud students have been over the last two days.

This opportunity enables families to better understand what students do in their classrooms to learn every day.

I would encourage all families to find the time to come and visit their child’s classroom, enable their child to show them some samples of learning from semester 1 and have a quick catch up with the teachers to clarify information in student reports.

Encourage your children to do their very best, in every lesson, every day. Your positive influence and high expectations makes a difference at school.

Drouin West CFA, SES and First Aid in Schools Visit
Yesterday the four senior classes had the opportunity to learn through some extra curricula activities. These included

Kids Fire Safe Program with Samantha Whitaker from Drouin West CFA
Students were able to discuss and learn more about fire plans, smoke detectors and actions required in a fire emergency at home. I would encourage families to follow up the experience of Fire Safe Kids Program with family conversations on a meeting place and an evacuation plan.

State Emergency Service (SES)
Keeping safe in extreme weather conditions like floods with the local SES representatives

First Aid in Schools program with St John First Aid instructors. Students were given an introduction to first aid and how they can assist as a first aider in emergencies.

On Thursday students in the Junior levels will have the opportunity to experience the Fire Safe Kids Program and the SES presentation.

School Enrolments for 2017
If you are aware of any families in the community who may be considering attending Drouin West in 2017, please let them know we are now taking enrolments for 2017.

End of Term Arrangements
Please come along and join us for our last assembly for the term.
2.15pm Final term Assembly
2.30pm Early Dismissal
Hello everyone!

Our final Seasons for Growth sessions have been held today, with our traditional campfire and marshmallows (weather permitting).

Congratulations to Bailey, Charlotte, Trudy, Rees, Alex, Ayden and Jasmine for completing the program in the 2:15pm on a Wednesday group.

Our 11:30am group on a Wednesday were; Joshua, Ethan, Alex, Natalie, Breanna, Mikaela and Kieren.

Our congratulations is also extended to our students from the 12:30pm group; Thomas, Georgia, Nicola, Samuel and Beau.

The key aspects particularly valued by children completing the program are:

- That they are not the ‘only one’ in their grief
- That they have started to understand and express their feelings without being ashamed of them
- Children have been learning they can have a great peer support system and are learning to trust others and be trusted
- They have had the opportunity to voice and make sense of their story
- Children have been learning that overwhelming feelings associated with grief usually don’t last forever
- Children have been supported to learn about choices and decisions

Completed work books and certificates will be presented to students at assembly on **Friday July 15th. (1st week of term 3)** Pop the date in your diary and come along if you can. It has been absolute joy working with these students and I know that what they have learned they can take right through their life.

The next groups of Seasons for Growth will now take place starting July 13th. I look forward to working with these students.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

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.

Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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**Regional Cross Country**

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the West Gippsland Regional Cross Country on Thursday 16th June at Lardner Park. What a wonderful achievement to make it to Regional level. Zach, Tom, Brock and Keegan represented Drouin West at this event.

Tom will represent the school at the State Cross Country next term, what an awesome achievement!

What do ghosts eat at Italian Restaurants? Spookgetti.

Batman and Robin got run over by a steamroller and now they are called Flatman and Ribbon.

By Brock and Dakota.

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**Happy Birthday !!!!!!!**

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 20th June to Sunday, 10th July.


Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
THRASS Information Afternoon
Monday 18th July
3.15-4.15pm in P/1A classroom

Childcare will be available in the Library with Mrs Ware.

All students at DWPS use THRASS as a tool to assist their spelling and reading.

This is your opportunity to find out what THRASS really is and how useful it is to our students. As you understand THRASS you will be able to better assist your children with their spelling and reading skill acquisition.

Please let your class teacher know if you are able to attend.
On Tuesday P/1A students taught 1/2A students how to draw cartoons. The P/1A students provided step by step instructions to ensure we had everything in our cartoon. The end results were fabulous!