**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Achieve’

**Issue 6/16**  
**Hours of supervision:** 8.45am—3:45pm  
**9th March, 2016**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<td>Lunch orders and Student Banking</td>
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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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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>March 10th</td>
<td>Selected students will attend the district Athletics sports.</td>
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<td>Labour Day public holiday.</td>
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<td>Orders close for Hot Cross buns</td>
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<td>Delivery of Hot Cross Bun orders. Last day of term 1. Students finish at 2:30pm.</td>
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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

Mrs. Ware will also have Jazmyn joining her for a Pizza at the end of this term.

One weird day a dog came walking up to me. It said, "Hello." The dog and I both screamed. "What is your name? " I replied. "I don’t have one," he said. I told him that I would call him Shadow.

Then Shadow came walking home with me. When I went into the house Shadow went in through the dog flap.

I started making a sandwich for my lunch and Shadow jumped up and took my lunch. Then Shadow chased me around the house and kept jumping up on me. By Jazmyn.

Qkr the preferred method of payment for all school purchases. Qkr can be used to pay for the Student Stationery Charge $120 per student, purchase fundraising products, pay for excursions and to sign the permission forms. Login today and pay for the year 6 jackets or to order your Hot Cross Buns. Pay your Student Stationery Charge before March 24th at the discounted price of $115 per student. Upload instructions available at the office.
Wow the weeks are going so fast this term. The excitement of learning new things and making new friends has certainly kept everyone very busy so far.

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. The atmosphere is inclusive, supportive and 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.

Last year we used the Earn and Learn Stickers to add to our Lego collection.

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.

All students are encouraged to bring a suitable 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.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - Reminder
Each year children in Year 3-6 are given an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. The competitions in 2016 cover Science, Digital Technologies, Mathematics, English, Writing and Spelling. Please read the information attached with this newsletter for further information. Please ensure the reply slip and payment is returned to school by the last day of term 1 should you wish for your child to participate in 2016.

MUSIC TUITION
With JOE PATRICK
Now taking enrolments for 2016
DRUMS, GUITAR & UKULELE
$18 / 20 min weekly lesson
Lessons will be held at school during school hours.
Please contact 0498 742 381
Limited places are available.

PIANO/ KEYBOARD TUITION
Hi everyone, my name is Karen Thomson and I would like to offer piano/keyboard lessons to all students within Drouin West Primary School. I have been teaching piano/keyboard lessons at Drouin West Primary School for many years. I have been teaching students for over 25 years and I am also qualified and registered with the Australian Guild of Education. Thus giving me the opportunity to take students through grade levels so they progress with grade examinations when they are ready to do so. These lessons are on offer to all grade levels in your school.

LESSONS ARE;
$10.00 PER 15 MIN LESSON (one lesson per week of term).
$ 20.00 PER MUSIC BOOK supplied by myself if required.
LESSON MONEY SHOULD BE PAID TO MYSELF ON THE DAY OR CASH OR CHEQUE CAN BE MADE OUT TO COVER THE FULL TERM AMOUNT IF PREFERRED.
CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO KAREN THOMSON THANK YOU. TO BOOK IN YOUR LESSONS WITH ME PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 56 299 268.
PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL TO MAKE BOOKINGS
THANKYOU Karen Thomson.

Do you like to have fun?
Are you someone who can learn new skills?
Want to be part of something awesome?
If you answered yes to any of the above, WE WANT YOU!!!!!!!
Come and join the GULLS HOCKEY CLUB and be part of something special!
Weekly training with coaches and game day guidance.
Our great teams are here to have fun and would love to welcome you into our hockey family!
Team places currently available in U8’s, U10’s, U12’s, U17’s Women’s and Men’s teams. Whether you are a beginner or seasoned player we have a place for you!
For more info, contact Tash at tashwayne@dodo.com or on 0400732615.
### Super ‘B’ Award Winners

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 6, term 1:

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Hi everyone,

The final tip in developing confidence in children according to parenting expert Michael Grose is to: Give children real responsibility. Michael Grose says...

