IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Assembly will be held at 3pm in the multi-purpose room. Parents/guardians/carers and interested community members are most welcome to attend.</td>
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| Wednesday        | June 15th 2017 Prep Information Session. 1:45pm—3pm  
2017 Fair Meeting at the Drouin Tennis Club rooms, Bennett St Drouin  
7:30pm. Please come and support the planning of this great event. |
| Tuesday & Wednesday | June 21st & 22nd Celebration of Learning. Open classrooms 3:30pm—4:30pm. Families are encouraged to visit their child’s classroom to celebrate the learning students have been doing across the school. |
| Friday           | June 24th Last day of term 2. Students dismissed at 2:30pm |

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

Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 8, term 2:

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Sporting Schools
Drouin West Primary School has been very fortunate this term in attracting Sporting Skills funding. The funding has enabled us to deliver a series of hockey skills sessions to all students across the school during term 2.

Thankyou to Mrs Judi Collins and Mr Glen Treble who have been delivering these programs to our students.

Car Park
As many parents would be aware we have some significant pot holes in the car park as a result of recent rain. Please ensure you drive slowly into the car park and avoid the pot holes when possible.

The space we use at the front of the school is considered a road reserve and not maintained by any authority, including the Education Department which does not own the land. School Council has made a number of attempts to try and rectify the issue without a significant cost to the school. This issue will be raised at School Council and we can again try and rectify the issue in the upcoming school holiday break.

Any family with connections to someone with a grader is encouraged to contact the school. Unfortunately the task is beyond our school based Tonka Truck drivers.

Student Mid Year Reports
Teachers have been focussed on preparing detailed, accurate student reports in recent weeks. Teachers use their evenings and weekends to write reports, which is in addition to the day to day preparation and planning that goes into the programs implemented in classrooms. It is exciting to have read student reports and see the progress our students are making in their learning.

The focus on learning is a high priority at Drouin West, with all teachers working to support all children to achieve their personalised learning goals.

Student reports are expected to be sent home with children on Monday June 20.

Celebrating Learning at Drouin West
We are all very proud of the individual achievements so many of our students have made in their learning so far this year. Following on from the feedback of our Celebration of Learning event last year, we will be inviting all parents to come and visit their child’s classroom to see the things of which students are particularly proud.

All classrooms will be open on Tuesday June 21 and Wednesday June 22 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. I would encourage all families to find the time to come and visit their child’s classroom, enabling their child/children to show them some samples of learning from semester 1 and have a quick catch up with the teachers to clarify any information in student reports.

Watch out for your personalised invitation coming home soon!

Information Session and School Tours for 2017 Foundation students and their families.
We will be organising school tours and an information session for 2017 Foundation students and their families on Wednesday, June 15th. Families considering enrolment at Drouin West P.S. are encouraged to come along to find out about what our school can offer their child.

If you are aware of any families in the community who may be considering attending Drouin West in 2017, please inform them about this session. School Tours will start from 1:45pm and parents/guardians can come along to an information session from 2.15-3.00pm while kinder aged children will participate in an activity session with Mrs Clerks and Mrs Ronalds.

Drouin West CFA Visit
In the last week of the term we have organised with the Drouin West CFA education officers to run the Fire Safe Kids Program. We are able to offer a session for each class which includes a classroom presentation and discussion, an opportunity to experience going through the Smoke House which is to be confirmed, as well as a chance to have a close look at the fire truck.

If parents have any concerns about students entering the Smoke House (eg Asthma, anxiety) please let us know.

It is great to have this strong community link between the school community and the local CFA.
Hello everyone!

Thank-you to those families in our school community who have been looking out for others and reaching past the farm gate to have a cuppa with someone they know. My hope is that the genuine goodwill of people in our community will be an encouragement to our farming families. There will be times when we all need some extra support. Having friends and family around us at this time will help us get through these difficult days. It’s the same with our children, too. We need to be equipping and empowering our children to get through the hard things in life. If we protect them too much, we are not giving them the skills they need to cope with life. Learning new reading skills or maths skills for some children can be so easy but for others it is such hard work, it would be easy to give up. But the reason we don’t give up is because we value what our children are learning so much and we know this will help them unlock a future that may include choices for their work that leads to a happy and fulfilling career. Reading each day to your children, listening to their reader, doing some counting and some music practice are all important. It’s quite simple really, what you invest your time in, is what you reap. As I was saying to one student today, if you learnt to walk and then never practiced, you would pretty quickly lose the skill of remembering how to walk. So I would like to encourage you as parents, don’t give up on hearing the reading or the music practice because it’s worth sticking at it. Kids also learn perseverance. It’s a hard job to be a parent, to be consistent and to constantly keep that big picture in mind. A good question to ask yourself is, what skills do I want my child to have when they reach their late teens and what do I need to be doing now to help them get there? Don’t give up, while there are no guarantees, at the end of the day, when your children finish school at least you can say, I gave it all I had and I gave my children the best opportunity for success.

Take care!

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.

Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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Commonwealth Bank Student Banking

Congratulations Bevin and Poppy on winning the student banking raffle.

All the students who made a deposit into their student banking account for 5 consecutive weeks between May 2nd until May 30th were able to have a ticket in the raffle to win one of the 2 hampers supplied by the Commonwealth Bank as prizes.
Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 6th June to Sunday, 12th June.

Jesse 1/2A, Reese 3/4B, Ashleigh F/1A and Mrs. McFadyen.

Paradise

It was cold. Brrr… So cold that outside snow flakes were falling gently. Inside was nice and warm because I had cranked the heater to max, I opened the “Paradise” magazine and started flipping the pages over. I was looking to get away from the cold. A warm, sunny paradise seemed like utter bliss. Suddenly the perfect place leaped off the page.

It was a very good holiday. I could swim in the deep blue water. I could eat coconut, apple, bananas and sour cream and onion chips. Plus, I could play with the Lego. But how much?? I looked under the photo, it said $100. Would I have enough money? I ran into my bedroom. I looked on my untidy desk and searched frantically for my smuggle purse. I found it on top of my old homework. I opened my purse and paid with the $100 note that I received for my birthday. Yes!!! A trip to paradise at last!

By Lexie 3/4B.

Chocolate Balls are so!!! Yummy

Yesterday 1/2A made Chocolate Balls and we are going to start procedure writing which is where you tell someone how to make something. You need to list the ingredients and the steps in order. Lots of fun!