**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3:45pm**

**Issue 38/15**

2nd December

**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.</td>
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<td><strong>Assembly will commence at 2:50pm this Friday 4th December.</strong></td>
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<td>December 3rd Thursday</td>
<td>Swimming trials for selected year 2 to year 5 students.</td>
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<td>December 4th Friday</td>
<td>Year 3 Sleep Over. Arrive at 5:30pm and be collected on Saturday at 8:30am.</td>
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<td>December 8th Tuesday</td>
<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 Wednesday</td>
<td>The Science Spectacular 2:20pm -3pm</td>
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<td>Junior School Concert 7pm.</td>
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<td>December 10th Thursday</td>
<td>Senior School Concert 7pm.</td>
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<td>December 11th Friday</td>
<td>Thank you morning tea. 11am in the multi-purpose room. Invitations have been sent home today Wednesday 2nd December.</td>
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<td>December 14th 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 Tuesday</td>
<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 Wednesday</td>
<td>Class parties and a visit from Santa</td>
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<td>December 17th Thursday</td>
<td>Picnic Sports Day. 9am until 1:30pm</td>
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<td>December 18th Friday</td>
<td>Last Day of term 4. Students finish at 1:30pm.</td>
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<td>December 19th 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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**THE SCIENCE SPECTACULAR**

On Wednesday, 9th of December at 2:20pm-3:00pm, the grade 5/6’s will be running **THE SCIENCE SPECTACULAR!!!!**

The Science Spectacular is a series of science experiments organized by the grade 5 and 6 students and will be held in the science room and the two grade 5/6 classrooms.

Both of the 5/6 classes have invited the 3/4 classes to participate in the event.

Parents are also invited to attend. By Jasmine Z 5/6A
From The Principal’s Office

End of Year Reports
As many parents would be aware, teachers have been working on preparing detailed reports highlighting what each student has achieved.

It is anticipated student reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday December 15. Should you wish to discuss your child’s progress, please contact the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Library Books
Thank you to those families who have returned all their library books.

Students are asked to return all library books to school to enable staff to complete the stocktaking process.

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. Have you thought about downloading electronic books? These are often very engaging to read.

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 last week’s newsletter and assist us with planning for 2016 by returning the reply slip by Friday Dec 11. If families are interested in reading more information about SRI there are fact sheets available at the office.

Student Placements for 2016
Staff continue to put significant time and thought into allocating students to classes. We take into consideration friendship groups, siblings in close year levels, balance between boys and girls, social dynamics, a balance of class sizes across the school and individual learning needs of students. Teachers also consider student friendship requests.

If parents/guardians have any special requests to be considered, I would encourage you to speak directly with class teachers, put your request in writing, arrange an appointment to speak with me in person or alternatively contact me by phone in the next week. Requests are considered and every attempt is made to accommodate requests.

Orientation Day
Our Year 6′s will be heading off to their respectful Secondary Colleges next week on Tuesday 8. We wish them a great day, knowing they are well prepared for the transition into the next stage of learning.

We will welcome our new Preps from 9.00am-12.30pm as they experience a school program and meet up with staff on this very exciting day.

Thank you morning tea
We look forward to serving all parents who have assisted with programs and activities during the year at our special morning tea on Friday December 11 at 11.00am. Please come and join us so we can highlight and celebrate your contributions to our school during 2015.

Invitations will be sent out soon but if you haven’t seen yours and you have assisted this year in any way you are invited!

School Accounts
Thank you again to the wonderful families who have come in during the last week to settle their accounts. This really does assist us at a busy time of year.

Congratulations Ruby
We would like to congratulate Ruby J 1/2A and her team Storm Mini Lightning on placing 3rd at the Australian Allstar Cheer Federation (AASCF) National Championships on Saturday.

Bicycle Riding at School
During this week we have seen a lot of enthusiastic children enjoying the fresh air each morning while they ride their bikes at school.

The looks of concentration as they work their way around the various trails has been delightful. Please take the time to listen to your child as they share their excitement of this experience. We have certainly enjoyed listening to the “Did you see me do …” statements. Please enjoy the photo page at the back of this newsletter.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 8, term 4:

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Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

**PENNY PUNCTUATION**
The nest is where her eggs rest but…..PLOP!  
“What was that? My EGGS” she shouted!  
By Holly D 1/2A

**CONNIE CONNECTIVE**
Five minutes later it was sunrise as I sighed with relief.  
By Thomas D 3/4B

**VINNIE VOCAB**
“Shhhh!” they anxiously screamed back.  
By William R 3/4B

**OLLIE OPENER**
Suddenly there was a blinding flash of light.  
By Cailean T 2/3A
**Chaplain’s News**

As many of you aware I have been running Seasons For Growth for children who have experienced change and loss in their lives. We have our last session today for a wonderful group of grade 3/4 students and next week will be our celebration session around a campfire, weather permitting.

I am passionate about the benefits of this program. To be able to talk about life using the seasons as a teaching tool is extremely valuable.

We discuss autumn and explore the different characteristics of the season. Leaves changing colour, trees dropping leaves etc. and we talk about life and how it is constantly changing. We move onto winter and learn how winter is often cold, dark and barren and learn about our feelings when life changes and that it is good to recognize the sadness and grief. Spring is a time to celebrate new life and it’s important to find some activities we enjoy doing to help us with our grief and to have a good bank of memories of the happier times. We learn that memories are important. Summer is about embracing the new life and making good choices. We learn how to make good choices.

The Seasons For Growth Program is based on these ideas

- Change is part of life
- Sometimes the change hurts
- There are things I can do which help me in difficult times
- It’s okay to feel sad, lonely, angry or disappointed
- I can cope with the changes by….  
- Life is like the seasons and no season lasts forever

As our Grade 6’s prepare to leave Primary School for their next adventure to Secondary School these are some useful tips to remember. Many of our younger students will be having new teachers and friends next year. It could be helpful having these conversations at home with your children.

“If nothing ever changed their would be no butterflies”-unknown

Take care! Wendy Ronalds (School Chaplain)
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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**Happy Birthday !!!!!!**

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who are celebrating their special day during the week of Monday, 30th November to Sunday, 6th December.

Tanner M F/1B, Chloe W F/1A, Lanaea B 3/4A, Hollie W 5/6A, Rees J 3/4A, Grace T 5/6A and Mrs. Forster

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
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:
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or rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

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The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

The Polar Express

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

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