Newsletter
Drouin West Primary School
‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

Issue 5/17

Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3:45pm
8th March, 2017

EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES
Activities that are available to students during recess or lunch time.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mondays</th>
<th>Lego Club P-6 in the Multi Purpose Room</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesdays</td>
<td>Fun and Games - All students are welcome to attend the music room during lunch time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesdays</td>
<td>Beginner Recorder Group - At first play students in years 3 to 6 are able to join the Beginner Recorder Group. Advanced Recorder Group - At lunch time students in years 3 to 6 are able to join the Advanced Recorder Group. Recorders are available to purchase at the office for $10.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fridays</td>
<td>Choir - Students in years 3 to 6 are welcome to join the choir with parent written permission. Permission forms are available from Mrs. Brown.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

IMPORTANT DATES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>EVENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday 13th</td>
<td>Labour Day Public Holiday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Senior school athletics day. Students in years 3 to 6 are able to take part in the athletics day from 9:00am to 1:30pm.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 19th</td>
<td>School ‘FAIR’ 11 more sleeps!!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 24th</td>
<td>Whole school photo day.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Senior School Athletics

The senior school athletics will be held on Thursday 16th March. All children in grades 3-6 will participate from 9.00-1.30. This event is held on the school oval with the children rotating through 8 athletic events. This day is used to select children for our school athletic team. It is appreciated if children can wear clothing and shoes suitable for jumping and running. Tops **must** cover shoulders and midriffs (no short sleeve football jumpers) and school hats are to be worn. Children are encouraged to wear their team colours on this day; Baw Baw-yellow, Strezlecki-blue, Tarago-red. If you are unsure of which team your child is in please check with their classroom teacher. All children from the same family are in the same team. For the day to run smoothly and for children to gain the most from the experience parental help is needed. If you are able to help please fill in the form found in this newsletter and return it to school by Tuesday 14th March. Any help is appreciated, even if only for an hour.

I can assist at the following times. Please circle the times you are available

9:00-10.00  10.00-11.00  11.30-12.30  12.30-1.30

Your Name (please print) ____________________________ Contact # _____________________
Child’s Name _______________________________________

Thank you for your offer of assistance. You will be contacted before the day with which event and time you are required.
Wow the weeks are going so fast this term. Our preps are now at school fulltime and by the end of the week are quite tired. The excitement of learning new things and making new friends has certainly kept everyone very busy. I found having earlier bedtimes helps me get through a busy week.

Extra Curricula Programs-Lego Club
We have over 30 children coming into Lego Club from all classes across the school on Mondays at lunchtimes. Lego Club is open to any student and students can simply come along to the Multi Purpose Room to join in. Many students choose to work in small groups and create amazing things which we store securely so they can be added to throughout the term. Other students choose to work by themselves or alongside other Lego lovers.

The atmosphere is inclusive, supportive and can be somewhat noisy. I love to watch children helping each other to create buildings like shops, schools, houses, castles or a wide range of vehicles and spaceships and then use these in their imaginary play. The conversations make for great oral language development. This week we had a lovely Lego Book brought along to Lego Club to inspire our imaginations.

We are getting better at packing up lots of little pieces each week and leaving the area clear for After School Care.

Fun and Games and Craft Activities
On Tuesdays at lunchtime students can join in various activities in the Music room. Mrs Ronalds supplies paper, pencils, glue, scissors, wool, games for students to use. Students are free to come and join in during lunchtime and chat with Mrs Ronalds.

Our Craft activity table was busy with students making Pikachu under the direction of our enterprising year 6 students this week. Students are informed about what activity will be offered each week at assembly and need to register on Monday to join in the craft activity as places are limited.

Autumn Days
It is nice to have cooler mornings with children taking off their jackets/jumpers as the temperature increases during the day. This often means our collection of lost property items also increases. Please ensure your child’s tops are clearly named so they can be returned if found around the school ground.

Keeping Hydrated
All students are encouraged to bring a suitable drink bottle filled with cold water to school each day. Drink bottles are easily topped up and accessed during class time so children are hydrated.

Honey Pot Shop News
We have had lots of students coming along to the Honey Pot Shop on Thursday lunchtimes to redeem their “B” Awards.

Students given awards, need to take these home to be signed and then they can bring them along to use as currency at the Honey Pot Shop on Thursdays. Miss Pauline organises various nick-knack's and more substantial raffle prizes which are drawn at the end of each term.

Students can also use their “B” awards for vouchers. These include:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>5 B Awards</th>
<th>10 B Awards</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- Sitting on the teachers' chair</td>
<td>- Friendly Friday lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Free Icy Pole</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>15 B Awards</th>
<th>20 B Awards</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- Photographer for the day.</td>
<td>- 30 minute Class Game</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Lunchtime Disco at the end of term.</td>
<td>- 20 Minutes on the IPad in the classroom.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| 30 B Awards | |
|-------------||
| - Free Dress Friday | |
| - Surprise Event with Mrs Webster. | |
| - Making pizza with Mrs Ware. | |

Parents are encouraged to chat with their children about what they might like at the Honey Pot Shop. Some students love to save, count and wait to redeem their award, which means they have more choices and more substantial rewards. Other students find it harder to save and are keen to use them every couple of weeks.