“From a young age, start giving children responsibility for some aspects of their lives. By giving kids responsibility we are sending a powerful message that we think they are capable. Also they are learning the skills necessary to be independent.

Most importantly, great parents and teachers have a knack of communicating confidence in kids. They find ways to let kids know:

- that they believe in them
- they know their kids will perform and succeed
- that they have faith that they can deal with life’s challenges
- know that they can become more independent.

Confidence building is such an important factor for children’s happiness that it can’t be left to chance.”

On another note I will be attending the next parenting session at Community Church Warragul 1-29 Wills St Warragul on Monday March 21st from 9:15-10:45. This was one of 3 parenting courses available this term. The topic on this day is “boundaries and consequences”. I would love for mums to join me, if you would like to, so let me know if you’re interested in coming. The last time was very relaxed and not too overwhelming with information and plenty of time for discussion with other mums. If you are interested in doing other Parenting courses then you could try calling Parentzone on 51339998 to see when the next course might be running in the area.

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.

Take care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following student who is celebrating their special day during the week of Monday, 7th March to Sunday, 13th March.

Siobhan 2A

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

Topical Information & Discussion
Every six weeks
For parents, by parents

#2 boundaries & consequences

CCW Multi-Purpose Room

• Mon Mar 21, 9.15-10.45am, for Mums
  Gold coin donation for child-minding on site
  OR
• Mon Mar 22, 7.15-8.45pm, for Mums & Dads
  Please arrange your own child-minding
  Ring us if you’re looking for a list of baby-sitters

Everyone Welcome!

Next Topic: Routine
May 2 morning for Mums
May 9 evening for Mums & Dads

Expressions of interest, please call or text:
Margret Conley  0419 957 722
Anne Cutchie    0488 609 188

Community Church Warragul Inc #A0036075H
1-29 Wills St, Warragul
DROUIN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL
NOW HAS ITS OWN APP

Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the Drouin West Primary School App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:
1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.

2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.

3. Log into the App and search for "Drouin West Primary School”.

4. Choose your applicable access group(s).

5. If you don’t have a smartphone go to dwps.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.

Need help?
Contact: Drouin West Primary School
Email: drouin.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 5625 1971
Drouin Country Charm Easter Photos

‘Show me the Bunny’

** 1 WEEKEND ONLY **

Join The Easter Bunny In Our Enchanted Cottage Garden

19 Wellwood Road Drouin

Bring all the family. Feed the Clydesdale horses. Photo packages as well as your image on USB available.

Follow us on Facebook for all up to date information

www.facebook.com/drouineasterphotos

Jenelle 0423 352 779  Louise 0412 942 897

2016 EASTER SESSION TIMES

Friday 11th March    Saturday 12th March
Sunday 13th March

Mornings: 10am – 12noon          Twilight: 5pm – 8pm

NO BOOKINGS NEEDED
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Each year children in year 3-6 at Drouin West are given the chance to enter competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales. The competitions cover Science, Mathematics, English, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing.

The entry fee for Science, Mathematics, English and Digital Technologies is $8.00. Writing which is individually marked by teachers is $17.00. The Spelling assessment is also hand marked and the entry fee is $11.00.

Students are awarded a certificate as follows:
- High Distinction to the top 1%,
- Distinction to the next 10%,
- Credit to the next 25%
- Participation to all other participating students.

Students also receive a report with diagnostic information which highlights strengths and weaknesses.

If you would like your child to enter one or more of these competitions, please complete the form below and return it with the correct payment by Thursday March 24 (last day of term 1).

Kerry Ware
Principal

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

I would like my child/children to enter the following competitions:

Name of child: ............................................. Grade: .................

Maths $8.00  [ ] English $8.00  [ ] Science $8.00  [ ]

Digital Technologies $8.00  [ ] Writing $17.00  [ ] Spelling $11.00  [ ]

Enclosed is $…………… to cover the entry fee.

Name of child: ............................................. Grade: .................

Maths $8.00  [ ] English $8.00  [ ] Science $8.00  [ ]

Digital Technologies $8.00  [ ] Writing $17.00  [ ] Spelling $11.00  [ ]

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Signed: .......................................................... (Parent/Guardian)