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

Mondays
Lego Club P-6 in the Multi Purpose Room

Wednesdays
Fun and Games - All students are welcome to attend the music room during lunch time.

Thursdays
Choir - Students in years 3 to 6 are welcome to join the choir with parent written permission. Permission forms are available from Mrs. Brown.

Fridays
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.

Monday to Friday
Drouin West Talent Competition - years 3 to 6 students can take part in the competition to find the talent we have at Drouin West. Please listen for announcements.

IMPORTANT DATES
EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Mondays
Lunch orders and Student Banking

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.

Monday
November 28th
Grade 5/6B students have the opportunity to go to Quantum - Lego Robotics Victoria

Tuesday
November 29th
Last session of Step into Prep Playgroup at 2pm—3pm. 2017 Prep year students have the opportunity to get to know our school, by taking part in our playgroup session. Please make the children and families feel welcome as they become part of our school community.

Friday
December 2nd
Year 3 Sleepover

Monday
December 5th
End of Year Event. This year the end of year event will be Christmas Carols. Be at school by 6:45pm ready to start at 7pm. The decking outside the grade 5/6 area will form the stage for this event. More information will go out closer to the date. Wednesday 7th December will be a back up date if it rains today.

Tuesday
December 6th
Orientation Day
Our year 6 students will attend their chosen Secondary College and we will welcome our 2017 Preps. The Preps will be experiencing school from 9am until 12:30pm.

Wednesday
December 7th
Back up date for the End of Year Event if Monday 5th is cancelled due to rain. Year 6 students invited to attend the Tradie for a Day workshops.

Thursday
December 8th
Drouin Secondary School band will come to entertain our students with their fantastic musical ability from 10am to 11am.
From The Principal’s Office

Library Books
It’s time to hunt for misplaced library books and return these to school. Families are asked to check very carefully at home for any books that might be hiding in sneaky places and return these to school in readiness for the annual stocktake of these precious resources.

The due date for returning these resources is Monday Dec 5.

If you love sharing books with your children, a visit to the public library can provide a great opportunity for families to borrow books.

School Accounts
As we draw towards the end of term and the end of the school year, it is vital that all school accounts and Out of Hours School Care accounts are paid. Thank you to the families that have come in to settle their accounts.

Scrabble Tournament
Congratulations to: Ayden, Trent, Grace, Alex, Declan, Christian, Shelby and Jasmin who competed in the Gippsland Primary School Scrabble Tournament last week.

Students competed against a number of schools and won a number of trophies. In the Plate Section Trent was awarded a trophy for the highest scoring word, highest scoring game and Champion as he was the winner of most games by the highest margin. Christian was awarded 2nd place. In the Championship Category, Ayden won 2nd place which was impressive as he only competed in 2 of the 3 games.

Next year Drouin West will host the Scrabble Tournament.

Student Placements for 2017
Staff will put significant time and thought into allocating students to classes. We take into consideration friendship groups, siblings in close year levels, balance between boys and girls, social dynamics, a balance of class sizes across the school and individual learning needs of students. Teachers also consider student friendship requests.

If parents/guardians have any special requests to be considered, I would encourage you to speak directly with class teachers, put your request in writing, arrange an appointment to speak with me in person or alternatively contact me by phone by Friday November 25. Requests are considered and every attempt is made to accommodate requests.

End of Year Christmas Concert
Teachers are beginning to plan their items for our 2016 end of year event. This year we will be having a Christmas Concert.

For many families the month of December can be particularly busy. Please ensure you lock in the date of this event: Monday December 5 with our back up date (if the weather is unsuitable on Monday) on Wednesday December 7.

We hold this event outside as we do not fit into the Multi-Purpose Room. We have been able to organise a sound system.

Sunscreen
Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.

It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin about 20 minutes before going outdoors, every 2 hours even if the stated level of protection is 4 hours.

Please would parents send along with their child their own SPF30 or higher sunscreen that suits their skin. Roll on types are easy for children to use. Please teach your child how to apply their sunscreen to the exposed areas of their skin when in their school uniform.

This information was supplied to the school by SunSmart. You can visit their website for additional information to help your family learn to be aware of the importance of sun protection. sunsmart.com.au

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

Drouin West Primary School
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 7, term 4

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!
Happy birthday to the following student and staff member who will celebrate their special day during the week of Monday November 21st to Sunday 27th November.

Erynn F/1A and Mrs. Watson OSHC

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Rick Pemberton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5120 2582 / 0407 567 312
rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au
FOOD TRUCKS AT DROUIN WEST P.S

This term the grade 4/5A and 5/6B classes are studying Economics. They have been learning about issues such as production and consumption, needs vs wants, profit and loss and voluntary vs paid work. We decided to run our own Food Truck businesses to understand the process of economics better. The children are extremely excited about their ventures. All profits raised will be going to a charity of the students’ choice, once the food trucks are finished. News of the money raised and the charity chosen will go in the newsletter, so keep your eyes peeled!

Here are the dates for each food truck in all the classes:

- Friday 25th November - 5/6B for 4/5A
- Monday 28th November - 4/5A for P/1B
- Tuesday 29th November – 4/5A for Teachers
- Wednesday 30th November – 4/5A for 1/2A
- Thursday 1st December – 5/6B for 3/4A
- Friday 2nd December – 4/5A for 5/6B
- Monday 5th December – 5/6B for P/1A
- Wednesday 7th December – 4/5A for 3/4B
- Thursday 8th December – 5/6B for 2A

Sports News

Picnic Sports

The whole school picnic sports day will be held on Wednesday 14th December. The events will be held on the oval and will run from 9.15-1.30, depending on the weather. Parents and family members are invited to attend to watch and participate and are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch for their family to enjoy at lunchtime. As part of the school's transition program, children will rotate through 8 activities in their grades for 2017. This is a fantastic chance for teachers and students to get to know each other. This year’s grade 5 children will organise the activities. Children may wear clothing suitable for running, crawling, jumping and getting slightly wet. Shoulders and mid riffs must be covered (no short sleeve football jumpers), school hats are to be worn and water bottles are a great idea.

Swimming Trials

Trials for the 2017 school swimming team will be held at the Drouin Secondary School pool on Tuesday 13th December from 9.00-10.45. Interested children in grades 2-5 were given notes last week. These are due back no later than Tuesday 29th November so that transport and permission forms can be organised. Children must be in grades 3-6 next year, turn at least 9 next year and be able to swim 50 metres. If your child did not receive a note and they are interested in trying out for the team please ask at the office for a note.

As the weather is warming up please remember all children need their hats for sport and a drink bottle with water is also a great idea. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. I am at the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Regards Marion Proctor (sports teacher)
CASSE visits at Drouin West Primary School

CASSE is an anti-bullying group in the school, working to protect everyone from being a victim. However not everyone knows what CASSE does, so over the last two months of the school year, the CASSE team has been to every class in the school, teaching children what CASSE is. CASSE stands for Creating a Safe Supportive Environment.

We used fun, educational games as well as role plays to inform them what we do in CASSE and how we help.

Each classroom was taught how to use the CASSE 5 Strategies, whenever they are in a bullying situation.

1. Ignore or move away.
2. Say “Stop it, I don’t like it!” or something similar.
3. Be an upstander.
4. Get a friend or CASSE upstander.
5. Get a teacher or trusted adult.

We really enjoyed visiting all the grades and will be on the lookout for people using the CASSE 5 and being upstanders.

Families from Drouin West Primary School are eligible for a special discount on presentation of this advertisement. When making your booking at Parnassus let them know you are from Drouin West Primary School and two primary school aged children can eat for free.
STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

Attention staff of Drouin West Primary School

As the parent/guardian of .............................................................................................

Grade ....................................

I wish to advise that the absence
on ..........................................................................................................................

was due to:  Illness ☐  Appointment ☐

Family Holiday ☐  Parental Choice ☐

Other

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Yours sincerely, ....................................................................................

Date: ...../...../......
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)