Mondays | Lunch orders and Student Banking
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Fridays | Parents are very welcome to come along to school assemblies. These are held each Friday afternoon in the Multi Purpose Room from around 3pm depending on how many items and announcements we have on a particular week.
Friday | May 8th | West Gippsland Divisional Athletics Newborough
Wednesday | May 13th | Confident Parents, Confident Children program 9am.
Monday | May 18th | Grade 5/6’s excursion to the Light Horse Museum at Nar Nar Goon
Wednesday | May 20th | Education Week Open Morning 9am to 11am. We invite the community to come and see our school in action.
Thursday | June 4th | Grade 3/4’s excursion to the Immigration Museum in Melbourne. Notes will be sent home shortly

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

**Name the chicks competition result**

For the last three days I've been running a competition for naming the chicks in the Science room. We had an amazing amount of names come in. However, there can only be nine winners, so I present to you the names of the chicks:

**Popcorn, Fluffy, Gunter (By popular demand), Winter, Snow, Sandy, Chicken Little, Lightning, and Clucky.**

I'm sorry if yours didn't win, although I went over all of them and chose the best. It was hard though, because they were all so great.

Jordan Deszcz, 5/6A, organizer of the name the chicks competition.
From The Principal’s Office

On behalf of all at Drouin West, I wish all our Mums a special Mother’s Day this Sunday. Mums can have a special place in our lives and for some families, Mother’s Day means spending some extra time, giving a gift or simply saying “thank you” for the many things our Mum’s do every day.
A particular thank you for the wonderful mothers of the Fundraising Committee, who organised today’s Mothers’ Day stall: Catherine Thorpe, Lori McMillian, Julie Thomas, Sarah Smith, Rhiannon Trimble, Jenelle Harper, Fiona Hansen, Keira Mc Master, Belinda Sellers, Janine Bone, and Lainie Andrews. For all the mothers at Drouin West, I hope you enjoy your Mothers’ Day!

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Students in years 3 and 5 will be involved in NAPLAN testing next week on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th.
NAPLAN assess literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the curriculum. You can help your child prepare by encouraging them to do the best they can. Parents are also asked to ensure students have a good night’s sleep, breakfast in the morning and arrive at school by 9.00am. Testing will start promptly on each of these days.

Education Week
This year we will be celebrating Education Week by having an open morning session on Wednesday May 20th from 9.00-11.00am. This is an opportunity for current parents and the broader community, including prospective families to come along and see our school in action. Please feel free to invite family, neighbours and friends along to our Open Morning.

Our fabulous Year 6’s will be invited to assist with school tours.

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) 2015
A letter and form regarding SRI was sent home to all families yesterday. All parents are asked to complete and return forms to school indicating whether they would like to have their child/ren participate or not to be included in SRI this year. There will be a cost of $10 per child for materials. To enable the school to make arrangements we ask forms to be returned by Friday May 15.

Leaves Leaves Leaves!
Our beautiful deciduous trees are starting to let go their leaves. Any parent wanting to collect these for their compost systems are very welcome to help themselves.

7 students had saved up 30 ‘B’ awards and decided to use them to make pizza with Mrs. Ware. Joab, Chloe, Cailean, Blayn, Kobi, Bevan and Ruby enjoyed their special lunch yesterday.
### Super ‘B’ Award Winners

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 3, term 2:

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### Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

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

Keegan Jeffrey Molan 3/4B, Megan McIntosh and Marion Proctor.

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

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### OSHC

“Guess what?” another beautiful week in Drouin West. We have had such a fantastic week of outdoor activities. Skipping, tiggy, hockey, paper plane making and flying and ball tiggy on the wall and heaps of other ball games.

Meanwhile inside our budding artists made bracelets, coloured paper football jumpers in our favourite teams and created portraits of the lovely ladies from outside school hours care.

Aleisha made Peta look very pretty. The week saw Jenga as the favourite indoor game with everyone anticipating the crash of blocks.

Our numbers have increased this term so all booking must be made with Peta prior to the day.

If you would like more information about OSHC or the activities children participate in, please do not hesitate in contact Peta Watson OSHC co-ordinator. Please note our OSHC program runs in morning from 7am to 8:45am and afternoon from 3:15pm to 5:45pm sharp.
Michael Grose a parenting expert has written this interesting article on the value of motherhood. I hope you enjoy reading part of it. More of the article can be found from www.parentingideas.com.au

“Anyone who can cut a round of sandwiches, prepare breakfast for a family, find a missing pair of socks for tiny feet while making sure everyone is on track, has my vote. I have trouble getting myself dressed in the morning, let alone worrying about anyone else.

There is no place in a mother’s repertoire for tunnel-vision or focusing on one task at a time. These are luxuries reserved for the workplace, not the family home. The fact that kids are noisy, demanding and often unpredictable means anyone who spends a fair time in their vicinity must be flexible, patient and able to keep cool under extraordinary pressure. Qualities I still don’t possess.

Take cooking for example. The job of preparing a decent meal wasn’t too hard. I could – and still can – usually produce something quite edible with a minimum of fuss. However, rarely did I have the chance to cook in isolation. There was always a child interrupting, asking for help or just wanting to chat. Not to mention fitting cooking around bathing, hearing kids read or picking them up from sports practice.

An increasing number of mothers do full-time paid work then come home for their second shift of parenting. Any mention to these mothers of my trials with the juggling act, simply evokes a shoulder shrug and a ‘welcome to the real world’ look.

If anyone says that motherhood is not like real work, send them my way. After many years of being the primary parent to my children – usually the preserve of women – I can really set them straight. It’s hard yakka that largely goes unrewarded.

Happy Mother’s Day!
Here’s to happy parents and happy kids,”

One of the wonderful benefits of attending the Parenting Course, Confident Parents, Confident Children has been the support of each other in our role of mothering. Join us next Wednesday in the Music Room from 9am-11am. We really are having a terrific time of learning and would love to have others join us.

I am generally available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you would like to catch up Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

OLLIE OPENER
“Wake up” my brother yelled. I opened my eyes and looked out the window.
By Seth Reddick 2/3A

PENNY PUNCTUATION
“Hey you lazy jaguars that stripy, fat and stinky zebra is on our fastest motorbike from the king of the tigers!” said the oldest jaguar.
By Ayden 3/4B

CONNIE CONNECTIVE
In the jungle a cheeky zebra went to take a chaps motorbike but then a sneaky tiger chased it.
By Keenan Shanks 3/4A

VINNIE VOCAB
Pig the Pug was a terrifying, horrid, gat and selfish little thing.
By Alex Burdon 1/2A
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 ☐ Appointment ☐

Family Holiday ☐ Parental Choice ☐

Other .................................................................

Yours sincerely,

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(Signature of Parent/Guardian)