**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 30/16**

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

5th October, 2016

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<th>Mondays</th>
<th>Lunch orders and Student Banking</th>
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<td>Assembly will be held at 3:00pm in the multi-purpose room. Parents/guardians/carers and interested community members are most welcome to attend.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday</strong></td>
<td><strong>October 25th</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Step into Prep Playgroup</strong> at 2pm—3pm. 2017 Prep year students have the opportunity to get to know our school. Please make the children and families feel welcome as they become part of our school community.</td>
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<td>Questacon 9.00am—1.30pm Science Circus. Thanks to the hard work of the Fundraising committee we are able to offer this to the students at no cost.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday</strong></td>
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<td>Melbourne Cup Day, Public Holiday student free day.</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday</strong></td>
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<td>Junior Athletics Day 9am—11am.</td>
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**Super ‘B’ Award Winners**

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 10, term 3

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Welcome back to school!
I hope that everyone has had a lovely break and is feeling refreshed and ready for a great final term of learning.

It is always a delight to hear about the adventures people have had on their holidays and it is lovely to see the happy smiles on children as they eagerly start the new term.

Something to contemplate...
When I compare the educational experiences I had at school, the experiences of my own children and what our students do in their classrooms today, I know there are many differences.

One of the differences is the level of complexity of the tasks that teachers set students. We know that the quality of the task, does predict the performance of students. The greater the expectations we have of our students, the higher students are likely to achieve. Spoon feeding learning and providing excessive support takes away from the deeper learning our children need to achieve their potential. The craft of the teaching is knowing what each child needs at any learning point during the school day.

From time to time ask your child questions to find out if they believe they are being challenged at the right level. Was the learning you did today too easy? Too hard? Or just right? If you know their learning goals perhaps ask how they are progressing towards achieving these goals.

In one study, UCLA psychologist Robert Bjork found that adding challenging things to learning, what he calls ‘desirable difficulties’, can actually improve your ability to remember what you've learned long term. In other words, when a teacher tries to make learning as easy as possible and as mistake-averse, it works for the short term — students might remember the material for a pop quiz the next day — but long term, they won't remember it as well.

I look forward to a term focussed on our core business of student learning.

Car Park improvements
Thank you everyone for your patience with the terrible conditions of the car park and road surrounding the school we had in term 3.

School Council agreed to fund the cost of extensive works to restore the condition of the road and if the rainfall subsides we should be able to have a smooth surface for some time.

Spring Weather
With Spring delighting our senses, it is timely to remind families to be prepared for a range of weather conditions and various health needs that this season can create for those who suffer from hay fever and asthma.

Lost Property
Many students take off and leave their jumpers and jackets outside as the day warms up and activity levels increase. It is a time when our lost property pile grows.

Please help us to help you locate your child/children’s jumpers by ensuring they are clearly named and ask your child to check through lost property if you have a missing item.

Creating a Safe and Respectful School Environment
Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that our school is a positive, respectful and safe school environment. We are all responsible for sustaining a positive culture within our school community and for treating each other with dignity and respect at all times. Everyone should be mindful of the manner in which they conduct themselves in and around the school, noting that we are the role models that impressionable students look up to.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contribute to the positivity and productivity of our school community each and every week. Though I cannot thank each of you individually, I wish to assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

This is also an opportune time for me to emphasise that my door is always open to discuss any concerns you may have, simply contact the front office to schedule an appointment. There is an appropriate avenue to raise any grievances or concerns.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and effort put forth by the families in our school community who support the efforts of our staff.

HATS! HATS! HATS!
A reminder that students will need to bring along and wear their hats in term 4.

Head Lice and Holidays
From our experience, head lice become a significant issue at school for families after we have had school holidays. Parents are strongly urged to check their child’s hair at the beginning of the term.

If we can all be vigilant, hopefully head lice will not become a huge community health issue in our school.

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
Our Chaplain

Welcome back after holidays. hoping you enjoyed a safe and happy time with your children. How we all needed a break from the routine of school! it won’t be long and the weather will hopefully pick up and be a little warmer and then we might at least feel like we are in the month of October with one term to go.

