# Newsletter

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 26/15**  
**Hours of supervision:** 8.45am—3:45pm  
**26th August, 2015**

## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Mondays</td>
<td>Lunch orders and Student Banking</td>
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<td>Fridays</td>
<td>Parents are very welcome to come along to school assemblies. These are held each Friday afternoon in the Multi Purpose Room from around 3pm depending on how many items and announcements we have on a particular week.</td>
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<td>August 28th</td>
<td>Friday Book Character Dress-up Day/Parade 9am.</td>
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<td>August 31st to September 4th</td>
<td>Literacy and Numeracy Week</td>
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<td>September 2nd</td>
<td>Wednesday Father’s Day Stall—order forms due back by Friday 28th August.</td>
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<td>September 7th</td>
<td>Monday Grades F/1A &amp; F/1B will be going on an excursion to Old Gippstown at Moe.</td>
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<td>Kevin McLaren (Youth Resource Police Officer) for the Baw Baw Shire is coming to share his knowledge and educate the 5/6 students and families who are interested, on Cyber Safety. For 5/6 Students: 2:15-3:15pm For parents: 7.30pm in 5/6B classroom. This session is not limited to 5/6 parents only. It is vital that we understand the technology being accessed by our children and can prepare ourselves for their futures. We can then be proactive rather than reactive and help our children become cyber smart.</td>
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<td>September 14th to 16th</td>
<td>Monday to Wednesday Grade 4 camp at Nayook.</td>
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<td>September 18th</td>
<td>Friday Last Day of term 3. Students dismissed at 2:30pm  Footy Day Lunch—order forms will be sent home on Monday 31st August.</td>
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<td>October 5th</td>
<td>Monday <strong>Curriculum Day. This is the first day of term 4 and has been approved as a Curriculum Day by School Council. This will be a student free day.</strong></td>
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<td>October 9th</td>
<td>Friday Whole School Disco keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks. Notices will be given out in the first week of term 4. $5 per student.</td>
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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office.
From The Principal’s Office

Cyber Safety
Since the launch of the “world wide web” in the early 1990’s the internet has evolved dramatically. The graphic below shows an overview of this journey. One of the most exciting advances is that of social networking. It has transformed the way people communicate and share information. Unfortunately it can also pose some challenges for young people, their parents and schools.

We are fortunate to be able to have Mr Kevin McLaren come along to Drouin West and speak with students in 5/6 as well as offer an information session for parents. I would highly commend parents who are interested in learning more about keeping their children safe online to attend the evening session on Monday September 7 at 7.30pm in the 5/6 classrooms.

Book Week Character Dress Up Day
We are looking forward to celebrating “Book Week” this week. Students will be meeting in their buddy grades to share picture story books and we will be having a dress up day this Friday.

Families are invited to come along to our dress up parade on Friday at 9.00am in the M.P.R.

Playgroup for 2016 Preps.
If you are intending to enrol your child or know of anyone who will be enrolling their child at Drouin West Primary, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

We will be holding a series of playgroup sessions in term 4 for 2016 preps and require enrolment details to ensure each child is offered the opportunity to attend.

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

Notice of up-coming Curriculum Days in Term 4
Monday October 5 (the first day of term 4 and Monday November 2 (the day prior to Melbourne Cup Day) will be Curriculum Days.

Helpers Wanted

The Fundraising Committee is looking for helpers:

♦ Father’s Day Stall - Wed 2 Sept  9am to 11am (or part of) to wrap presents

♦ Footy Day - Fri 18 Sept  12 noon - 1:30pm (or part of) to prepare & serve hotdogs & party pies

If you can help please let the office know or contact Catherine on 0432 868 304
Chaplain’s News

Recently I read an article about what helpful tips our grandparents would give to us as parents or what tips our grandparents would give our children, based on the life experience they have had. It’s an interesting thought to ponder. My grandparents are no longer alive but these are some of the things I think they would have said that I say to my own children.

“It doesn’t matter how smart you are, if you can’t get along with others you are not very employable. You need to learn to be a team player.” Being born into a family and attending school is a good way to get the skills you need to get along with others.

Be Persistent—this is important in learning any new skill—learning to read, learning a musical instrument, learning how to get along with a new teacher... If you don’t succeed straight away, keep trying until you do.

