Newsletter

Drouin West Primary School

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

Issue 4/16  Hours of supervision:  8.45am—3:45pm  24th February, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<th>Mondays</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>Fundraising Meeting 9:15am. Please come and share your enthusiasm and ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend. Parents are able to bring toddlers with them.</td>
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<td>Orders close for Hot Cross buns</td>
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<td>Last day of term 1. Students finish at 2:30pm.</td>
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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

Healthcare Card Holders—see Financial Assistance Information on page 7

PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA

YUM YUM YUM

If you love Pizza then start writing. Each week we will publish a story written by one of our students in our newsletter. At the end of each term all the students who have been published will be able to have a Pizza lunch with Mrs. Ware.

Things to remember when you are writing your story:
- You will need to write at least three paragraphs. An introduction, the main topic of the story and a conclusion.
- Use your neatest hand writing
- Have the written story to the office by 4pm on Tuesdays.
- Plan the topping you would like on your Pizza.

We look forward to sharing some wonderful stories with families and friends over the coming weeks.

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From The Principal’s Office

School Council News
Congratulations to Courtney O’Riley and Kim Vanderplight who have nominated for School Council as parent representatives. Joy Barson has filled a Department of Education vacancy. As the number of nominations equals the vacancies we are not required to hold a ballot.

Our School Council members also include the following parents: Karl Joiner; Joanne Griffin; Janelle Harper; Rhiannon Trimble, and Duane Cunnington. The Department representatives include Ann Webster and myself.

We look forward to working with our broader community to make 2016 a really great year for students, parents and staff.

Vaccinations
Following the Victorian Chief Health Officer confirming an outbreak of measles in Brunswick and East Brunswick, including cases at a primary school, we need to raise awareness of the symptoms and signs of measles.

Measles usually begins with a fever, sore throat, red eyes and a cough. A rash typically develops around three to seven days after the first symptoms, generally starting on the face and then spreading to the rest of the body.

Schools are required to keep immunisation status information for each enrolled child with enrolment records. In the event of a disease outbreak this information is used to quickly identify and exclude children who may be at risk.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Each year children in Year 3-6 are given an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. The competitions in 2016 cover Science, Digital Technologies, Mathematics, 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 day of term 1 should you wish for your child to participate in 2016.

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 brought to school by students, staff or visitors is also not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Tea Under the Oaks-This Friday
Drouin West School Council invites all school families to “Tea Under the Oaks” on Friday February 26th 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 will be inviting our local CFA volunteers to say thank you for the work they do in our community. We will provide free icy poles at this event!

School Stationery and Curriculum costs and voluntary contributions.
Thank you to those families who have already paid the $120 for stationary items for the classroom and materials used in our specialist programs.

Families that pay via QKR, Bpay or Direct Deposit please only pay $115. School Council will provide a discount of $5 for these electronic payments.

Prompt payment is always appreciated enabling the full implementation of our curriculum programs across the school.

Parents are welcome to contact the school and arrange to come and speak with me if they need further information regarding school materials and curriculum costs and voluntary contributions.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 4, term 1:

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STUDENT BANKING

Students who have saved 10 banking token will be able to redeem their tokens for a prize by Monday 14th March. Please come to the office at 8:30am or at the beginning of recess if you would like to see the items available. The prize order will be placed on Tuesday 15th March. Students are also able to order their prizes via the coupons they received recently.

MUSIC TUITION
With JOE PATRICK

Now taking enrolments for 2016
DRUMS, GUITAR & UKULELE

$18 / 20 min weekly lesson
Lessons will be held at school during school hours.

Please contact 0498 742 381
Limited places are available.
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Each year children in year 3-6 at Drouin West are given the chance to enter competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales. The competitions cover Science, Mathematics, English, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing.

The entry fee for Science, Mathematics, English and Digital Technologies is $8.00. Writing which is individually marked by teachers is $17.00. The Spelling assessment is also hand marked and the entry fee is $11.00.

Students are awarded a certificate as follows:
- High Distinction to the top 1%,
- Distinction to the next 10%,
- Credit to the next 25%
- Participation to all other participating students.

Students also receive a report with diagnostic information which highlights strengths and weaknesses.

If you would like your child to enter one or more of these competitions, please complete the form below and return it with the correct payment by Thursday March 24 (last day of term 1).

Kerry Ware
Principal

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

I would like my child/children to enter the following competitions:

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Signed: ............................................................. (Parent/Guardian)
Our Chaplain

Over the past couple of weeks we have looked at strategies Michael Grose suggests to instil confidence in our children. We model positive language, “I can have a go, even if I get it wrong, I can try again tomorrow”. He also suggested we focus on effort rather than results, because kids do better over time if they put in maximum effort. If the children came home from the athletics and swimming sports yesterday without a ribbon, don’t be too distressed. It’s great the children came to school to participate and they tried their best. You can’t ask for any more than that as a parent. We are all different and all have different skills and abilities. In life we don’t always get acknowledgement for the skills we have. We try our best and know that we give it our all.

The next helpful hint is: **Praise their strategies**

While effort is key for achievement, it’s not the be all and end all. Kids need a broad repertoire of approaches – not just sheer effort – to learn and improve. Focus your language on better and smarter ways of improving. Comments such as “*That was a smart idea to tackle the hardest task while you were fresh!*” and “*You recognised the first few steps were the most important but then after that you were right*” are descriptive statements that have significant instructional value for kids.

Michael is running a **Cracking the Confidence Code** online course that starts on February 26th. This course will teach you real, research-based strategies that will help you develop a lasting sense of confidence in your kids. Have a look at [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) for more information.

I hope you have found this insight helpful.

Thank-you for all the children who have returned their Seasons For Growth Forms. I will be confirming places shortly.

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.

Take care! Wendy Ronal son School Chaplain

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

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

Talen F/1B, Holly 4/5A, Jay F/1B, Ashden 4/5A and Miss Templeton.

How Amazing

This week we have a very amazing coincidence happening with our birthday students.

Ashden has his birthday the day after his brother Talen. Ashden is in 4/5A and Talen in F/1B. Also Jay has his birthday the day after his sister Holly. Holly is in 4/5A and Jay is in F/1B.

I wonder what the odds of that happening would be if we were to work it out mathematically. If some-one is able to do that please let us know. We have 188 students at Drouin West Primary. Can you tell us what the odds are? EG 1 in 378

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
Tea Under the Oaks
&
National Red Balloon Day

FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2016 6PM

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

Help Drouin West Primary School Thank our local Drouin West CFA Volunteers

We will be placing Red Balloons around the school to show our appreciation

BYO Picnic Tea, drinks and rug or deck chairs.

Free Icy Poles

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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 29th February, 2016 for full year payment. Late forms will be held over to term 3 for payment.

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
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 piano/keyboard lessons at Drouin West Primary School for many years. I have been teaching students for over 25 years and I am also qualified and registered with the Australian Guild of Education. Thus giving me the opportunity 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:
$10.00 PER 15 MIN LESSON (one lesson per week of term).
$ 20.00 PER 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 THANK YOU. TO BOOK IN YOUR LESSONS WITH ME PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 56 299 268.
PLE SE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL TO MAKE BOOKINGS

THANKYOU  Karen Thomson.

DROUIN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL
NOW HAS ITS OWN APP

Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the Drouin West Primary School App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:
1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.

2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.

3. Log into the App and search for “Drouin West Primary School”.

4. Choose your applicable access group(s).

5. If you don’t have a smartphone go to dwps.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.

Need help?
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