Swimming Trials

Students in years 2 to 5 will be able to try out for the 2013 swimming sports. Swimming Trials are coming up later this year, so for those of you interested in participating in regional swimming next year its time to start practicing your strokes! Trials are expected to take place in the last two weeks of term with a date to be confirmed soon.

Dancing

Thursdays
Drouin West Primary School - Multi Purpose room
For students in Year levels P — 3
Dates: Nov 1st and 8th.
Supervisor: Paul Mahoney
Time: 3.15 - 4.15pm

Summer Sports

Wednesdays
Drouin West Primary School oval
For students in Year levels Prep to 6
Dates: Nov 7th, 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

Regional Athletics Sports
The following students attended the Regional Athletics Sports event on Thursday October 18: Isabella Daraio (9/10 Girls 1500m); Jared Mills (Boys 12/13 triple jump); Indiana Petrov (9/10 Girls hurdles & 100m); Alana Slabbekoorn (Girls 12/13 100m); Cory Taylor (Boys 9/10 shotput); Blake Roberts (Boys 11 discus & long jump) and Emily Smith (Girls 12/13 Long jump). It is fantastic to have our students represented in these events and the support of their parents who can go along and encourage them to achieve their best!

Blackberry clean up
I would like to publically thank the Couacard family for tackling the blackberries growing along the side of the car line. This would have been a massive and rather prickly job. It is not often we get on offer to clean up blackberries around the school.

Thank you also to the person who poisoned the weeds in the Healing garden. It is lovely to have extensive gardens around our school and fantastic to have them being cared for by the school community.

If anyone would like to come in and do some pottering, the garden beds including the vegie garden would love some attention. There would be many willing little helpers and we have some tools and gloves for the children to use if you came during playtimes. Let us know if you would like to help!

National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program
Thank you to the families returning the surveys sent home two weeks ago with the newsletter. Your feedback is helpful and will be presented at our next School Council meeting.

Active After School Communities programs have started!!!
We have vacancies for both dancing and Flippa ball. Please ensure you have your name down if you would like to join in the fun. Don’t forget your drink bottle each week!

Flippa Ball for our students in 4-5-6 Year Levels
Day: Friday’s
Dates: Nov 23 & 30 and Dec 7-14
Times: 4.00-5.00
Venue: Drouin Secondary College Indoor Pool.

Step into Prep Playgroup 2012
Our second session of “Step into Prep Playgroup” was very busy last week with more new families coming into the school. Please be aware that some new families will not be familiar with our car parking arrangements out the front of the school.

Policy Changes
The school student stationery/curriculum policy has been reviewed and the changes approved by School Council. The changes include: those students attending grade 6 celebrations will be expected to have paid the Student Stationery/ Curriculum charge and outstanding Out of School Hours Care fees. Please see the attached policy.

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

Sorry Daniel
A big apology to Daniel Giles. Sorry Daniel that I put the wrong photo in last week. You really are a super, Super B. Thankyou for being so lovely about my mistake.
Ms Webster
Chaplaincy News

How to support someone who is grieving

There have been some in our school community who have recently lost loved ones. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to these families. It is such a consuming time for those who have lost loved ones. Emotionally, as they deal with the loss. Physically, as they cope with a much bigger work load on top of everything else and as they make arrangements for all sorts of different things.

Working with other family members can be challenging and exhausting, in what is such a hard time as you deal with raw grief. Supporting your children through this time can also be very tricky as you try and come to terms with your own grief. Financially it can be tough, as unexpected expenses occur.

If you have opportunity to support one of these families in anyway then please do. Drop in a meal. Offer to have the children over for a play or lend a listening ear.

Sending a condolence is a lovely way to show support.
Ask the family how they are going when you have time to really listen.
Remember grieving for the family is mentally and physically exhausting.
Remember the anniversaries if you are able.
Time does heal, but grieving families of which we will all be one at some stage of our lives will find the process easier if we have loving and supportive friends/families around us to help us through.

Take care
Wendy Ronalds (School Chaplain Tuesdays/Wednesdays)

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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!

Solar Eclipse

Early in the morning on Wednesday, 14th November, Australia will experience a Solar Eclipse. Melbourne's time will be from 7:16am till 8:06am. It is dangerous to look directly at the sun except through specially manufactured eye protection. Normal sunglasses will not provide protection against the damaging rays produced by the Sun.

We will have available 100 Eclipse Shades at $5 each. Shades can be pre-ordered at the office. Please bring the correct money to the office.
Super ‘B’ Award Winners
Super ‘B’ award winners for week 3, term 4:

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Happy Birthday !!!!!!!!
Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during the week of Monday, 29th October to Sunday, 4th November:

Jack Walsh 00A, Holly Anderson 1/2A, Lachlan Dooren 3/4B, Pieter Dooren 4/5A and Renae Walker 5/6A

Remember to come to the office and collect a birthday sticker.

Joke of the Week
Did you hear about the happy fire? It was stoked.

Student Banking
We will have 2 prize claiming days in this term. If you wish to trade your tokens for a prize in this term please put your orders in before the 6th November. The prizes available are: USB, Drink Bottle, Book Light and Pen set.