IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>March 11th</td>
<td>Labour Day Public Holiday - student free day</td>
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<td>Fair Meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm all welcome</td>
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<td>Senior school athletics grades 3 to 6</td>
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<td>Last day of term 1 2.30PM finish</td>
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The Bakers Bean Cafe
Shop 4, 72-100 Young Street Drouin
Open 7 Days a week 03 5625 3731 Outside Woolworths

Present this voucher to receive
Buy One Get One FREE
Coffee, Tea, Chai or Hot chocolate same size
Or smaller

Drouin West Primary School Fair
Sunday 17th March
11am to 3pm

Like Us On Facebook
Connect to Drouin West Primary School Fair on Facebook and checkout the latest news and updates.

Drouin West Primary School would like to thank all our generous sponsors for supporting our school with their various donations. Please see the back page for a list of the sponsors. Don’t forget to support them as they have contributed generously to our special event. We would also like to thank the following community groups who have offered such fabulous support: Drouin West CFA, Drouin Rotary Club and The Seventh Day Adventist Church—Warragul.
From The Principal’s Office

Hot Days
While it is nice to have the sunny days, the temperatures continue to be high for Autumn. All students are encouraged to bring a 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.

It’s Not OK to be Away or Late!
Part of our school’s improvement strategy for the 2013-2016 Strategic Plan is to improve school attendance rates and punctuality. This was in line with the Statewide slogan “It’s Not OK to be Away or Late”. We know from research and our day to day experience that arriving late and being away from school has a significant impact on students’ progress academically. If students do not attend school regularly or arrive on time, to start the school day in their classroom by 9.00am, they miss out on valuable learning and instruction time. On the other hand if students are genuinely sick they should stay at home to recover.

When considering our data over the last three years, there seems to be emerging patterns.

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<th>Category</th>
<th>2010</th>
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<td>Average days absent</td>
<td>14.6</td>
<td>14.7</td>
<td>11.88</td>
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<td>Late to school</td>
<td>1321</td>
<td>2214</td>
<td>2589</td>
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<td>Leaving early</td>
<td>622</td>
<td>778</td>
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<td>Sick</td>
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<td>776</td>
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<td>Family Holiday</td>
<td>389</td>
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It may be surprising for families to know that the number of days on average that our students are absent tends to be above the Statewide average. Parents are responsible for ensuring children arrive at school on time and stay home only when they are genuinely sick.

It is fantastic to see the improvements in 2012

I urge parents to make a determined effort to ensure they bring children to school on time and aim to have less than 10 days absent across the school year.

It’s not OK to be Away or consistently Late to School!

Parent Information Sessions
It has been wonderful to see parents coming along to our Parent Information Sessions last week. We have been very fortunate that staff at Drouin West have been available to organise these opportunities for parents, given the current situation with the industrial work bans.

Parents who missed these sessions are encouraged to catch up with class teachers, read classroom and school newsletters to ensure they are informed of upcoming events involving their child/children.

Positive Behaviour Support
Congratulations to all students who are consistently following the 4 B’s at school each day!

Staff document incidents where students don’t follow our 4 B’s and at the end of each month we process this data to identify improvements and target intervention strategies across the school.

During the month of February 89% of our students received only one or no behaviour forms. All of these students will have an extra 10 minute play this Friday to acknowledge these outstanding results. Students who have had two incidents in February will revisit what our 4B’s look like in the classroom and playground.

Assembly Behaviour
This term we have been very impressed with the improvements to respectful behaviour during assemblies. We have asked classes to come into the M.P.R. quietly, sit and wait for assembly to start, listen to presentations and leave in an orderly manner. Congratulations to our 5/6 class who have consistently shown respectful behaviours during assemblies this term. Students received an icy pole on Tuesday as a reward.

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
Super ‘B’ Award Winners

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 4, term 1:

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<th>Year Level</th>
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<td>PrepA</td>
<td>Seth Reddick</td>
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<td>Prep/1A</td>
<td>Joshua Downes</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Patrick Griffin</td>
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<td>2/3A</td>
<td>Christian Downes</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Holly Anderson</td>
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<td>4/5A</td>
<td>Bailey Osseweyer</td>
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<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Caleb Dumergue</td>
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Super 'B' award winners for week 4, term 1:

Martial Arts
Year Levels: 3-6
Dates: March 12, 19 & 26
Coach: Kael Coster
Time: 3.15-4.15
Venue: Drouin West P. S.

Swimming
Year Levels: Prep-2
Dates: March 13, 20 & 28
Coaches: Jackie Puncher and Wendy McLean
Time: 4.45-5.45pm
Please note the time
Venue: Drouin Secondary College Heated Pool.

Joke of the Week
What happens when you cross Moby Dick with a watch?
You have a whale of a time.

