# Newsletter

Drouin West Primary School

*Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Succeed*

**Issue 36/12**

**Hours of supervision:** 8.45am—3.45pm  
28th November, 2012

## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<td>Thankyou morning tea in the Multi purpose room at 11am</td>
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| Friday        | December 7th           | Grade 3 Sleepover  
Finance Committee meeting 3.30pm.                                      |
| Monday        | December 10th          | Closing date for Hamper donations. Please see full page notice for further details. |
| Tuesday       | December 11th          | Orientation Day for grade 6 students at their chosen secondary school and 2013 Preps attending Drouin West Primary School |
| Wednesday     | December 12th          | School Council meeting 7.30pm.                                        |
| Thursday      | December 13th          | End of Year Event                                                    |
| Monday        | December 17th          | Graduation Night                                                    |
| Tuesday       | December 18th          | Transition Day—Students will meet their 2013 teacher and classes     |
| Friday        | December 21st          | Last Day of School 1.30pm finish                                     |

### 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. 0356 222 930

### 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.

### 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

### Summer Sports

**Wednesdays**

Drouin West Primary School oval  
For students in Year levels Prep to 6  
Dates: Nov 28th and Dec 5th.  
Supervisor: Paul Mahoney  
Time: 3.15 - 4.15pm

### FOUND

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

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Drouin West 3818

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From The Principal’s Office

Library Books
Students are asked to return all library books to school by Friday Dec 14th at the very latest. We have invested significant resources (time and money) into our library throughout 2012 and will want all books returned ready for stock taking. 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!

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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.

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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.

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Chaplaincy News
“The Broken Doll”
By Dan Clarke from Chicken Soup for Mothers Soul

One day my young daughter was late coming home from school. I was both worried and annoyed. When she came in the door, I demanded in my upset tone that she explain why she was late.

She said, “Mummy, I was walking home with Julie and halfway home, Julie dropped her doll and it broke into lots of little pieces.”

“Oh honey,” I replied, “you were late because you helped Julie pick up the pieces of her doll to put them back together.”

In her young and innocent voice, my daughter said, “No, Mummy. I didn’t know how to fix the doll. I just stayed to help Julie cry.”

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller

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.

My favourite place is inside your hugs
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 7, 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, 26th November to Sunday, 2nd December

Bethany Zelley 4/5A, Claire Giles 4/5A, Ashla McMaster 1/2A, Lanaea Bone 1/2A and Mrs. Faulds

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

Joke of the Week
How does a snowman get around?
He pedals around on his icicle.

HA!
**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:

- **Booklight**
  - 10 Tokens
  - Available: May 2012

- **Pen Pod**
  - 10 Tokens
  - Available: July 2012

- **USB**
  - 10 Tokens
  - Available: October 2012

- **Drink Bottle**
  - 10 Tokens
  - Now available

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**Drama Classes**

**Acting Up School of Performing Arts**

in **Neerim South**

Starting soon and continuing in Summer Holidays

*Fee per class*: $7.50 per student

*Siblings*: $5.00 each

*Junior classes*: 7 to 11 year olds

*Senior classes*: 12 to 16 year olds

Please phone 56299582 or 0466391112 to ascertain availability

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**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