Newsletter  
Drouin West Primary School  
‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Succeed’  
Issue 34/12  
Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3.45pm  
14th November, 2012

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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**Drouin West Fire Brigade**

**Preparing for Fire Season**  
Are you planning on burning off? Please ring Vicfire and register your details. Why? By doing so you may avoid an unnecessary visit from local Fire Brigades. Often people driving by may misconstrued your burn off from a real fire. So a simple phone call to 1800 668 511 will assist you and assist our volunteers.

You will also find some great information on what you can or can’t do at – [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/restrictions/](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/restrictions/)

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**Summer Sports**  
**Wednesdays**  
Drouin West Primary School oval  
For students in Year levels Prep to 6  
Dates: Nov 14th, 21st, 28th and Dec 5th.  
Supervisor: Paul Mahoney  
Time: 3.15 - 4.15pm

**Flippa Ball**  
**Fridays**  
Drouin Secondary College Indoor Pool  
For students in Year levels 4-6  
Dates: Nov 23rd and 30th. Dec 7th and 14th.  
Supervisor: Paul Mahoney  
Time: 4 - 5pm
From The Principal’s Office

Remembrance Day Service
All students were able to participate in our Remembrance Day service on Monday. Thank you to the following year 6’s who planned and presented a service which was held at the flagpole: Jake Sikorski; Georgia Henderson; Jacqui Glasscock; Ryan Taylor; Michael Wayman; Rachel Cook; Jared Mills; Brooke Whiteside; Madison Burrows and Alyssa Fritzlaff.

School Accounts
As we draw towards the end of term and the end of the school year, it is imperative that all school accounts and Out of Hours School Care accounts are paid.

Thank you morning tea
Parents who have assisted with programs and activities during the year will be invited by staff to a special morning tea on Thursday December 6 at 11.00am. Please keep this date free and note it on your calendar.

We look forward to acknowledging and celebrating the contributions of all the volunteers who work in our school throughout the year.

Head lice checks
Thank you to all those families who have been treating their children for head lice. Thank you also to the wonderful helpers who have been assisting with checking children in the last couple of weeks. We do appreciate: the difficulty in irradiating this community health issue; know the time it takes and the cost of treatments. We will need to continue to work together in coming weeks to help prevent reoccurrences of lice.

Music Exams
Congratulations to the following students who have sat their music exams for piano recently: Claire Giles (Step 2); Tahlia Pemberton (Step 1); Kate Mahoney (Step 1); Ayden Narayan (Step 1). This achievement is well deserved and represent the dedication and many hours of practice that needs to go into learning an instrument.

Homework Policy
We have had some feedback from parents on their views around homework as part of the parent opinion survey. Teachers have had discussions and reviewed our school’s policy. There are many valid arguments promoting homework and as many arguments supporting the view that children should not do homework. One article from Education Review states “The argument has been raging for more than a century: is homework good or bad?” We value your input into our draft policy and invite you to respond by sending along your written comments on our proposed policy which is attached to this newsletter.

As homework conjures up negative feelings and attitudes for some people we would like to use the term home learning in the revised policy.

2013 Camp Payments
A reminder that payments are due for 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.

CASSE Parent Sessions
As you may be aware Drouin West PS as a pilot school in Victoria is fortunate to be chosen to participate in the CASSE approach. CASSE stands for Creating a Safe Supportive Environment. Its aim is to reduce the impact of bullying in schools and society by focusing on the ‘bystanders’ (the people who stand by as an audience to bullying) and turning them into ‘upstanders’ (people who tactfully and appropriately help to diffuse a bullying situation). We have a group of students in our school who are learning how to become upstanders and are learning skills which will aid them through the rest of their lives.

CASSE is offering a Parent Session for parents not just of the students involved but parents who are interested in how to support their children in bullying situations.

TOPIC: What’s CASSE all about and how do we respond if one of our children is bullied.

AIMS:
To help clarify the CASSE model and role of CASSE Student Teams
To emphasise the importance of parent support at home and school in promoting power dynamics and metallisation and building positive relationships with their school and fellow parents
To actively engage parent (Mums & Dads) support for CASSE at each of the schools.

DATE: Thursday November 22nd
VENUE: St Gabriel’s Primary School Traralgon
TIME: 6pm

Kasey Bayne, CASSE Team Leader

Student Banking
If you wish to trade your tokens for a prize in this term please put your orders in before December 3rd. Prizes will be ordered on this date. Remember to save each week to increase your token tally. The more tokens you have the more prizes you can acquire. The prizes available are:
Hi Everyone,

Today marks our last session for our Incredible Years Parenting Program. This program has been run over the last eleven Wednesday mornings in the music room. It has been a great time of getting to know other families in our school while learning about parenting techniques.

Good Beginnings obtained funding to run the Incredible Years Parenting Program in schools in Gippsland and we were fortunate to have it run at our school. Thanks to Tracey and Lyndal, from Good Beginnings for their excellent delivery of the program.

I have two highlights from the program. One is the reminder that parenting is a tough career. It takes hard work and commitment to look after our kids and give them the necessary skills they need for life.

Two, spending ten minutes a day of playing with each child in your family can help stop some of the other issues that come with raising kids. Right through the program as we looked at all sorts of tools to help us with our parenting, spending ten minutes with our children each day with an activity they like to do (no electronics) is one of the best ways we can help our children prepare for life.

I would like to say a big thank-you to the parents who came along. I really appreciated getting to know you all. Thank-you for the time you gave each week to the course and for your willingness to try some new ideas.

Take care!
Wendy Ronalds

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THE SEARCH FOR DROUIN WEST TALENT IS ON!

Can you sing, break dance, juggle, tell jokes, play African drums or do the worm? We are holding Drouin West’s Got Talent at our School Fair in March 2013. If you think you've got what it takes to impress us with your unique talent and skills or if you just want to be a part of the fun atmosphere on the day, we would love to see you register your act by filling in the entry form available from the office and hand back to the office by Friday 23rd November 2012. Students in grade 6 are eligible to enter. Hurry time is running out!

OSHC

Are you looking for extra space in your cupboards? Now is a great time to clean them out and help the OSHC replenish their resources.

OSHC would love some of the following items for the students to use: * Lego
* Dress-ups for all ages
* Dolls
* Wool
* Magazines
* Craft items (glitter, felt, ribbons, water paints etc)
* Boxes for craft.

OSHC is a great service that is thoroughly enjoyed by all students who attend.

There are places available in Before and After School Care, please contact the office for a booking sheet to organise your required time or you could send a text message to Mrs. Peta Watson the OSHC co-ordinator on 0429 409 095. Peta will be able to phone you in response to your text request.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 5, term 4:

| PrepA  | Jack Walsh
| Prep/1A | Harry Mills
| 1/2A   | Charlie Williams
| 2/3A   | Eisak Tabensky
| 3/4B   | Tahlia Pemberton
| 4/5A   | Bethany Zelley
| 5/6A   | Brooke Whiteside
| 5/6B   | Rachel Cook

Happy Birthday !!!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 12th November to Sunday, 18th November

Jake Sikorski 5/6A, Shelby Walker Prep A and Willow Petrov
Remember to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.

Joke of the Week

Why couldn’t the opera singer open her front door?

She couldn’t find her Key

Milo cricket
we are looking for boys and girls to get involved.

Friday nights at 4:30pm
Drouin Football Ground- Drouin Recreational reserve
Contact Ross Lucas
Ph. 0439 322 045

Cost $65
Programme runs for 6 weeks
This is aimed at children from 5-11 years old