Music Lessons
Violin, Cello, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone.
Phone Mathew to arrange a lesson at school on Wednesdays 0497 258 950
Instrument hire is available.

Vocal / Singing Tuition
This is available to students in year 5 & 6.
Singer, songwriter and pianist
Jemma Michael
0449 022 570
**Happy Birthday !!!!!!!**

Happy Birthday to the following student who will celebrate their special day during the week Monday 6th March to Sunday 12th March 2017

Siobhan 3/4B

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

---

**Sports News**

**Divisional Swimming**

Congratulations to the five children who competed at the Divisional swimming yesterday. All children performed to the best of their ability and placed in their events.

Patrick 1st in 11 boys freestyle and backstroke.
Lexie 1st in 10 girls butterfly.
Cailean 3rd in 10 boys freestyle and backstroke.
Open boys medley relay place 3rd Patrick, Cailean, Tom, Bailey.

Patrick, Lexie and Cailean will now compete at the Regional Swimming to be held in Sale next week. We wish the three of them all the best.

Thank you to the parents who helped yesterday with transporting children and also with time keeping. I know many schools envy the support that our parents give to such events and days.
Hello everyone!

Over the weekend I finished reading a fabulous book, titled “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio. The story is about a young boy named August Pullman who was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school. The story is about August starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep. The thing is August is not just an ordinary kid, he has an extraordinary face. But he wants to convince his new classmates that he’s just like them, despite his appearances.

The reviews about the book say, “R. J. Palacio has written a warm and uplifting story that has readers laughing one minute and wiping away tears the next. With wonderfully realistic family interactions (flawed, but loving), lively school scenes, and short chapters, Wonder is accessible to readers of all levels.” I believe there maybe even a movie released sometime this year.

I absolutely loved it! If you would like an uplifting read, then this is a fabulous book. There were some amazing quotes throughout the book but these are 3 of my favourites.

- “Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness.”
- “I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives.”
- “If every person in this room made it a rule that wherever you are, whenever you can, you will try to act a little kinder than is necessary - the world really would be a better place.”
  — R.J. Palacio, Wonder

Thank-you to the students in grade 3-6 who have returned their Seasons for Growth forms. If this is a program you would like your child to be part of then please return these forms promptly so planning and ordering can begin, ready to start some groups in term two.

Thankyou for those who have returned expression of interest forms for our parenting course. I have been in touch with Parent Zone (Anglicare) today and they hope to let me know shortly the times they will be available to run the parenting course. They will be taking our responses into consideration.

Take care! Wendy Ronalnds
School Chaplain
If you have any questions please contact me at the school on a Tuesday or Thursday or email me on ronalds.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au I do check emails regularly.

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.

Drouin West Vegetable Garden

The garden is looking for a bit of nourishment and is after some manure!!!!

Any farmers out there who have sheep, cow, horse or chook manure and can get it to school to replenish our veggie beds please let me know.....if anyone is propagating seedlings in the next few weeks do some extra for the school as we will be planting shortly!!!

Any donations of any equipment that you don't use will be highly treasured and much appreciated.

Thankyou Mrs Megan Asling Performing Arts teacher
Drouin West School Fair
Sunday 19 March 2017
11am – 3pm

11 Sleeps to go!

It’s not long until this year’s Fair and we need your help to make the day a success.

Raffle

Boxes will be placed in each classroom for donations for the raffle hampers. See the attached flyer for the theme for your child’s class and ideas.

Raffle tickets will be sent home to families in the lead up to the fair and will be available for sale on the day.

Roster of Helpers

Many hands make light work so please nominate a ½ hour of your time to help out on one of the stalls. Please return the form attached to this newsletter with your preferred time and stall by Wed 8 March.

Cake Stall

Calling all bakers! Forms and containers will be sent home soon for donations of yummy homemade treats for the cake stall. Stay tuned for more information.

Tickets

As with previous years, you will be able to pre-purchase your Fair tickets and save $$$. Tickets can be used for just about everything on the day - rides, sideshows, beauty parlour, food and drinks, Showbags and more. Stay tuned for more information.

Sponsors

A BIG Thank You to all the businesses and community groups who donate goods and services for our Fair. Please support the people who support our school.

With everyone’s help we can make this a great day!
Drouin West School Fair
Sunday 19 March 2017 11am – 3pm

Helpers on the Day

The Fair Committee has been working very hard to make our fair a success. We have some great activities, stalls and entertainment lined up for the day.

We require parent helpers for the various stalls. Could you please spare some time to help us out?

