**Newsletter**

**Drouin West Primary School**

‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Succeed’

**Issue 37/12**

**Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3.45pm** 5th December, 2012

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**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

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**GLOW CANDLES $2 FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE**

**Flippa Ball**
**Fridays**
Drouin Secondary College Indoor Pool
For students in Year levels 4-6
Dates: Nov 30th. Dec 7th and 14th.
Supervisor: Paul Mahoney
Time: 4 - 5pm

**Student Banking**
**Win an iPad Mini**

Make a deposit into your school saving account between November 19th and December 14th to go into the draw to win 1 of 12 iPad Minis valued at $369.

**Grade 5/6 2013 Camp Payments**

A reminder that deposits & payments are due for the 2013 grade 5/6 camp. If you have not yet paid your deposit, please could you do so as soon as possible to enable us to confirm our camp booking. All students wishing to attend the camp must pay a deposit prior to December 14th 2012.

Please contact the office if you wish to organise other payment options.

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From The Principal’s Office

End of Year Reports
As many parents would be aware, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to support their bans on providing written comments and numerical assessments in student reports. This ban will have an impact for most classroom teacher and specialist reports sent home at the end of this term. All parents will receive a written assessment of their child’s achievement against the Victorian Essential Learning standards.

Student reports will be sent home on Friday December 14. Should you wish to discuss your child’s progress, please contact the class teacher to arrange a convenient time. Interviews will be conducted during normal working hours.

Library Books
Students are asked to return all library books to school by Friday Dec 14th at the very latest. Thanks to everyone who has already returned their books. Families are asked to check very carefully at home for any books that might be hiding in sneaky places and return these to school. Wouldn’t it be fantastic if our stocktake shows no books have been lost and all have been returned in 2012!

Students will no longer be able to borrow books from the library at school. An alternative for families may be to visit our public library and borrow books to enjoy at home for the whole family.

School Accounts
As we draw towards the end of term and the end of the school year, it is vital that all school accounts and Out of Hours School Care accounts are paid. Thank you to the wonderful families that have come in during the last week to settle their accounts.

Student Placements for 2013
Staff have put significant time and thought into allocating students to classes in preparation for next year. We take into consideration friendship groups, siblings in close year levels, balance between boys and girls, social dynamics, a balance of class sizes across the school and individual learning needs of students. Teachers also consider student friendship requests and ensure that each child has one of their own friendship choices.

If parents/guardians have any special requests to be considered, I would encourage you to speak directly with class teachers, put your request in writing, arrange an appointment to speak with me in person or alternatively contact me in the coming week. Requests are considered and every attempt is made to accommodate requests.

Don’t have your copy of the newsletter? Do you want to check some information you have read about in a previous newsletter?
No problem… Each week Ann prepares the newsletter and posts it on to our school’s website: www.drouinwest.vic.edu.au

Message from the Chaplain
Hello everyone
It can be a busy time of year. I love the anticipation of Christmas and the hope that it brings; but I find myself getting anxious trying to live up to expectations of how the world wants me to see Christmas. Big expensive presents for everyone, time with family and friends. I do okay at the time with family bit - although juggling my own family and extended family can be tricky trying to meet everyone’s expectations. But the big presents-so much pressure to buy the latest……As my own kids told me about another gift they wanted for Christmas I gave them a little talk.

“Children in Australia already have so many “things”. Please be thankful for all you already have and maybe instead of wanting more, think about the joy it brings to give to someone who may not have as much as you. There are so many children in the world today who do not have enough to eat, or clothes to wear or school to attend.”

It’s a very hard balance for us as parents. But the simplicity of the first Christmas over 2000 years ago cannot be understated. I try and keep it simple and help my family to do the same.

Some of you may need some short term food assistance at this time of year.
Food Relief is located at 7 Tarwin Street Warragul and is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am -1pm. You can obtain a big box of groceries and some fruit and vegetables for a $5 donation.
Food Relief is run by the Baw Baw Combined Churches. If you wish to enquire please phone Anne who is the co-ordinator on 0419 375 813

Take care!
Wendy Ronalds
Chaplain available Wednesdays and Fridays

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Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 8, term 4:

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!!
Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 3rd December to Sunday, 9th December:

Lilly Henderson Carbery, Hollie Walker, Rachel Cook, Grace Thorpe, Brooke Whiteside and Miss Henzen.

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

Joke of the Week
Q. Why was the toilet paper rolled down the hill??

A. To get to the bottom!!

Thank you to Caleb Dumergue and Dylan Slow for this joke.
Drouin Lights up for Christmas Festival
Friday 7th December 2012
Come down the main street of Drouin and join in the fun Christmas activities
Starts after school at 3:30pm to 7pm

- Jumping castle
- Face painting
- Giant candy cane stiltwalker
- Music
- Temporary airbrush tattoos
- Farm animals
- Santa and Mrs Clause available for photos 4pm to 6pm
- Christmas Carols
- Kids fun activities, free painting games and lots more

Students will be seated in their grade groups with their teachers, non school siblings are to be seated with and supervised by their parents. As our students will be performing non school siblings will not be able to play on the play equipment, please ask them to sit and enjoy the show.

The show will start Thursday, December 13th at 7pm on the decking of the grade 5/6 rooms

Bring your rugs or fold up chairs to sit on while you enjoy the show.

You may bring along NON ALCOHOLIC drinks.
Please be respectful of our environment and place all rubbish in the bins.