IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>This Friday afternoon our assembly in the Multi Purpose Room will start at 2:15pm, as students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Parents and families are very welcome to come along.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>June 25th</td>
<td>Drouin West CFA educational sessions:- F/1A, F/1B, 1/2A and 2/3A will all be taking part in the Fire Safe Kids program.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Last day of term 2. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>July 13th</td>
<td>Welcome to day one of term 3. This is going to be an exciting term filled with fantastic learning.</td>
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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office.

EISTEDDFOD

The Drouin West Primary School Choir is excited to announce that we have entered The West Gippsland Music and Drama Eisteddfod. The choir section of the Eisteddfod will take place on Friday 7th August 2015. At this stage we are unaware of what time the choir session will take place, however, once the Eisteddfod Committee have finalised the program we will notify choir students and their families accordingly. The choir will be performing two songs as part of the local district primary school section. After performing, choirs will then be critiqued by the official adjudicator and we will receive feedback on our performance. We have been working very hard on our songs over the last few weeks and the ongoing commitment from the students is fantastic. The Eisteddfod is a wonderful opportunity for our choir students to perform to the wider community and we are all very excited. Helen Brown - Choir Leader
From The Principal’s Office

Special School Assembly last week!
What a fantastic assembly we had last week. Thank you to those families who were able to attend. Students were really excited to see the number of extra people coming along. I know how much excitement this creates for the students who are performing.

Our choir has been working with Helen Brown each week to improve and polish their performances. We all were very impressed again last week! Well Done!

Thank you to Sensei Nikki, Judi Collins and Joy Barson for organising the Japanese performances with the Foundation and Year 1 students. It is simply delightful to see these youngsters with the confidence and courage to also perform at assembly.

Free Money
Do you have a current Healthcare Card? Then you are eligible to apply for the $125 Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund Eligible families can apply for the CSEF by completing an application form and returning this to school by the end of term 2. Please collect a form from the office or download a form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Regional Cross Country
Congratulations to Brock Walsh for placing 18th in a group of 100 students who competed at the regional Cross Country on Thursday 18th June. What a fantastic effort! Well done Brock.

Rotary Club of Drouin
We are pleased to say a big thankyou to the Rotary Club of Drouin for the generous donation of $500. This money will be used in the next semester to subsidise a whole school incursion.

End of Term Arrangements
2.15pm Assembly Starts
2.30pm Early Dismissal

Special Religious Instruction
A final reminder to families in F/1A, F/1B and 2/3A who have indicated they would like their children to participate in S.R.I. this year, to bring along $10 to enable the materials for the program to be ordered. Programs will start at the beginning of term 3.

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. I know how excited and proud students have been.

This opportunity enables families to better understand what students do in their classrooms to learn every day. Encourage your children to do their very best, in every lesson, 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.
Chaplain’s News

Just recently I was down in Melbourne for a Chaplaincy conference. It was a terrific time of learning. One of our speakers was a lady called Sharon Witt—she is a passionate Secondary School teacher and author. Sharon has written many books to guide young people through the issues of friendships, self esteem, surviving high school and puberty for both boys and girls. Have a look at her website for a full list of resources. www.sharonwitt.com.au/

At the conference Sharon talked about resilience and I would like to share some of her thoughts with you.

What is resilience?
The ability to bounce back after a negative experience
The ability to adapt to difficult circumstances that you can’t change
To ability to thrive despite your present circumstances
Your ability to learn from difficult or challenging situations and become stronger for it
The ability to view the present situation or circumstance as not the end of the world

Wow! What a great list. Be encouraged! Hard things in life can help our kids as long as we nurture and support along the way.

Thanks to those families who have dropped off a meal for other families in need. Donations are gratefully accepted.

“Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Take time to care. Let your wounds heal and not wound.” Unknown

Enjoy some special time with your children over the holidays

Take care, Wendy Ronalds

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Out of School Hours Care

Please note we are currently heavily booked for our morning sessions. All bookings must be made 24 hours in advance to ensure there is a space available.

Last week during indoor time we made play dough, we had a visit from the Little’s puppies and we played zip zap boing. We also made a Lego tower as tall as Ryan and did lots of craft and colouring in. Outdoors activities have been basketball, cricket, football, hoops, plenty of playground activities and pretend play just to name a few.

Don’t forget all accounts must be paid in full by the end of term, (this week) to ensure places are held for term 3. If you would like more information about OSHC or the activities children participate in please do not hesitate in contact Peta Watson OSHC coordinator. Please note our OSHC program runs in morning from 7am to 8:45am and afternoon from 3:15pm to 5:45pm sharp.

Talon with play dough
Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 22nd June to Sunday, 12 July.

Seth Hudson 2/3A, Blayn Browne F/1A, Oscar Belsham 3/4A, Holly Downes 1/2A, Tom Smith 3/4A, Blake Wilson 1/2A, Mr. Suter and Mrs. Ware.

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

Drouin West CFA Visit

Yesterday the four senior classes had the opportunity to learn about Fire Safety. With the leadership of Bruce Jewel, the Drouin West CFA Captain, 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.

On Thursday students in the Junior levels will have the opportunity to experience the program.

If parents have any concerns about students entering the Smoke House (eg. Asthma, anxiety) please let us know.
PENNY PUNCTUATION
Once I got the ball...someone yelled, "One two, one two!"
By Ashden Milner 2/3A

CONNIE CONNECTIVE
A year later everything was like sunshine and roses because everything was back to normal!
By Ashla McMaster 3/4A

VINNIE VOCAB
As we entered, something flew past. Mum screamed "Ahh, a ferocious bat!"
by Brock Sawyer 1/2A

OLLIE OPENER
Suspiciously, the dog went into the abandoned amusement park.
By Zoe Jankovic 3/4B

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

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