IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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

THE BOX

Max and Harry and I went to the park. Behind the tree was a mysterious cave. Max and Harry and I went in the mysterious cave and it was ginormous. Max tripped over a box. Mac opened it. What’s in it? A ring was in the box. Let’s put it on. It was not an ordinary ring. It was a magic ring.

I looked in a mirror. Ahhhh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am a girl. I can’t show mum I am a girl.

Max and Harry and I ran out of the cave!!

By Toby Dumergue.
From The Principal’s Office

Arriving at school on time
The learning day starts at 9.00am and we know students are settled and ready for the day if they arrive in plenty of time to organise their bags, notes, reading satchels, catch up with friends or chat with their teachers.

Well done to the families that are working on getting to school by the 9.00am bell. I know that having some things organised the night before and getting up a little earlier can make all the difference, and enables a settled start for all members of the family.

Parent Opinion Survey
Thank you to the families who have returned this year’s Parent Opinion Survey. Schools are expected to return all surveys to the Department of Education and Training.

We are aiming for 100% participation for 2015. If your family has received a survey please help us by sending completed surveys to school by Friday at the very latest. Thank you to the 30 families who have returned their surveys.

Playgroup for 2016 Preps.
If you are intending to enrol your child or know of anyone who will be enrolling their child at Drouin West Primary, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

We will be holding a series of playgroup sessions in term 4 for 2016 preps and require enrolment details to ensure each child is offered the opportunity to attend.

School Website
Have you missed the newsletter? Do you want information about the school? Please take the time to visit: www.drouinwest.vic.edu.au

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.

The importance of practicing reading
Did you know that students who read:
• <1 min/day read 8,000 words each year
• 4.6 mins/day read 282,000 words each year
• 20 mins/day read 1.8m words per year
• We cannot compensate for lack of practice.

When parents know that this is a priority and spend time reading to their children as well as making time to listen to their children read they influence how well their child reads at school. Reading is critical for children to be able to access learning opportunities across all curriculum areas.

Let’s all get excited about reading every day!
Over the past week our family has been hosting a visitor from Uganda. Joy has come to Australia to learn about Junior Landcare activities, how to set up community gardens and how best to engage with her local community back home in Uganda. Joy is hoping to empower her people so they can work out ways to have fresh drinking water, enough food to eat, and how to plant more trees on land that has been cleared to supply wood for cooking stoves. Even though Joy has come to Australia to learn, I am learning many things from Joy that I would love to share with you.

Joy loves people and is so thankful for everything in life. Every time we do something for Joy—she says, “I am so grateful, I am so very grateful” This response is every time...for the cups of tea, to cooking her a meal or when we drive her around. Even yesterday on that very bleak and freezing cold and miserable day. Joy was grateful. Joy was grateful to be in Australia and to have many opportunities to learn, even though she was freezing cold!

The other thing I am learning from Joy is the value she places on people. Every time Joy sees someone she smiles and shakes their hand and gives them a great big African hug and says, “I am so pleased to meet you.” Joy is genuinely very pleased to meet each person. One minute with Joy and you feel like you have a new best friend.

The whole tone of our house has changed while Joy has visited. Her smiles, the joy and thankfulness Joy brings are a blessing to us all. It’s interesting...Joy has come to Australia with a borrowed pair of walking shoes and a very small suitcase but no amount of possessions could buy the love and generosity she has blessed our house with this week.

I am hoping the legacy of Joys visit will stay for a long time in our house. Joy is so very grateful for all she is learning to help her country back home. But I am so very grateful for all Joy has taught me about loving my family and those I meet. I can’t promise an African hug when I see you but a warm smile and an “I’m so very glad to see you” might be a good way to start.

Take Care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Acknowledgement: National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program have been funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating their special day during the week of Monday, 3rd August to Sunday, 9th August.

Brodie Leighton 1/2A, Tahlia Pemberton 5/6B and Belinda Robins 5/6B

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.
**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 3, term 3:

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**OSHC**

Currently our morning sessions are fully booked. If you require before school care please contact Peta well in advance so we can try and find a place for your child.

Last week due to the cold and wet weather we have been spending time inside. We did get out on some nights and the boys even got to make a cubby. While in doors we have being doing the activities we love, some of which are: the Little’s puppies, Lego, dress ups, lots of craft and colouring in pictures.

If you would like more information about OSHC or the activities children participate in please do not hesitate to contact Peta Watson the OSHC Coordinator. OSHC program run in morning from 7am to 8:45am and afternoons from 3:15pm to 5:45pm sharp.

**What starts with a P and ends with an E and has a million letters in it?**

Post Office.

By Brock Roden 3/4A

**What has four legs and goes BOO?**

A cow with a cold.

By Shelby Clara 3/4B