IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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- **2013 Preps Play Group.** Children enrolled for the 2013 Prep year are invited to attend a play group from 2pm to 3pm.
- **Closing date for Drouin West’s Got Talent.** Return your entry forms to the office. Flippa Ball starts this week. Places are still available.
- **Thankyou morning tea in the Multi purpose room at 11am**
- **Orientation Day for grade 6 students at their chosen secondary school and for 2013 Preps attending Drouin West Primary School**
- **End of Year Event**
- **Graduation Night**
- **Transition Day—Students will meet their 2013 teacher and classes**
- **Last Day of School 1.30pm finish**

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**Beleza School Uniform VIP Sale**

20% off store wide
Friday 30th November 9am to 6pm and Saturday 1st December 9am to 1pm
No Laybys during VIP sale dates
Some exclusions apply see in store for details.

- **Warragul Store**
  - Shop 5—6 William Square
  - Warragul
  - Ph. 03 56 222 930

**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!

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**Flippa Ball**

**Fri**

Drouin Secondary College Indoor Pool
For students in Year levels 4-6
Dates: Nov 23rd and 30th. Dec 7th and 14th.
From The Principal’s Office

Special Presentation by OAC Ministries
Students who participate in Christian Religious Education were able to be part of the OAC Ministries performance on Monday. We had three facilitators present to both the Senior and Junior classes through puppets, story telling and games as they explored what Christmas means.

Library Books
Thank you to those families who have started to return misplaced library books to school. As we need to do an annual stocktake of these precious resources we will be asking for all library books students have borrowed to be returned to school by the first week in December.

Please help us by returning any books that are at home in the coming weeks. Wouldn’t it be fantastic if our stocktake shows no books have been lost and all have been returned.

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 will put significant time and thought into allocating students to classes in the next week. 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.

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 weeks. Requests are considered and every attempt is made to accommodate requests.

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.

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

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 22
VENUE: St Gabriel’s Primary School Traralgon
TIME: 6pm Kasey Bayne, CASSE Team Leader
Chaplaincy News

Last Tuesday night I heard Robert Gordon, who is a clinical psychologist, speak about children and teenagers and their reactions since the fires.

Robert Gordon believes that it takes 7 years for communities to recover from a disaster. Seven years is a small time in an adult’s life but in a child’s life it is a large section of their life. Children/teenagers will often start to have problems 2 to 3 years after the fires. When their parents have finally relaxed and rebuilt their lives, kids are confident to be themselves and will show how they are really coping. This might be displaying irritable behaviour, fighting or kids will express tiredness by not wanting to try out new things.

Robert stressed the importance of talking about the fires with your children; it will take years for children to get the fires into perspective. Conversations should happen on numerous occasions. As children mature they will put the experience into perspective. As children talk about the fires and may focus on the many negative things that happened, it’s our job to mention all of the positive things that happened too. So we can try and give children a new viewpoint to help them feel secure. Eg. A fire like that has only happened every 100 years. We need to help kids build up their self esteem and confidence. Enjoyable things in life build this self esteem and confidence. Find something your children like to do and encourage your children to pursue it.

Create opportunities to enjoy being a family-build some family memories.
We need to work hard at connecting with our kids, not necessarily trying to solve their problems. Have snippets of conversations as you drive, or cook or weed the garden-just be with your kids-building a solid relationship.

If you feel you need some extra support with this, the Victorian Bushfire Appeal fund has provided “Berry Street”, who is an agency that can provide free counselling. Berry Street will come to your home or you can go and see them and they have trained counsellors who can offer support for children or parents.
Please see me if you would like some more information. I have some flyers. Or you can contact them direct on 03 5134 5971

Take care!
Wendy Ronalds
Chaplain available Wednesdays and Fridays

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.

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Invitation to our book launch of

‘Pathways to Strength and Healing:
Stories from West Gippsland folk after the 2009 fires’

at Jindivick Hall on Friday November 30th, 2012 at 7.30pm

Refreshments provided

RSVP by Monday, November 19th to Warragul Community House

wglcommh@dcsi.net.au  56236032
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 6, 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, 19th November to Sunday, 25th November:

Abbey Honey– Coustley 5/6A, Ethan Fry 2/3A, Xavier Roberts 2/3A, Sarah Ronalds 4/5A, Mrs Colleen Crookston and Mrs. Peta Watson in OSHC

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

Joke of the Week
What’s the term for a group of sardines?
A tin
“Lift your Spirits”  
Creative Cushion & T Shirt Printing Service.  
I personalise cushion covers, T shirts, aprons, calico bags and leggings.  
I can put your favourite photo or design something for you to place on any of these items. Pets are popular!  
Great ideas for Christmas.  
Please email me at

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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 misconstrue your burn off for 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/can.htm](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/restrictions/can.htm)  
Would you like to know more? Come visit us at 530 Main Neerim Road, Drouin West on Sunday the 25th November at 10am to 2:30pm

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**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.  
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:

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**FOUND**  
**Pair of prescription glasses.**  
Please come to the office to claim them

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**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

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**Lightwood Valley Building Maintenance**  
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