Dear School Community,

Friday 26th October is my last day at school before I take up my new role with Anglicare. Over the past 4 years I have built up a positive relationship with many students and their families in this school. So I would like to thank you all for allowing me to support you and help you to make a difference in your lives.

I have had such a positive experience working here with staff, children and parents and have always enjoyed coming to work.

The four years that I have spent at Drouin West Primary School has given me the experience and skills to make me the professional that I am today to enable me to fulfil my goal. So thank you for the input that you have had in my life and all that you have taught me.

I am sad to be leaving but I am looking to new and exciting challenges in my new role.

Best Wishes  Miss Tracey
From The Principal’s Office

Farewell to Miss Tracey
As indicated earlier this term, Miss Tracey will be leaving Drouin West to take up a new position with Anglicare this week. Tracey has been part of our staff since 2008 where she completed her training as a social worker. Tracey has been a wonderful support to many students and families and we will all miss her bubbly presence. On behalf of the school community, I would like to publically thank Miss Tracey for the difference she has made to our school, and wish her every success in her new role.

Any families or students seeking a listening ear, some support with issues that arise from home or come up through the school, are very welcome to arrange an appointment through the office to catch up with Mrs Ronalds, our school’s Chaplain. Mrs Ronalds is available most Wednesdays and Fridays each week.

National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program
School Council has discussed the Chaplaincy Program at the October meeting and would like to invite families to respond to the survey attached to last week’s newsletter. Responses will enable School Council to determine the level of support for this program in our school for 2013. Please talk to Wendy Ronalds (Chaplain), class teachers or myself if you have any questions about how this program has been implemented in our school.

Active After School Communities programs are ready to start!!!
Plans for term 4 programs are well underway with many families taking up the opportunity to be involved in active programs after school.

We are fully booked for Wednesday’s program. There are vacancies for both dancing and Flippa ball. Please ensure you have your name down if you would like to join in the fun. Don’t forget your drink bottle each week!
Day: Friday’s
Dates: Nov 23 & 30 and Dec 7-14
Times: 4.00-5.00
Venue: Drouin Secondary College Indoor Pool.

Step into Prep Playgroup 2012
Our first session of “Step into Prep Playgroup” was a great success thanks to the preparation and planning by Wendy and Tracey. Thanks to all the students who assisted with welcoming new families and showing them where to go. Please be aware that some new families will not be familiar with our car parking arrangements out the front of the school if you are coming in for assembly on Fridays.

World Teacher’s Day
UNESCO established World Teachers’ Day to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in building a better future for the world’s children. The day is celebrated in over 100 countries.

World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the many ways teachers make a difference through their teaching and commitment. It is a way of celebrating teachers as a significant force in building communities. Teachers ‘make a difference’ every day in the curriculum they teach, the way they teach it, and through the connections they make, with and for, their students. Very often, they also make a significant contribution to their local and wider community.

World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated at Drouin West on Friday, 26th October. I encourage all parents to help us acknowledge how much we value our teachers at Drouin West.

OSHC
Are you looking for extra space in your cupboards? Now is a great time to clean them out and help the OSHC replenish their resources. OSHC would love some of the following items for the students to use:
* Lego
* Dress-ups for all ages
* Dolls
* Wool
* Magazines
* Craft items (glitter, felt, ribbons, water paints etc)
* Boxes for craft.

OSHC is a great service that is thoroughly enjoyed by all students who attend.

There are places available in Before and After School Care, please contact the office for a booking sheet to organise your required time or you could send a text message to Mrs. Peta Watson the OSHC co-ordinator on 0429 409 095. Peta will be able to phone you in response to your text request.

Don’t have your copy of the newsletter? Do you want to check some information you have read about in a previous newsletter?
No problem… Each week Ann prepares the newsletter and posts it on to our school’s website: www.drouinwest.vic.edu.au

Wanted
Our family leaves the school at the end of the year, so I need 2 parents to take over my section of the garden at the front of the school.
Do your bit to contribute to the up keep of the school in your own time and space.
Very little work required, approx. ½ hour per month in total.
Contact me and I will explain to you the very easy maintenance throughout 4th term.
Adele Richardson 56267030, 0417373690 or agrichardson@dcsi.net.au
Super ‘B’ Award Winners

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 2, term 4:

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Assistance Needed in The Art Room

This term we are embarking on the study of “Threads and Textiles”. The children will be learning about threads and the many ways that threads can be used to create textiles and other art forms. They may be exploring finger knitting, rope making, plaiting, collage, winding, weaving, knitting or felting.

If you have any knitted, woven, crochet or felt articles at home which may be valuable for the children to see, please bring them along to share.

This unit of work is very labour intensive and many hands are needed to support the children with their learning. If you have any spare time and would like to assist, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you or anyone in your family would like to help children to learn to knit, crochet, weave or sew it would be great. Knitting, crochet and perhaps felting will be taking place on Wednesdays with the upper children.

We are in need of lots of wool and knitting needles. If you have any to spare, could you please send it along.

We also need wood or strong cardboard for weaving frames. Please talk to me if you think you can help.

Thanking you.  Anne Cope

Joke of the Week

Why did the vegetable bounce up and down on 1st September?

It was a spring onion.

“Lift your Spirits”

Creative Cushion & T Shirt Printing Service.
I personalise cushion covers, T shirts, aprons, calico bags and leggings.
I can put your favourite photo or design something for you to place on any of these items. Pets are popular!
Great ideas for Christmas.
Please email me at carolkilner@dcsi.net.au
Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 22nd October to Sunday, 28th October

Kasey Storen, Lauren Cheetham, Matilda Williams, Charlie Williams, Jasmine Coates, Gabby Crampton, Jamie Carter, Ms. Thomas, Ms Barson.

Remember to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.

CASSE Parent Sessions

As you may be aware Drouin West PS as a pilot school in Victoria is fortunate to be chosen to participate in the CASSE approach. CASSE stands for Creating a Safe Supportive Environment. Its aim is to reduce the impact of bullying in schools and society by focusing on the ‘bystanders’ (the people who stand by as an audience to bullying) and turning them into ‘upstanders’ (people who tactfully and appropriately help to diffuse a bullying situation). We have a group of students in our school who are learning how to become upstanders and are learning skills which will aid them through the rest of their lives.

CASSE is offering a Parent Session for parents not just of the students involved but parents who are interested in how to support their children in bullying situations.

TOPIC: What's CASSE all about and how do we respond if one of our children is bullied.

AIMS:
- To help clarify the CASSE model and role of CASSE Student Teams
- To emphasise the importance of parent support at home and school in promoting power dynamics and mettallisation and building positive relationships with their school and fellow parents
- To actively engage parent (Mums & Dads) support for CASSE at each of the schools.

DATE: Thursday November 22nd
VENUE: St Gabriel’s Primary School Traralgon
TIME: 6pm

Kasey Bayne, CASSE Team Leader

Student Banking

We will have 2 prize claiming days in this term. If you wish to trade your tokens for a prize in this term please put your orders in before the 6th November and 3rd December. Prizes will be ordered on those 2 dates. Remember to save each week to increase your token tally. The more tokens you have the more prizes you can acquire. The prizes available are: