**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

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**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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<th>Mondays</th>
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<td>Fridays</td>
<td>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.</td>
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**Friday**

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<th>September 11th</th>
<th>Grade 2/3A will be performing ‘I am Australian’ at assembly.</th>
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<td>September 9th and 10th</td>
<td>Grades 3/4A and 3/4B Parent/Teacher interviews from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. If you haven't yet booked a time you can add your name to the list at the classroom or please speak to Mrs. Proctor and Miss Bills.</td>
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<td>September 14th to 16th</td>
<td>Grade 4 camp at Nayook.</td>
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<td>Parent/Teacher Interviews from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Please add your name to your child’s classroom booking sheet.</td>
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<td>September 18th</td>
<td>Last Day of term 3. Students dismissed at 2:30pm Footy Day Lunch—order forms must be in by Friday 11th September.</td>
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<td>October 5th</td>
<td><strong>Curriculum Day. This is the first day of term 4 and has been approved as a Curriculum Day by School Council. This will be a student free day.</strong></td>
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<td>October 9th</td>
<td>Whole School Disco keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks. Notices will be given out in the first week of term 4. $5 per student.</td>
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Parent handbooks are available online or as a hard copy from the office

**HELPERS WANTED**

A number of the regular helpers are unavailable on Footy Day, which means we are in need of extra people to come on the day to prepare and serve.

Even if you are only available for a short time, please come and lend a hand.

**Footy Day - Fri 18 Sept**  12 noon - 1:30pm (or part there of)

If you can help please let the office know or contact Catherine on 0432 868 304
From The Principal’s Office

Fathers’ Day
We hope all the Dads in our school community had a lovely day on Fathers’ Day. Fathers have a very special role to play in the lives of their children as they grow up and learn from watching those around them.

I suspect some Dads were spoilt with delightful gifts from the Father’s Day stall. Thank you to the team of mums including: Sarah Smith, Catherine Thorpe, Janine Bone, Jenelle Harper, Louise Sedgman, Lainie Andrews, Julie Thomas and Carolyn McIntyre who have planned and assisted with the stall this year.

Cyber Safety at Home
It was terrific to see parents come along to the presentation about cyber safety on Monday evening. While the World Wide Web offers information at the click of a button, we were reminded of the need to monitor our children to ensure they are safe. The statistics and examples presented were staggering and we were reminded of the need for parents to supervise their children. The discussion around how to best access support to manage unwanted online behaviour was insightful. The change to the laws which are effective, from July 1 2015 around sexting, was also significant and will seriously impact on anyone posting inappropriate information online. Thank you to Kasey Bayne for organising this event for our school community.

Car Park
From time to time parents are using the car park area at the front of the school in a way that creates safety concerns for children.

To enable us to provide a safe car park for all students we ask that parents:
- do not park in the disabled parking area unless you have a valid disabled sticker and need to use this area for a person with a physical disability
- do not use the bus parking area at the front gate which is allocated specifically for the day care bus
- do not stop to collect their children at the front gate as this area needs to be keep clear for the safety of pedestrians.

Parents who prefer to drive in without the need to park and collect their children at the front gate are asked to use the car line.

We know there are times that the parking areas around the school are very busy however the safety of all students is our highest priority. Parents can also come 5-10 minutes after the bell to find ample car parking spaces.

Parent/Teacher Interviews at the end of term
Parents wishing to catch up with their child’s class teacher are encouraged to arrange an appropriate time for a 10 minute meeting at the end of this term.

This is an opportunity for parents to have a conversation about their child’s learning and follow up on any concerns that may need to be resolved.

Most teachers will be available in the last week of term on Tuesday Sept 15 and Wednesday Sept 16 from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

As Miss Bills and Mrs Proctor will be attending camp in the last week of the term they will be available next week on Wednesday Sept 9 and Thursday Sept 10 after school.

Parents are asked to book in an appointment time by adding their name to the booking sheet at the classroom.

Playgroup for 2016 Preps.
If you are intending to enrol your child or know of anyone who will be enrolling their child at Drouin West Primary, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

We will be holding a series of playgroup sessions in term 4 for 2016 preps and require enrolment details to ensure each child is offered the opportunity to attend.

Hats, Hats, Hats
Please remember that in term 4, students will be required to wear a school hat whenever they are outside.

Hats are available at the office for $8.
Well finally the sun had some warmth in it and we enjoyed more time outside. With footy wrapping up, the boys attention is turning to cricket and a great game was played on Thursday with the children practising their batting, bowling and fielding.

Miss Pauline was reminding the group that she had a birthday coming up, so Ryan and Holly made her a lovely sand cake decorated with candles and flowers. An extra candle was added by Ryan to make her grow, not sure how we are going to top that on her actual birthday.

The rest of the week was taken up with footy, sandpit, Lego, bubbles and lots of creative play.

As the term is coming to a close please ensure that all accounts are up to date before we break for the holidays.

If you need to change your bookings at all for Term 4 please see me as soon as you can. This will help us plan our sessions and make sure we have a place for your child.

Peta Watson
OSHC co-ordinator

Vocabulary Connectors Openers Punctuation

PENNY PUNCTUATION
On the dangerous day Mr Who spilt the potion all over himself…
Nothing happened until one moment he became a 200 foot tall monster!
By Ashden Milner 2/3A

CONNIE CONNECTIVE
Foxes can eat rabbits and they eat chickens but they cannot do everything.
By Rory Vanderplight F/1B

VINNIE VOCAB
The colosseum was an arena where men and animals fought to the death for the upper classes satisfaction.
By Tom Juratowitch 5/6B

OLLIE OPENER
Suddenly I saw Joab come out of my fresh new book and it was marvellous.
By Lachie McDonald 1/2A.
Helping your child achieve their best!

I have been thinking about my children lately. How different they are in their looks, personality and their ability to learn. One finds learning relatively easy, has a good short and long term memory and has a good stash of facts about the world we live in. The other child works harder to learn, is not so good at remembering information but gives their absolute best no matter what the task.

This week there has been lots of home learning to support my children with. I was learning Indonesian phrases, relearning algebra-I was surprised to realize I had remembered some from my Secondary school days! I was also doing quizzes on chemistry and learning about electrons and protons. It’s been a mentally challenging week-for me!!!

Over the dinner table we were talking about being of good character. We were identifying strengths in each other that showed positive character traits. Being honest, loyal, compassionate and kind were just some of the qualities we identified in each other. For me these qualities are as important as the algebra and protons.

Helping our children achieve their best involves investing time into our children’s character as well as teaching them the academics.

I found this great poster from www.AllAboutLearningPress.com

Never give up investing time into your child—it’s the most important gift we can ever give them.

Take Care! Wendy Ronalds School Chaplain
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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.
Happy Birthday !!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who are celebrating their special day during the week of Monday, 7th September to Sunday, 13th September.

Riley Stock F/1A, Hayden McNeill 3/4A, Flynn McMaster F/1B and Ms Boorer.

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

Taste Healthy ‘Kid Friendly’ Lunch Box Treat:
Honey Muesli Balls

Ingredients:
1/2 cups nut-free toasted muesli
1 cup pitted prunes
1/4 cup honey
1/4 teaspoon mixed spice
50g margarine, melted, cooled

1. Step 1: Process 2 cups muesli, prunes, honey, mixed spice and margarine in a food processor until well combined.
2. Step 2: Place remaining muesli on a plate. Using 1 level tablespoon of prune mixture at a time, roll into a ball, then roll in remaining muesli to coat. Place on a baking tray lined with baking paper. Refrigerate for 30 minutes or until firm.

Step 3: Store muesli balls in an airtight container in the fridge.

For more lunch box recipes for kids to cook go to:

Prepared by Health Promotion Team Phone: 56243500
Drouin West Primary School
2015 Disco

Will be held on Friday 9th October in the Multi-purpose room.
7pm—8:30pm
Cost will be $5.00 per student

Permission forms will be sent home on Wednesday
7th October.
Students must bring the permission form with them
to the disco.

The proceeds raised from this year’s disco will be donated as approved by School Council.

Evie by Tom Smith
Evie is my baby cousin. She is only 12 months old. She is funny and lovely.
Appearance:
She is chubby and she is funny. She is like a pet and she has blue eyes and not much hair.
She is medium size. She has small hands.

What she likes to do:
She likes to climb up people. She likes to crawl around everything and she likes to eat and play.

How I feel:
I feel happy when I hug her and when she smiles. When you touch her cheeks you will feel nothing but beautiful soft skin. I know when I touch her skin I nearly faint to the ground. She is so soft. She is amazing. I think that everyone should love her. I know that I do because she is lovely.

My Dad by Lannaea Bone
Not many people can say that they have 9 dads, but I can. My dad is the best dad you can imagine!
His name is Warwick but some people call him Waz.

Hobbies:
My dad has lots of hobbies such as camping and trekking up mountains in Australia and all over the world. Another important thing is that he loves dirt bike riding and 4 wheel driving. Also he enjoys playing on the trampoline, gardening and plays basketball. (That is why I have 9 dads.)

Appearance:
My dad has hazel eyes, (but they are more like tier stripe eyes, because they are goldish with black speckles) and short silver, blackish hair. He is also very tall.

Occupation:
One day my dad’s pumping icing on a princess ballerina cake for Chanae’s (my little sister) birthday cake. But the next he’s pumping on some one’s chest, saving a life because he’s a MICA paramedic.

Even though I have 9 dads, I have 1 love. So you see, even though it sounds controversial and gossipy, it all comes down to a rainbow of love for my super dad!

By Ben Jankovic
Dad
Builder, happy
Builds, fixes, works
I really love you
Father

By Seth Hudson
Funny, happy
Working, playing, cuddling
He’s my best mate
Kurt

By Kieren Willis
Hilarious, cheeky
Builds, works, making
The best dad ever
Dad

By Stephanie Bottom
Sneaky, playful
Hides, fixes, cheeky
My dad is mysterious
Father

By Cailean Thomas
Dad
Funny, lovely
 Works, mows, weeds
The best dad ever
Father
I love you