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Newsletter

Drouin West Primary School

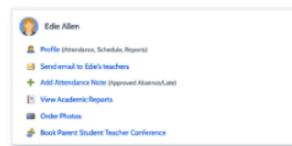
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Entering an Attendance Note

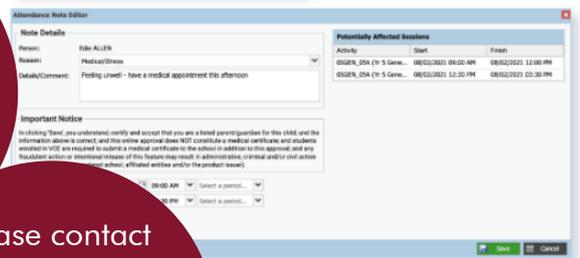
- 1 From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the **Add Attendance Note** item.
- 2 From the pop-up window
 - ➔ Select the reason
 - ➔ Enter a brief description of the absence
 - ➔ Select the start and finish time
 - ➔ Click the 'Save' button



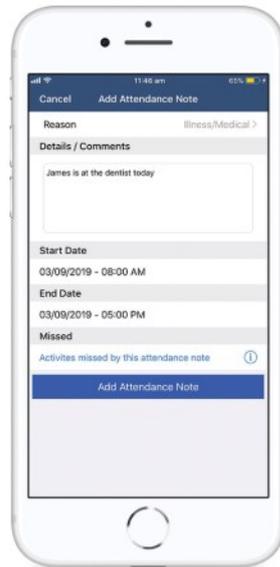
What is an Attendance Note?
An Attendance Note is used to explain when your child is absent or late for school.

Did you know that you can advise us of an absence on Compass?

Please contact the office if you need your Compass login



Where possible, attendance notes should be entered prior to the absence/lateness occurring.



SMS Link

If your child is marked as absent without prior approval you will receive a message containing a link. When you follow the link, you will have the opportunity to explain the absence.

The link will expire after you have clicked it, meaning that it cannot be used to explain unapproved absences in the future. Instead, you will receive another message containing a new link, allowing you to repeat the process.

IMPORTANT DATES



Mondays	Lunch Orders— Flexischools App
Tuesdays	Breakfast Club 8:30am—8:45am (Free to All) (Starting WEEK 4) Library Open to students at lunch time
Thursdays	Lunch Orders - Flexischools App Breakfast Club 8:30am—8:45am (Free to All) (Starting WEEK 4) Library Open to Students at lunchtime
Fridays	Outside Assembly @ 2:50pm Parents & Friends—1st Friday of the month @ 9:00am (after drop off)
Wed 2nd MAR	First Wednesday at school for Preps
Wed 9th MAR	School Athletics Day
Mon 14th MAR	Labour Day Public Holiday - No School
Tues 15th MAR	School Council Meeting AGM
Thurs 17th MAR	School Photos (Full school uniform please)
Fri 18th MAR	National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence / Harmony Day (Wear bright colours to school!)
Tues 26th APR	Student free curriculum day
Wed 10th AUG - Fri 12th AUG	Waratah Bay Beach Adventure Camp

Hats required in Term 1 for outside play! \$10 @ the office.



From Mrs Halliday



Drouin West Primary School

'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Learner'



Well done District Swimmers!

We have had another great week at DWPS, we continued to build our 'match fitness' to take on full school weeks. With the interrupted year and the summer break, the adjustment to comprehensive full learning days is something we all need to continue to work at.

Childhood is such a big learning journey.

A time to learn how to read, write, be numerate, strategise, understand concepts and apply it all in so many different ways, whilst also learning to be in a social world. Learning to understand ourselves as people, what we like, what we don't like, as we interact with others who have different interests and view points. A time to learn through mistakes in an ever-changing world requires us to be adaptive at a drop of a hat. All of this takes time and the development of coping strategies and resilience building, various other skills, throughout which all children need to learn with our support, guidance and explicit instruction/teaching.

We are always so proud of our students at DWPS, constantly I see how resilient they are and how eager they are to learn.

This week, we had some students participate in our district swimming competition, Mrs Gardiner was SO proud of how well our students participated, behaved and achieved. There were some individual personal bests and we have some going through to the next round. FANTASTIC effort by all and so glad we are able to have some of these events this year!

Coming up on the 9th of March, we have our school athletics day at the Geoff Watt Track, this day is for all our students to represent their houses and compete against each other. It is outside, so parents are welcome to come around and support.

It is a big day and athletics isn't everyone's strength. However our PE program constantly reflects on the importance on being a great participant and having a go, using the technique of the event and developing over time. Stacie Gardiner (our PE teacher) has done an amazing job putting together the day and we really look forward to it.

Thank you for your ongoing support through the term, it has been a challenge for some families with some isolation periods affecting attendance, on a school level, we are doing our best to continue to build consistent programs throughout the challenge of staff leave also. Please continue to notify the school if your child had tested positive. We also ask that you please continue to keep your child home if they are feeling unwell - learning takes a lot of energy and when they are feeling unwell, it can be a challenge to get through the day. We really want to keep our community well and minimise the spread of illness.

Take care,

Kelly Halliday, *Principal*

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

Drouin West Primary School

There are 2 parent positions vacant. All vacancies are for positions to be held for two years.

Information on the role of a school council <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-council-overview/overview>

Timeline below follows the 2022 election process

Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 24 th February Post on Compass, Facebook and Website
Closing Date for nominations	Friday 4 th March 2021
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Monday 7 th March
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed.	Monday 7 th March
Close of ballot	4:00pm Friday 11 th March
Vote Count	Monday 14 th March
Declaration of poll	Tuesday 15 th March
School Council AGM and special meeting to co-opt community members (the Principal will preside)	Tuesday 15 th March 7:00pm

SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Drouin West Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by **12pm Friday March 4th**.

The ballot will close at 4:00pm Friday March 11th.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school via Compass and the school newsletter.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 To and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024.	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Election oversight - Emma Wiesenekker



SUPER BEE AWARDS

'A big congratulations and well done!'

Prep A Mrs Bull - Caleb W

Prep B Miss Thomson - Amelie T

1A Miss Winter - Memphis G

1B Miss Balfour - Fletcher O

2/3A Ms Faumuina - Tillie M

2/3B Miss Viotto - Charli H

2/3C Mr Cheeseman - Ben D

4/5A Miss Jessiman - Lily M

4/5B Mrs Tymkin & Mrs Forster - Sienna C

5/6A Ms Ambrose - Bella B

5/6B Miss Baudinette - Leeah R