**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 26/16  Hours of supervision:  8.45am—3:45pm  24th August, 2016**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<th>Mondays</th>
<th>Lunch orders and Student Banking</th>
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<td>Fridays</td>
<td>Assembly will be held at 3pm 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>August 24th</td>
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<td>Fair Committee meeting <strong>TONIGHT</strong> at the Drouin Tennis Club 7:30pm. New members are very welcome. Please come along.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Book Week Parade. Come as your favourite book character</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>Father’s Day Stall. Preferred method of payment is via QKR.</td>
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<td>Monday to Friday</td>
<td>September 5th to 9th</td>
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<td>Year 4 students are invited to attend 3 days of camping at Nayook. Preferred method of payment is QKR.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Footy Day—Hot dog special lunch  - Please pay via QKR Last Day of term 3. Students dismissed at 2:30pm</td>
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**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 6, term 3

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<th>F/1A</th>
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<td>F/1B</td>
<td>Robert</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
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<td>2A</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
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As we celebrate “Book Week” at Drouin West this week, I would encourage all families to spend time reading together and promoting the joy of sharing your favourite books. You make a difference by reading to and with your children.

I have recently spent some time with my grandson and we devoured the bookshelf and read lots of our favourite books together. Some favourites have been read many times over. I marvel at how much he already knows about how books and stories work, as well as his ability to tell the story as he follows the pictures. As he hears the rhythm and rhyme of the language the authors use, he is completing the sentences on these books. All these experiences will help him to learn how to read and write when he starts school.

This quote is well worth pondering:

“A book, too, can be a star, a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe.”

Madeleine L’Engle

I look forward to seeing everyone dressed in a favourite book character at our parade on Friday morning. There is a rumour that Ms Trunchbull is going to be at the school on Friday. For parents who don’t know, Ms Trunchbull is a main character from the well-known book, Matilda, by Ronald Dahl. Parents are very welcome to stay for this event which will be held in the M.P.R. from 9.00am

Parents of students in Year 3 and 5 will have received their child’s NAPLAN results last week. NAPLAN allows for an understanding of a child’s literacy and numeracy ability at a school, state and national level. Overall Drouin West results show improvement well above the state when comparing the growth between year 3 and year 5 in all areas, of which we are all very proud.

Parents are encouraged to read the information sent home with results. NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of student performance on the days of the tests. If families need assistance to interpret results please contact your child’s class teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time to discuss these results.

QKR by MasterCard
QKR (pronounced quicker) by MasterCard is a safe and extremely easy way to pay for school events, fundraising and stationery. You can also sign the permission forms. If you don’t have a smart phone or Ipad that will allow you to download the App, then you can use the following link to access QKR via your computer.

https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/

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
DAIRY FARMERS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

- Do you own an operating dairy farm?
- Are you a share farmer on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm?
- Do you hold a lease for an operating dairy farm?
- Do you work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is your main source of employment.

If you fit into one of the above categories please come to the office and collect an application form for the government Dairy Farmers Assistance fund.

The government have set up a fund to support Dairy Farmers with the expenses associated with education for their children.

OSHC

Our numbers in OSHC continue to grow and we will be welcoming some new faces in the next week or 2. A few of our sessions are fully booked so please see Peta if you think your child may be requiring care to ensure we have a place. We did enjoy the couple of warm days last week and are all looking forward to the warmer weather. It was lovely to be outside and not be cold.

Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who will celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 22nd August to Sunday 28th August.

Kirralee F/1A, Amelie F/1B, Adelaide F/1B, Ruby 1/2A, Nicola 4/3B, Declan 5/6B, Poppy 1/2A, Thomas 3/4B and Mrs Clerks

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Christmas Child is a special event that Samaritan’s Purse organizes annually.

If you would like to bring a big helping of joy and love to children that would normally not experience such generosity, then this is a golden opportunity.

There are special shoe boxes available from the school office at $1 each. Each box comes with a leaflet explaining how to fill the shoe box and a special page where you can put some of your details. The children really appreciate the gifts, but they enjoy knowing the person that gave them such a special gift even more. For them it is such a huge delight to be able to know that there is someone that cares enough about them to spoil them a little.

On the Samaritan’s Purse website: https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/get-resources/downloadable-resources/ there are also knitting, sewing and crocheting patterns if you would like to include a special handmade gift.

Maybe you know some one who is very good at making things and could ask them to help you.

Don’t forget to also pay your $9 shipping on the Samaritan’s Purse website so that you can track which country your box ends up going to.

Boxes are available from the office at $1 each. Please fill and return the boxes by Wednesday 5th October to ensure that we can get them to the shipping point in time for them to travel overseas.
Book Week Parade

Come dressed as a book character.

THIS Friday 26th August
National Science Week 2016

National Science Week was a huge success! Everyone enjoyed learning about robots, including the jobs they currently perform in society and how this will increase in the future. We met Ozobot and learnt how to use codes to command it to perform particular actions. Learning coding is useful as it helps develop analytical skills, problem solving and logical thinking. Everyone had a great time, and highlights from the event are included below.

Science Specialist
Danielle Rendall

We made a track for Ozobot to ride on. He follows the track and the coloured codes make him do different things such as a u-turn, tornado and nitro blast. I loved creating the track and how many ways there are to build it. It was so fun that I didn’t talk the whole lesson. I wish I had my own Ozobot! So I’m getting one for Christmas! Ashden 4/5A

I had a grade 4/5 buddy to help me make the robot track. Ryan F/1B

In science we made a track for Ozobot. We had to use textas to draw the tracks. I liked playing with Ozobot. Josh 2A

The actions for Ozobot are 3 second pause and p-accelerating! Ozobot can change smart gears! Ozobot is a really smart robot! Ash 2A

The Ozobot have different instructions. You have to use black, red, blue and green these control the Ozobot. The black tracks have to be thick. We did this on Thursday. Jessica 2A
DROUIN TENNIS CLUB
OPEN DAY
Thursday 1st September 4pm - 8pm
Bennett St, Drouin
REGISTRATION FOR: Saturday Seniors & Juniors, Night Tennis, Mid-Week, Coaching for all ages
Bring the family & have a hit BBQ - Fun kid’s activities
For more info call Glenn Awty Ph: 0407 245 356 or
Catherine Thorpe ph 0432 868 304 or
email drouintennisclub@hotmail.com

Registration day
Sunday 11th September
11am – 1pm
Geoff Watt Track  Burke Street Warragul
For more information Phone 0488415312
You can register online @lavic from 12th August
1st child - $120  2nd child - $110  3rd and consecutive children $105

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)
‘Building Castles’ Parent Support Group - Drouin

We are seeking expressions of interest to commence a new parent support group for families who live in & near Drouin who have a child with ADD or ADHD. The purpose of this group is to provide a safe place for parents to meet & talk amongst people who understand ADD & ADHD. We plan to meet at a well-known venue for a coffee & cake or a meal if you wish, so we have the opportunity to get to know each other. You are welcome to come along & chat with us. Why not contact us beforehand to enquire or to let us know what your needs are? No question is a silly question! All welcome – parents, grandparents, relatives & interested people are warmly invited to come along.

Details:


When: **Monday 10th October @ 7pm**

Bring: Money for coffee & cake or a meal if you wish ($10 — your limit). If you wish to come for the meeting without ordering that’s okay too.

Contact:

- Karlene markanlkarlene@yahoo.com.au
- Yvonne at Parent To Parent Gippsland on 1800 010 453 yvonne.vaile@noahsarkinc.org.au or 0430 209 641