## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Information session for parents of children enrolled for the 2016 Foundation year. Commences at 7:30pm</td>
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<td>December 2nd</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Tradie for a Day. Year 6 students to visit the Baw Baw Skills Centre to take part in various activities.</td>
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<td>December 3rd</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Swimming trials for selected year 2 to year 5 students. Finance Committee meeting at 4pm</td>
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<td>December 4th</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Year 3 Sleep Over. Arrive at 5:30pm and be collected on Saturday at 8am.</td>
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<td>December 8th</td>
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<td>Orientation day. Students in year 6 will attend their chosen secondary school and 2016 Foundation year children will attend at Drouin West from 9am until 12:30pm</td>
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<td>December 9th</td>
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<td>Junior School Concert 7pm. Information will be sent home closer to the date.</td>
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<td>December 10th</td>
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<td>Senior School Concert 7pm. Information will be sent home closer to the date.</td>
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<td>December 11th</td>
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<td>Thank you morning tea. 11am in the multi-purpose room. Invitations will be sent home closer to the event. Second transition day for year 6 students to Drouin Secondary College</td>
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<td>December 14th</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Guard of Honour Assembly for year 6 students at 3pm. Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6:55pm</td>
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<td>December 15th</td>
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<td>Transition Day. Students will spend time with their 2016 teachers and class mates. School Council meeting 7:30pm in the staffroom.</td>
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<td>December 16th</td>
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<td>Class parties and a visit from Santa</td>
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<td>December 17th</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Picnic Sports Day. 9am until 1:30pm</td>
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<td>December 18th</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Last Day of term 4. Students finish at 1:30pm.</td>
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<td>December 19th</td>
<td>Saturday</td>
<td>Choir students save this date please. Drouin Carols by Candlelight at 7:30pm. Information and permission forms will be sent out closer to the event.</td>
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### CASSE UPSTANDER SCENARIO TO SOLVE

On Monday, Cameron was sending mean messages to David.

David was frightened by what he saw. What should he do?

Send in your upstander response to the office by Friday 27th November.

The most creative answers will receive a prize!
Special Religious Instruction (SRI) in 2016
There will be changes to the SRI program again in 2016. Parents are asked to take some time to read the letter attached to this week’s newsletter and assist us with planning for 2016 by returning the reply slip. If families are interested in reading more information about SRI there are fact sheets available at the office.

Best wishes Ruby
We wish one of our students Ruby from 1/2A all the best when she competes on Saturday 28th November in the Australian All Star Cheer Federation (AASCF) Nationals at the Melbourne Convention Centre with her team from Warragul 'Storm Elite Allstars Mini Lightning'. Ruby & her team will compete against teams from across the country. Ruby has trained hard all year to compete at this event. She thought her dreams had been shattered after 3 competition's for the year, when her original team (Jada Allstar's) folded at the end of term 3. However her dream was relived when she was asked to compete at both the Spring Carnival & Nationals with Storm, meaning a whole new routine to learn within a new team. This is all since the start of this term. Go Ruby! and Storm Elite Allstars Mini Lightning!

Foundation Friendship Program
Our final session of “Foundation Friendship program was again a great success. Thank you to Wendy for all that she does to ensure that this program runs smoothly. It is wonderful to meet our new Foundation students and their families. Thanks to all the year 5 students who assisted with welcoming new families to the school.

Library Books
Thank you to those families who have returned misplaced library books to school throughout the year. As we need to do an annual stocktake of these precious resources, we will be asking for all library books students have borrowed, to be returned to school by the beginning of December.

Please help us by returning any books that are at home in the coming weeks. Students are asked to return all library books to school by Monday December 1. Families are asked to check very carefully at home for any books that might be hiding in sneaky places and return these to school.

Students will no longer be able to borrow books from the library at school. An alternative for families may be to visit our public library and borrow books to enjoy at home for the whole family.

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

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.

School Class Structure for 2015
Overall enrolments for 2016 are expected to increase given the number of additional enrolments we have received this term. We are pleased that our school can offer eight classes again next year.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 7, term 4:

| 1/2A | Bevin N |
| 2/3A | Kieren W |
| 3/4A | William R |
| 3/4B | Zoe J |
| 5/6A | Unable to publish |
| 5/6B | Christian D |

Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

**PENNY PUNCTUATION**
Just then …… “AAAAHHHHHH!”
Matt shouted. “A...a...a shark!”
By Ruby J 1/2A

**CONNIE CONNECTIVE**
It’s front legs and lungs begin to grow which help it get prepared to start it’s life on land **besides** it would not be fun to stay in water your whole life.
By William M 5/6B

**VINNIE VOCAB**
We were in Melbourne, there were **millions** of **terrifying** Zombies coming to life ………
By Ben J 2/3A

**OLLIE OPENER**
Creak creak …. went the door as Allira pushed  the door carefully and slowly.
By Allira T 1/2A
We have just about hit the crazy time of year. There are things about this time of year I love...longer and warmer days, BBQs and salads, outings to the beach, thinking about lazy summer holidays. There are things about this time of year I find stressful; flies, pressure to spend so much money and all the extra functions to attend! Even though they are all fun, it does make for a busy time.