Extra curriculum opportunities.
Parents can contact individual musical teachers to arrange private lessons.

Drum & Guitar Lessons—Peter Brown. Monday afternoons. Phone: 0437 595 490 or email: monkeydrum@live.com.au

Piano Lessons—Karen Thomson. Mondays 11am onwards Phone: 0356 299 268

Singing Lessons—Tammy Patrick Thursdays 9.15am. Phone: 0356 233 948 or 0428 233 948

Flute Lessons - Anne Bridgeman Tuesdays 0418 356 020.
If anyone has a money pouch/bumbag that we can use on the day please bring it to the office.

There is still room in the hampers in each classroom, so remember to bring along your donations please. Please take the time to offer your help on the day, even if just for a short time.
Hi everyone!

How to help a friend in Grief

There are many in our community going through very sad times at the moment. Mr David Treloar from the Death and Bereavement Educational Services has written these little tips to help us support those who are grieving.

BE AWARE: Remember that grief work is a normal and necessary process and will be hard.
BE THERE: Learn to be with the person, not to solve the problem.
BE SENSITIVE: Allow the pain. Learn to enter into it, not to try to take it away.
BE HUMAN: Allow expression of feelings, guilt, anger, sorrow and depression without judgement.
BE READY: To listen when the story is told over and over again.
BE PATIENT: Remember that the process of mourning takes time.

Please come and see me if you or your children would like some extra support.

Take Care everyone!
Wendy Ronalds (Tuesday/Wednesday)

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 4th March to Sunday, 10th March.

Cailean Thomas 00A, Caleb Dumergue 5/6A, Harry Brown 1/2A and Mrs. Collins.

Don’t forget to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.

Drouin & District Netball Association
2013 Winter Season
Netball Registration Days
*VNA Insurance to be paid on either of the following days*
Saturday March 16th @ 10am -12pm
or
Wednesday March 20th @4pm – 5.30pm
Drouin Netball Courts, Drouin Recreation Reserve

Age Groups include:
Combined DDNA & WDNA – 18&Under and Open
Modified born on or after 01.01.2001 - $33.00
Junior born between 01.01.1995 – 31.12.2000 - $43.00
Senior born on or before 31.12.1994 - $63.00
Cash, Cheque or Efpos

New Players, Teams and Umpires Welcome
Netball Season starts 27th April
For more information contact
Steph 0400108975 or Donna 0437896120

WARRAGUL BADMINTON CLUB
Galloway St. Warragul
2013 JUNIOR REGISTRATION
Monday 18th March 2013
5.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
Teams cater for all ages and skills in 5 different grades. Training provided.
Competition night-Friday night. $20.00 deposit required on registration.

Contact: Julie Young 56278512/0438 302167
Hello everyone,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate both Indiana Petrov and Jordan Deszcz who made it through to the Division Swimming Championships. This is a fantastic effort and both students should be very proud of their achievements. Well done guys!

Also don’t forget the Senior School Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 19th March and as part of this day we will hold a "BEE ACTIVE WALK!" This will be a walk around the school with the aim to have all the children in grades 3 -6, teachers, parents and friends actively participating in a fun, active, social walk. This is a great opportunity to get everyone at our school (grades 3-6) active at the same time. Bring your whole family along! The Bee Active Walk will link perfectly with the Premier’s Active Families Challenge, the goal of which is to do 30 mins of physical activity every day for 30 days.

We would like lots of families at Drouin West to get involved and take up the challenge of doing 30 mins of physical activity a day for 30 days, let’s get more active, more often. Don’t forget that just by signing up your team will receive 20 YMCA passes that you can use at the Warragul Leisure Centre, plus the chance to win great prizes!

To be part of the Premier’s Active Families Challenge sign up today at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1300 463 684.

State Victorian Team Nominations for Basketball, Netball, Football and Soccer

Nominations for the School Sport Victoria Basketball, Netball, Football and Soccer Teams are now open. Drouin West is able to nominate gifted and talented students to participate in the trial process. Nominations shall only include children born in 2001, 2002 or 2003. If you think this would be an opportunity your child would be capable of and interested in, please come and speak to me. The cut-off date for this is Monday March 25th.

Senior School Athletics Day

The senior school (grades 3 – 6) Athletics day has been set for Tuesday the 19th of March. I have been busy finalising all the details for each of the events. Thank-you to the parents who have already volunteered, the day would not be able to run without you. It would still be great if we could have a few more volunteers for the 11:30-1pm time slot. If you could help it would be greatly appreciated.

Yes, I am available to assist with the senior school athletic sports on Tuesday the 19th of March.

Name: _______________________________
Child’s grade: _______________________

I will be available to help from approximately:   9 am to 1 pm  or  9 am to 11 am  or  11:30 to 1pm

Please circle availability