**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 15/15**  **Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3:45pm**

**27th May, 2015**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<th>Mondays</th>
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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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| Thursday      | May 28th  | Selected students will take part in the interschool Cross Country at Chairo Christian school in Drouin.  
               |           | Biggest Morning Tea at Drouin West Primary School 11am in the music room. |
| Monday        | June 1st  | Grandparents’/Special Guest Day in F/1A and F/1B at 2:15pm |
| Tuesday       | June 2nd  | All students will be watching the performance of Jack & The Jumping Beanstalk. This performance is in line with the learning students have been doing about the environment. The fantastic Fundraising Committee will be paying the $5 per student cost of the incursion. |
| Thursday      | June 4th  | Grade 3/4’s excursion to the Immigration Museum in Melbourne. |
| Monday        | June 8th  | Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday |
| Wednesday     | June 17th | Information session for prospective Foundation year students for 2016. School tour at 1:45pm followed by a parent information session at 2:15pm during which time the children attend an activity. |
| Wednesday     | June 24th | Soup Day Lunch |
| Friday        | June 26th | Last day of term 2. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm |

**Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office**

**HEALTHCARE CARD HOLDERS**

If you currently have a valid healthcare card please come to the office and complete an application form for the ‘Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund’. The CSEF allows $125 per student to be used to supplement the costs of extra curriculum activities.

It is important that your application is received at the office prior to the end of term 2.

**Pianist Required**

Our choir is on the lookout for a rehearsal/performance pianist. If you, or someone you know would be interested in playing the piano for us please let Ann in the office know. Rehearsals take place in the music room on Thursdays at 1:45pm until 2:15pm.

With thanks

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Leaves! Leaves! Leaves!
It’s that time of year when our deciduous trees are letting go of their leaves and our grounds and pathways are covered in all the colours of Autumn.

Please help yourself to the bags of leaves that are collected as they make for great mulch (the worms get very excited) and these leaves can be an important addition to compost heaps.

We would love to re-use the plastic bags so please return these to school so they can be refilled.

Gum Boots, Beanies, Scarves…
Students are welcome to wear gum boots, beanies, scarves and/or coats, when they play outside at school. We do encourage students to be outside unless it is raining and it can be cold at this time of year.

It can also be a great idea at this time of the year for children to bring along an old pair of slippers they can wear in the classroom.

Parents who expect that their child might also need and a change of clothes (tops, bottoms, socks) because they play on wet grassy/muddy areas of the playground are asked to put spare clothes in children’s school bags in case they are too wet/muddy.

Umbrellas can be a bit tricky at school and are easily broken.

We can lend out spare clothes however once our supply is depleted we will need to ring parents to bring in clothes to school.

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.

Jack and the Jumping Beanstalk
We are looking forward to the New Zealand Playhouse theatre coming to visit Drouin West P.S. next week. It’s an environmental emergency of preposterous proportions! Giant pieces of garbage keep dropping on the hapless inhabitants of ‘A Land Far Far Away’ and nobody knows who is responsible.

As usual when anything bad happens, all eyes turn to Jack Flash, the young boy with a long history of practical jokes and mischief making. The Mayor even decides to "cowfiscate" his favourite cow and only friend Daisy as punishment.

Jack knows the only way to clear his name is to find out who this giant litterbug really is, and with the help of a feisty Mexican Jumping Bean determined to sprout, Jack begins the climb of his life. Students will be enthralled as they help Jack in his quest to save the environment.

Our wonderful fundraising committee have agreed to cover the cost ($5 per student) enabling every student to participate in this event.

Cross Country Competition
We are excited that 30 students have qualified for the interschool Cross Country event on Thursday. Don’t forget that tomorrow, there could be a strong possibility of rain, so it is important to remember to bring along a warm jacket or blanket as well as a spare pair of shoes and warm clothes.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
A number of staff members have planned Australia’s ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ event at school on Thursday May 28 at 11am. Parents and community members are welcome to join staff to raise funds for the Cancer Council. We will also be inviting all the cooks in our school community to enter the ‘Biggest Morning Cook Off’ competition.
**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 6, term 2:

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<td>Branden Lilleyman</td>
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**Happy Birthday !!!!!!!**

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 25th May to Sunday, 31st May.

Ryan Garner F/1A, Wade Murphy 5/6B, Brooke de Riter 5/6A and Jasmine Zelley 5/6A.

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

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**STUDENT BANKING PRIZES**

An order will be placed on Friday June 5th for student banking prizes. Students will be able to send in their 10 banking tokens and a prize request slip prior to this date. Students are able to choose from a ET DVD, a Planet Handball, Intergalactic Rocket or Martian Invisible Ink Pens. These can be viewed at the office.
2015 Drouin West Cross Country

On Thursday the 21st of May we held our Annual Senior School Cross Country competition at Drouin West Primary School. The weather held out and all students from grade 3 to grade 6 participated in the event. Well done to all students who participated on the day and either qualified to compete at the interschool competition or achieved their target time. I hope all students enjoyed the course and the training we completed prior to the event.

Thankyou to all the staff and parents who helped on the day. A big thankyou to all our parents who came on the day to support the students as they completed the course. A special thanks to Tarn Williams for helping at the record table and Sarah Smith for enduring the stressful job of organising competitors as they crossed the finish line and making sure they got their times right.

The next round of competition is Thursday the 28th of May at Chairo Christian School. Students will compete against students from other primary schools in the Tarago and Warragul Districts. The first race begins at 12.00 and we would welcome members of our school community to attend and support our students at this event.

Active Sporting Schools

Thanks to support from the Federal Government we have received funding to offer additional sporting opportunities at our school. This funding has allowed us to provide expert coaching to our students as well as purchase new sports equipment for our school program.

Over the previous 3 weeks students from grades 3/4A, 3/4B, 5/6A and 5/6B have been involved in a basketball skills program. Every Thursday each class has been involved in a 1 hour skill session which has focused on improving students dribbling, defensive, passing and shooting skills. They have also been involved in game simulations to help improve their knowledge and understanding of the rules of Basketball. This Thursday will be their last session and it will focus on providing students with an opportunity to showcase their skills and improved knowledge in a game situation.

Next week we will begin running the program with students from grades F/1A, F/1B, 1/2A and 2/3A. Their program will run over 3 weeks and every Thursday each group will participate in a 1 hour session. These sessions will focus on developing student’s confidence when using a basketball as well as developing their basic skills and knowledge of the game.

I hope the students have enjoyed the program so far and that those who have yet to experience it will have as much fun as our current classes. We will continue this program into Term 3 with a new sport that will be announced at a later date.
PENNY PUNCTUATION

Do you ever get asked, what is your favourite food?

By Megan Carlile

CONNIE CONNECTIVE

I have to say that we should have school uniform if you want me to, I can tell you why.

By Aleisha De Haan 2/3A

VINNIE VOCAB

The aliens landed on planet earth. The people were thrilled!

By Chloe Dennis F/1A

OLLIE OPENER

Boom! Clang!

"Where am I?" I questioned myself.

By Alex Kennedy 3/4A

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Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

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. The allowance will be 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 will be:

- $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

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
**Every Minute Counts**

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

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Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?

That’s when every minute counts the most!