I know there are some families in our school community who are struggling with what life is throwing at them. It might be the loss of a loved one, illness for yourself, your child or a family member, loss of employment, financial difficulties, and relationships breaking down.

You might have a child who is struggling at school or struggling with their friendships. There are many, many reasons for life becoming challenging.

If there are any issues at school then please come and talk to your child’s class teacher, Mrs Ware or myself. Drouin West work exceptionally hard to support children and we would love to work with you to get the very best outcome for your child. Sometimes a quiet word in a teacher’s ear can help the teacher to keep an eye on things during the day. It’s easier to sort issues out when they are little, rather than sitting on them for a long time. We know that parents and teachers working together provide the very best outcome for your child.

If you have some personal challenges, seek help if you need to. Phone a friend, see your GP, talk to someone you trust. While the problem probably won’t disappear, it may help you feel you are not on your own. It’s very easy to neglect looking after ourselves when life gets tricky. But we know its important to try and keep looking after ourselves. If possible doing some exercise is a helpful thing to do as it has multiple benefits or just doing something you really enjoy might just help you get through this awful stage.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain
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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Thankyou!

A very big thank you to Julie, Catherine, Jenelle, Sarah, Emma, Kim, Meaghan, Rhiannon, and Sophie and all the helpers from Grade Six for all their hard work in organizing, preparing and serving the Footy Day lunches on the last day of term 3. Yum, Yum, Yum. We all enjoyed the food very much.
Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students who will celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 3rd October to Sunday 9th October.

DAIRY FARMERS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

Closing date for applications
18th October 2016

- Do you own an operating dairy farm?
- Are you a share farmer on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm?
- Do you hold a lease for an operating dairy farm?
- Do you work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is your main source of employment.

If you fit into one of the above categories please come to the office and collect an application form for the government Dairy Farmers Assistance fund.

The government have set up a fund to support Dairy Farmers with the expenses associated with education for their children.


Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
Please return your filled box to the officer by this Friday 7th October.

Don’t forget to also pay your $9 shipping on the Samaritan’s Purse website so that you can track which country your box ends up going to.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT $2 EACH.

2016 Annual BREAST CANCER Fundraiser

Tickets On Sale Now
Fashion Parade
Best Dressed Pink Lady
Guest Speakers
Stall Holders
Raffles & Giveaways

Monday 17th October 10am - 2pm

Reg No. A0014287V
Warragul Sporting & Social Club (Downtowner)
55 Victoria Street Warragul ph: 5623 1520
Drouin West Movie Fundraiser

Enough of the kid’s movies, it’s time for a parent night out! Get your family & friends together and come and see the action comedy *Keeping Up with the Joneses* starring Jon Hamm, Zach Galifianakis, Isla Fisher & Gal Gadot.

The fundraising committee have booked the Warragul Cinema on **Friday 21st October - Evening Session** *(time to be advised)*. If you could arrive at the cinema by 6:45pm to organize your candy bar items please.

Pre-paid tickets will be available for $20.00 per person which includes a candy bar voucher

Please come and help us raise money for our school.

**Tickets are now available on QKR!**

**ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2016**

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**DWPS MOVIE FUNDRAISER**

*Keeping Up with the Joneses – Friday 21st October 2016*

Parent’s Name: ____________________________________________

Contact No. : ____________________________________________

Student Name: ___________________________Home Group: ________

*(tickets will be sent home with your eldest child)*

I would like _________ Tickets at $20.00 per ticket

Total Amount $ ___________________ Paid via QKR. Receipt no. _____________
**Have you lost a sleeping bag?**

A sleeping bag was left behind after the year 4 camp. If you a missing a sleeping bag please come to the office to collect it.

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**STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE**

Attention staff of Drouin West Primary School

As the parent/guardian of .................................................................................................... Grade ..................................

I wish to advise that the absence on ..............................................................................................

was due to: 

- Illness
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