# Newsletter

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 11/15**  
**Hours of supervision:** 8.45am—3:45pm  
29th April, 2015

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**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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| Wednesday     | May 6th  
Confident Parents, Confident Children program 9am.  
Mother’s Day Stall |
| Friday        | May 8th  
West Gippsland Divisional Athletics Newborough |
| Wednesday     | May 13th  
Confident Parents, Confident Children program 9am. |
| Monday        | May 18th  
Grade 5/6’s excursion to the Light Horse Museum at Nar Nar Gooi |
| Wednesday     | May 20th  
Education Week Open Morning 9am to 11am. We invite the community to come and see our school in action. |
| Thursday      | June 4th  
Grade 3/4’s excursion to the Immigration Museum in Melbourne |

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

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**Mother’s Day Stall**

**Remember to return forms & money by Friday 1st May.**  
**No late orders**

**HELP WANTED**

We are looking for helpers to wrap gifts at the Mother’s Day Stall on Wednesday 6th May from 9am—11am. Even if you can just come for a short period that would be a great help.

Let the office know if you are available or just turn up on the day.

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**WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE??????**

Students are encouraged to write an interesting account of what is taking place in this photo. Published stories/poems will be awarded a prize.

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From The Principal’s Office

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!
Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school.

We ask that parents supervise toddlers and if necessary take them outside if they are too noisy during assemblies.

School Choir
Thank you to Mrs Brown and the choir members for your performance, “Can you hear Australia’s heroes marching?” We look forward to your next item in coming weeks.

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Head Lice
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Students in 5/6A and 5/6B have participated in this survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July and discussed at School Council and forms part of the school’s Annual Report.

ANZAC Service at school
Thank you to the families and community members who were able to attend the school’s ANZAC service on Friday as part of our regular assembly.

Thank you to Miss Bayne and the team of 5/6 students, who put in the time and thought into planning and presenting the program.

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

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<td>Tahlia Pemberton</td>
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Tarago Athletics Competition
On Thursday 16th of April Drouin West Primary School sent a team of 46 students to compete in the Tarago Interschool Athletics Competition. This event involved students from grades 3 to 6 competing against students from other local primary schools in different athletic events. After a little bit of rain in the morning the day fined up to be perfect conditions for the Athletic Competition. Well done to all students who represented the school and competed on the day. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the West Gippsland Athletics Competition:

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<td>Matty Poels</td>
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The West Gippsland Athletics Competition will be held at the Joe Carmody athletics track in Newborough on Friday the 8th of May.

Thanks to all staff who helped out on the day and all the parents who came down to support our students during the competition. A special thanks to Sarah Smith for volunteering on the day to walk around with the 9/10 year old boys group to help ensure all students were at the events and supported by our school team.

Congratulations to all the competitors who not only competed well, but also cheered on and encouraged their team mates. Good job team.

Matthew Suter
Physical Education Teacher and Sports Coordinator
Today we had our third positive parenting session. It is wonderful to spend time with other parents keen to learn how best to help their children. There is so much to learn about parenting and to have others to discuss this with is really encouraging. Thank-you to the parents coming along. I really appreciate spending this special time with you all.

Today one of the things we explored was the causes of difficult behaviour in children. Some of these causes include:

- The genetic make-up of our children - some children are active and busy, some are easily upset and some demand a lot of attention
- Accidental rewards for misbehaviour can cause difficult behaviour - you know how children can demand a treat in the supermarket when we are tired or distracted. This giving in once can cause long term hassles as we try to parent our child
- Sometimes we ignore desirable behaviour - positive praise is so important in setting a good tone in our families. Giving praise to children when we see them doing something good is extremely important.
- Watching others - children can pick up bad behaviours this way.
- Giving Instructions - sometimes we give too many instructions, sometimes not enough or too vague or confusing.

There are many other causes for difficult behaviour. Come and have a chat if you would like some information or join us next Wednesday at the Parenting Course at 9am. We would love to see you there.

One of the gems our facilitator asked us, “are we parenting for now or parenting for the future.” I know I have said this before but the hard work we put in now will help us with our parenting in the long term.

I am generally available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you would like to catch up

Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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Children’s Martial Arts Programs

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Children’s & Teens Timetable

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