Do exercise and sleep well. Climbing trees, working on the farm, riding a bike, playing at the playground and going for a walk can all help our children to sleep better. I have teenagers now and the lure of technology is never far away. However, I make sure the kids are doing enough exercise so when they go to bed they can be physically and mentally tired.

Look out for others—The world will be a much nicer place when we are kind to others. Smiles, a kind word, a greeting that acknowledges the other person and asks how they are, go a long way to helping others. Encourage your children to be kind to each other. This may take lots of teaching! Don’t give up though—it’s a beautiful trait for people to have.

I hope this little article encourages your family this week. If you get a chance and you still have grandparents who are alive, how about asking them what advice they would give you and your children to live a great life.

Take Care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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While I was looking for a picture to add into Mrs. Ronalds newsletter item, I found these wonderful kindness quotes. I hope you find them as inspiring as I did. Ms. Webster.

- Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.
- Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.
- Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.
- The kindness wave: start a ripple …. Create a wave. It begins with you!
- No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
- Your wealth or status doesn’t make you. Your kindness and character does.

Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating their special day during the week of Monday, 24th August to Sunday, 30th August.

Nicola Harvey 2/3A, Declan Thomas 5/6B, Poppy Regan F/1A, Thomas Dennis 3/4B and Coby Price F/1B

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
We had a mixed week weather wise last week in OSHC, resulting in both indoor and outdoor play. Inside our Pom Pom rug continues to grow. We also did some cooking, colouring, playing with Lego and playing ball games in the morning to get warm. The afternoon saw a larger groups participating in Octopus and Poison ball, as well as basketball, skipping, soccer and makers up. The playground also saw lots of activity. Please ensure you speak with Peta regarding bookings, particularly for the morning sessions as they are now almost full.

Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

**PENNY PUNCTUATION**
Dogs come in many different sizes: big, long, skinny, fat and small.
By Chelsey Beecroft 1/2A

**CONNIE CONNECTIVE**
The little dolphin was wandering around **and**
SNAP the little dolphin got onto land. Some people came to put it into captivity!
By Violet Dodd F/1A

**VINNIE VOCAB**
A hippo is an animal, they are a very heavy **creature**
By Alanah Hansen 1/2A

**OLLIE OPENER**
Sea horses have to swallow whole because sea horses do not have teeth.
By Bonnie Harper 1/2A
### Super ‘B’ Award Winners

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

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<td>Grace Thorpe</td>
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**Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp**

School camp was awesome.

It all stared at Southern Cross station on the Monday the 20th of July. The first thing we did on Monday was go to Federation Square. Then we went to the Shrine of Remembrance for lunch. Then we went to the National Art Gallery which was terrible and so boring.

That night after our yummy dinner we went to the Eureka Skydeck. There were people that were scared of heights but I think everyone was helping everyone. Which was so cool. Then we went back to City CYC camp to sleep and relaxed on bean bags (awesome).

That Tuesday morning, we went to the Melbourne Zoo to see some fantastic animals. After that (at night time) we went ice skating and it was so fun.

On Wednesday, we went to the Melbourne Museum. We also went to the Victoria Police Museum. We had a movie and chocolate game night it was really cool.

Then on Friday (home day) we went to the Parliament House which was interesting. Then after the Parliament House we went back to Southern Cross station and got on the train to Drouin train station. Once we arrived at Drouin train station we met up with our parents, and we went home!

Everyone was tired and sick at the end of camp. I think that we were happy to go home but of course we would miss City CYC. It was awesome staying there. Everyone was so nice. It was good to stay with my class mates and friends on camp. It was super fun just relaxing on the bean bags (they were so comfortable and bouncy). The rooms we stayed in were beautiful. They had single beds and bunk beds. My friends were in the same room with me. Us girls had fun in our room. I will definitely want to go back to City CYC one day. It’s spectacular and you would have the time of your life, if you went on this brilliant city camp. I had so much fun and I think everyone had an awesome time. No one wasn’t involved. Everyone had their friends with them. Not only in there room, but maybe even also in their group. I was with the amazing Miss Ryan. Everyone would love this camp, even if you’re not the city type.

Due to privacy requests we are unable to publish the author of this narrative.
Come to school dressed as your favourite book character

9am Friday 28th August