IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Assembly will be held at 3pm in the multi-purpose room. Parents/guardians/carers and interested community members are most welcome to attend.</td>
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<td><strong>March 10th</strong> Selected students will attend the district Athletics sports.</td>
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<td><strong>March 14th</strong> Labour Day public holiday.</td>
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<td><strong>March 17th</strong> Orders close for Hot Cross buns</td>
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<td><strong>March 24th</strong> Last day of term 1. Students finish at 2:30pm.</td>
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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

Well done Coby, you will be joining Mrs. Ware for a Pizza at the end of this term.

I love you Mrs. Ware. You are so nice Mrs. Ware. The 4 ‘B’s’ are good and I will be talking about the 4 ‘B’s’. Firstly I will talk to you about them. The first one is ‘Be a learner’ the others are ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’ and the last one is ‘Be Kind’. We can use the 4 ‘B’s’ in the playground, in the toilets and in the undercover area. Drouin West Primary School is the best.
From The Principal’s Office

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and social connections.

Autumn Days
It is nice to have cooler mornings with children taking off their jackets/jumpers as the temperature increases during the day. This often means our collection of lost property items also increases. Please ensure your child’s tops are clearly named so they can be returned if found around the school ground.

Please check your child’s/tops to make sure that they have their own tops. A number of students are missing their tops and a school search has not located them. If you find tops that are named which don’t belong to your family please bring them to the office.

All students are encouraged to bring a suitable drink bottle filled with cold water to school each day. Drink bottles are easily accessed during class time and can be refilled during the day as needed.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - Reminder
Each year children in Year 3-6 are given an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. The competitions in 2016 cover Science, Digital Technologies, Mathematics, English, Writing and Spelling. Please read the information attached with this newsletter for further information. Please ensure the reply slip and payment is returned to school by the last day of term 1 should you wish for your child to participate in 2016.

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is also not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Tea Under the Oaks
What a lovely evening we had at school on Friday last week. Thank you to all the families and members of staff who came along. The weather conditions were ideal.

Given the “National Thank you Fires Day” was on a Sunday this year we were very pleased to have some of our local volunteers from the Drouin West CFA come along. We all enjoyed a celebratory cake, placing red balloons along the front fence as well as the free icy poles on the night. Thank you to Pauline Boorer who organised this for our school community.

Every day counts – school attendance
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school ready to learn at 9.00am each and every day. This might mean being organised the night before, going to bed early enough to have enough sleep and establishing guidelines about distractions like the T.V. in the mornings.

We are pleased to see the improvements in arriving at school on time so far this year. Keep up the great effort!

Families who arrive at school after the bell at 9.00am are required to come into the office and complete a late pass and then take their children to their respective classrooms.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 5, term 1:

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<td>5/6B</td>
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STUDENT BANKING

Students who have saved 10 banking token will be able to redeem their tokens for a prize by Monday 14th March. Please come to the office at 8:30am or at the beginning of recess if you would like to see the items available. The prize order will be placed on Tuesday 15th March. Students are also able to order their prizes via the coupons they received recently.

MUSIC TUITION
With JOE PATRICK

Now taking enrolments for 2016
DRUMS, GUITAR & UKULELE

$18 / 20 min weekly lesson
Lessons will be held at school during school hours.

Please contact 0498 742 381
Limited places are available.

Do you like to have fun?
Are you someone who can learn new skills?
Want to be part of something awesome?

If you answered yes to any of the above, WE WANT YOU!!!!!!!

Come and join the GULLS HOCKEY CLUB and be part of something special!
Weekly training with coaches and game day guidance.
Our great teams are here to have fun and would love to welcome you into our hockey family!
Team places currently available in U8’s, U10’s, U12’s, U17’s Women’s and Men’s teams.
Whether you are a beginner or seasoned player we have a place for you!

For more info, contact Tash at tashwayne@dodo.com or on 0400732615.
Hi everyone,
As we have seen over the past few weeks to develop confidence in kids Michael Grose suggests these strategies: Model confident thinking, Focus on effort and improvement and Praise their strategies.

This week we look at another confidence builder:

**Develop self-help skills from an early age**

A child’s self-esteem comes as a result of his or her successes and accomplishments. The most important competencies to build confidence are **basic self-help skills**. These form the building blocks upon which other competencies such as organisational skills and many social skills are formed. Some basic self-help skills include but are not limited to

- **Self-feeding** Encourage children to use cutlery and sit up at the table
- **Independent dressing and grooming**. Getting uniforms on and putting washing in the basket
- **Hygiene and toileting** Brushing teeth and hair, washing hands with soap after the toilet
- **Helping with daily chores like table setting and picking up toys**. Working together to keep the house clean

Michael Grose has other fabulous articles on his website [www.parentingideas.com](http://www.parentingideas.com). It is worth a look.

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**Seasons for Growth Update**

Thank-you to the families who have returned forms requesting for their children to participate in this wonderful program. I am still juggling how many groups we can run and when these will be held. We have many children wishing to participate! As soon as I have worked them out, I will let you know.

We received some fabulous news last week. Nielsen Funerals Warragul has been extremely generous and donated $331 towards the cost of running the program. This extremely generous donation means we will be able to purchase more journals and therefore run more groups. I have been overwhelmed by their willingness to support this wonderful program and I thank them sincerely for their amazing contribution.

If you have any questions please contact me at the school on a Tuesday or Wednesday or email me on ronalds.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au I do check emails regularly.

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**Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain**

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

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 29th February to Sunday, 6th March.

Mikaela 4/5A and Cailean 3/4B

Don't forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
Athletics
It was a hot day on Tuesday last week for our senior school athletics competition. The children in grades 3-6 rotated through 8 different events. It was fantastic to see and hear the children encouraging each other no matter which house team they were in. We thank the 4 students from Drouin Secondary College who came and helped out for the day.

This year medals will be awarded to the child in each age group that earned the most points. Points were awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and for participation in each event. Medals will be awarded at this week’s assembly. The winning house for this year was Baw Baw on 236 points, Strezlecki on 229 points and Tarago with 221 points. Children who have qualified for the district sports will receive notes this week and will compete at the Geoff Watt Track in Warragul on Thursday 10th March.

Swimming
The district swimming was postponed due to poor weather and ended up being held on the same day as our school athletics. Drouin West was represented by 17 children on the day. Congratulations to all of them who competed well and displayed great sportsmanship and behaviour. The following 6 children have qualified for the divisional competition which is being held today Wednesday 2nd March.

Patrick 10 boys freestyle, breaststroke, 12 boys medley relay.
Riley 12 boys freestyle, backstroke, 12 boys freestyle and medley relays.
Trent 12 boys breaststroke, 12 boys freestyle and medley relays.
Wade and Declan, 12 boys freestyle and medley relays.
Brock 12 boys medley relay.

A big thankyou to the parents who came along to help out, transport and support the children during these events. It would be difficult to run these days without your ongoing support.

Hockey
Last week all grades participated in a hockey clinic run by Hockey Victoria. There were lots of fun games and activities during this time. Thank you to Adam Smetana who ran the clinics (Hockey Victoria and a past student of our school) and parents Meaghan McNeill and Janine Bone who helped over the 2 days.

Marion Proctor Physical Education teacher
Hi everyone, my name is Karen Thomson and I would like to offer piano/keyboard lessons to all students within Drouin West Primary School. I have been teaching piano/keyboard lessons at Drouin West Primary School for many years. I have been teaching students for over 25 years and I am also qualified and registered with the Australian Guild of Education. Thus giving me the opportunity to take students through grade levels so they progress with grade examinations when they are ready to do so. These lessons are on offer to all grade levels in your school.

LESSONS ARE:
$10.00 PER 15 MIN LESSON (one lesson per week of term).
$ 20.00 PER MUSIC BOOK supplied by myself if required.
LESSON MONEY SHOULD BE PAID TO MYSELF ON THE DAY OR CASH OR CHEQUE CAN BE MADE OUT TO COVER THE FULL TERM AMOUNT IF PREFERRED. CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO KAREN THOMSON THANK YOU. TO BOOK IN YOUR LESSONS WITH ME PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 56 299 268.
PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL TO MAKE BOOKINGS

THANKYOU Karen Thomson.
Drouin Country Charm Easter Photos

‘Show me the Bunny’

** 1 WEEKEND ONLY **

Join The Easter Bunny In Our Enchanted Cottage Garden

19 Wellwood Road Drouin

*Bring all the family. Feed the Clydesdale horses. Photo packages as well as your image on USB available.*

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www.facebook.com/drouineasterphotos

Jenelle 0423 352 779   Louise 0412 942 897

2016 EASTER SESSION TIMES

Friday 11th March   Saturday 12th March
Sunday 13th March

Mornings: 10am – 12noon   Twilight: 5pm – 8pm

NO BOOKINGS NEEDED
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Each year children in year 3-6 at Drouin West are given the chance to enter competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales. The competitions cover Science, Mathematics, English, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing.

The entry fee for Science, Mathematics, English and Digital Technologies is $8.00. Writing which is individually marked by teachers is $17.00. The Spelling assessment is also hand marked and the entry fee is $11.00.

Students are awarded a certificate as follows:
- High Distinction to the top 1%,
- Distinction to the next 10%,
- Credit to the next 25%
- Participation to all other participating students.

Students also receive a report with diagnostic information which highlights strengths and weaknesses.

If you would like your child to enter one or more of these competitions, please complete the form below and return it with the correct payment by Thursday March 24 (last day of term 1).

Kerry Ware
Principal

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

I would like my child/children to enter the following competitions:

Name of child: ................................................................. Grade: ......................

Maths $8.00 [ ] English $8.00 [ ] Science $8.00 [ ]
Digital Technologies $8.00 [ ] Writing $17.00 [ ] Spelling $11.00 [ ]

Enclosed is $............. to cover the entry fee.

Name of child: ................................................................. Grade: ......................

Maths $8.00 [ ] English $8.00 [ ] Science $8.00 [ ]
Digital Technologies $8.00 [ ] Writing $17.00 [ ] Spelling $11.00 [ ]

Enclosed is $............. to cover the entry fee.

Signed: ................................................................. (Parent/Guardian)