Remembering what is important helps me get through. We know a couple of families who are going through incredibly tough times at the moment. Both of their lives have been turned upside down in a split second. Both families are realizing at the moment what is really important.

It’s a good reminder of appreciating life each day. I am thankful today that my family are well, we have enough food to eat, a warm place to live and money for healthcare. How can we support others going through difficult times?

- A text to remind them you care
- A ready-made meal delivered to their door
- A card delivered in the mail to say you are thinking of them
- An offer to do grocery shopping or to pick up something from the supermarket or chemist
- An offer to look after their kids

I had this amazing experience a few weeks ago. My car was in for a service so I spent the morning doing jobs in Warragul-I can do this now that my children are older! I found myself at Aldi and it was pouring with rain. I saw a young Mum with a couple of little children coming out-she was stopped, shaking her head at the pouring rain with a trolley load of groceries. I decided to ask her if she would like me to escort her and the trolley and the kids to her car with my huge umbrella. She was so grateful for the offer and readily accepted. We got to the car, loaded up her boot, returned the trolley with the children and umbrella and got back to the car. I was able to keep everyone dry while she strapped them in. This young girl was so grateful for my help. What really struck me was that she let me help and I walked away “buzzing” because I was able to help someone. Looking out for others does give you an enormous feeling of good, that you have really made a difference in someone’s life. Accepting help can actually help someone else!

I encourage you to look out for others this week-a simple phone call, smile or text can make a world of difference. Some of you may be able to cook a meal or bake a cake for a family in need please feel free to send one along to school and I can pass it on.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds (School Chaplain)

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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**BAND PERFORMANCE**

The high school band did a lot of songs for Drouin West Primary school, on the 18 of November 2015. We watched it in the multi-purpose room. It was their final performance forever because the students were in year 12.

First we went to the multi-purpose room and we sat down in there and waited for them to start there special item. Next we saw them play their first 4 songs and we were a great audience. Lastly we all stood up for the last song and danced to it.

My favourite part was when we got to stand up and dance to the last two songs because I really like to have a little move around. This was the BEST event that I have ever been to!!!!

It was a great event and everyone enjoyed it.

By Stephen Mc 3/4A
Don’t forget to join us on Team App.
It’s free and very easy to use.

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
orpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

Noojee & District Historical Society proudly presents
Christmas Movie Night at the Noojee Heritage Centre

Saturday, 12 December 2015
Admission is FREE

- Doors open at 5.00pm - Film starts at 5.30pm
- Noojee Heritage Centre, School Rd, Noojee
- Light refreshments available for purchase
- Sausage sizzle, popcorn, fairy floss and drinks
- Tea and coffee available for mum and dad!
- Lucky door prize and raffle drawn on the night

Rated PG
Starring Tom Hanks
www.noojeehistoric.org.au
Dear Parents/Guardians,

As many of you are aware there have been significant changes to the delivery of the Special Religious Instruction (SRI) Program across State schools for 2015.

In response to our community response in 2015, Drouin West has been able to offer two SRI classes. Unfortunately not all children who wanted to be involved in the program could be accommodated.

From Term 1, 2016 Special Religious Instruction (SRI) may only be delivered during lunchtime or in the hour before or after school, for 30 minutes. Programs can however be multi aged.

The Department states, “moving SRI to a non –curriculum time strikes the balance between ensuring that SRI is still available to be delivered in schools where there is parent demand and available resources and giving all children and young people full access to the full amount of curriculum delivery time.” Principals have been asked to consider the circumstances of their school and the views of the school community when making the decision to offer/not offer SRI.

In schools where SRI is delivered, SRI will continue to operate as an opt in extra curriculum activity that requires parental consent. The school will continue to provide an appropriate place for SRI to be undertaken, as well as ensuring there is a supervising teacher.

We need your response to begin planning for 2016!

If you would like your child to participate/not participate in the SRI program for 2016 could you please complete and return the form below.

Once we have an indication of numbers of children wanting to participate as well as the year levels to be catered for in 2016, we will be in a position to find appropriately qualified SRI teachers to run the classes. Parents will be required to complete a permission form and pay for the cost of materials prior to any program commencing in 2016.

Please return the form below by Friday Dec 9.

Regards
Kerry Ware

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<th>Name of child/children: _________________________________________ Year level/s for 2016: ______________________</th>
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<td>□ No, I am not interested in my child participating in SRI in 2016 at this time.</td>
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<td>□ Yes I am interested in my child being involved in the SRI Program for 2016.</td>
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<td>My Preference for a time slot would be:</td>
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<td>□ Lunchtime</td>
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<td>□ After School 3:15-3:45 - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs or Frid (please circle)</td>
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<td>□ No Preference-either time slot would be okay</td>
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