Just fill in the slip below with your preferred time slot and activities.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH.

With everyone's help we can make this a great day!

×

Name .............................................................................................................

Contact Phone Number ..................................................................................

Eldest Child’s Name ...................................................................................... Class

I can help at the School Fair in the following time slot/s (please tick your preferences):

☐ 11.00am – 11.30am ☐ 11.30am – 12.00pm ☐ 12.00pm – 12.30pm
☐ 12.30pm – 1.00pm ☐ 1.00pm – 1.30pm ☐ 1.30pm – 2.00pm
☐ 2.00pm – 2.30pm ☐ 2.30pm – 3.00pm ☐ anytime

If possible, I would like to help out with (you can tick more than one item):

☐ Ticket Stand
☐ Jumping castle (collecting tickets)
☐ Combat Course (collecting tickets)
☐ Fruit & Vege Stall
☐ Food & Drinks
☐ Taking Orders
☐ Cooking
☐ Serving
☐ Cake stall
☐ Slushie Machine

☐ Showbags/Lucky Dip/Lolly Guess
☐ Raffle / Silent Auction
☐ Beauty Parlour
☐ Face painting
☐ Crazy hair
☐ Nail painting
☐ Tattoos
☐ Parking attendants
☐ Photographer

☐ I don’t mind where I help out
**Drouin West Primary School Fair Sunday 19th March 2017**

**ROSTER**

As you can see we still have a lot of spaces that need to be filled. Please support this exciting event. A helpers availability sheet is on the back of this page. Please fill it in and return to the school ASAP.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TIME SLOT</th>
<th>ACTIVITY</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>RESPONSIBLE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11.00 - 11.30</td>
<td>Ticket Booth</td>
<td>Nicky McDonald</td>
<td>Nicky McDonald</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.30 - 12.00</td>
<td>Jumping Castle</td>
<td>Susan McLeish</td>
<td>Larna Easton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.00 - 12.30</td>
<td>Combat course</td>
<td>Trevor</td>
<td>Susan McLeish</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.30 - 1.00</td>
<td>BBQ &amp; Drinks</td>
<td>Krystal Upton</td>
<td>Mrs Finger</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.00 - 1.30</td>
<td>Cooking</td>
<td>Gerard O'Riley</td>
<td>Larna Easton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.30 - 2.00</td>
<td>Serving</td>
<td>Meagan Sawyer</td>
<td>Kailyn McNeill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.00 - 2.30</td>
<td>Cake Stall/High Tea</td>
<td>Kim Vanderlight</td>
<td>Jason McIntyre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.30 - 3.00</td>
<td>Face painting</td>
<td>Krystal Upton</td>
<td>Larna Easton</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Drouin West School Fair  
Sunday 19 March 2017 11am – 3pm

RAFFLE DONATIONS REQUESTED

A Raffle will be held as part of the School Fair. We would like to ask families for donations to this raffle. There will be nine hampers made up of donations from students - each with a different theme.

Each class has been allocated a category for their hamper and students are asked to bring an item to add to the hamper. **All items must be new and unused.**

Below is the list of classes and the categories they have been allocated and some ideas for items.

**PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE IN THE BOXES IN EACH CLASSROOM BY TUESDAY 14TH MARCH.**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CLASS</th>
<th>CATEGORY</th>
<th>ITEM IDEAS</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prep A</td>
<td>Kids</td>
<td>games</td>
<td>puzzles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. Clerks</td>
<td></td>
<td>colouring books</td>
<td>bubbles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prep/1A</td>
<td>Garden</td>
<td>vegetable seeds</td>
<td>potting mix</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ms Barson</td>
<td></td>
<td>flower seeds</td>
<td>hose or fittings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Baby</td>
<td>bunny rug</td>
<td>dummy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss Winter</td>
<td></td>
<td>rattle</td>
<td>baby socks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2A</td>
<td>Ladies</td>
<td>bath wash or salts</td>
<td>perfume</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. Heath</td>
<td></td>
<td>hair accessories</td>
<td>make up</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Pets</td>
<td>lead</td>
<td>bird seed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss Reid</td>
<td></td>
<td>toys</td>
<td>edible treat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Car</td>
<td>car wash</td>
<td>bucket</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. Marki</td>
<td></td>
<td>sponge</td>
<td>deodoriser</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/5A</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>torch</td>
<td>shaver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss Bills</td>
<td></td>
<td>tools</td>
<td>sunglasses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5A</td>
<td>Grocery</td>
<td>dried / tinned foods</td>
<td>relish</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ms Ambrose</td>
<td></td>
<td>pasta sauce</td>
<td>jam</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Teenagers</td>
<td>books</td>
<td>games</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. Tymkin</td>
<td></td>
<td>Lego</td>
<td>puzzles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>torch</td>
<td>body wash</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Raffle will be drawn at the School Fair on Sunday 19 March 2017.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL FAIR!**