Newsletter

Drouin West Primary School
‘Nurture, Enrich, Inspire, Succeed’

Hours of supervision: 8.45am—3.45pm

17th October, 2012

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

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<th>Mondays</th>
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<td>October 19th &amp; 26th. November 2nd, 9th, 16th &amp; 23rd</td>
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<td>2013 Preps Play Group</td>
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<td>Children enrolled for the 2013 Prep year are invited to attend a play group from 2pm to 3pm.</td>
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Social Service

Thankyou to Mrs. Collins who co ordinates the school disco each year. Mrs. Collins is a great supporter of charities and has for many years organised the disco for the students enjoyment and to encourage the students to give support to those in need in the wider community. Thanks also to the parents who helped with the Footy Day lunch day.

A total of $874.07 has been raised in 2012. Our school supports charities who are registered.

Where will funds raised in 2012 go?

Our grade 5/6 students have researched and discussed with their teachers various charities and have recommended to School Council that in 2012 our Social Service money to be allocated as follows:

State Schools Relief $200, The Cancer Council $300 and CanTeen $300

Thank you to all families who support our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Found

We have a couple of near new large size jackets that were found around the school. If you are missing a jacket please come to the office.

Deposit for Grade 5/6 camp in 2013.

Reminder that the expression of interest deposit is required to the office by the 19th October.

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**From The Principal’s Office**

| **Staffing News** | **Flippa Ball on Fridays:** A fun and safe version of water polo for boys and girls.  
Flippa Ball is an exciting, aquatic team activity which promotes water confidence and helps to develop participants’ water skills.  
Flippa Ball benefits include:  
- It’s exciting!  
- Helps develop teamwork and leadership skills.  
- Helps develop ball skills.  
- Enables boys and girls to interact.  
- It’s a fun and safe addition to a child’s aquatic education.  
Day: Friday's  
Dates: Nov 23 & 30 and Dec 7-14  
Times: 4.00-5.00  
Venue: Drouin Secondary College Indoor Pool. |
| **Year Four Camp** |  
From some of the stories I’ve heard about camp last week, it seems like the Nayook Camp was a great success again this year. Students have been very keen to tell me about some fantastic adventures they had particularly the caving experience. It was terrific to learn that students’ behaviour was excellent and the focus was on having fun, working in teams, trying different challenges and building relationships in the peer group.  
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| **National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program** |  
School Council has discussed the Chaplaincy Program at the October meeting and would like to invite families to respond to the survey attached to this week’s newsletter. Responses will enable School Council to determine the level of support for this program in our school for 2013. Please talk to Wendy Ronalds (Chaplain), class teachers or myself if you have any questions about how this program has been implemented in our school. |
| **Parent education and support programs** |  
We have been very fortunate this year to have had the opportunity to run a number of Parent Education Programs during the year. These programs can be a great way to learn from other parents, discuss ideas and share more challenging aspects of being a parent.  
Included in this week’s newsletter is information of a course offered in Warragul based on the book “The Five Love Languages of Children” which may be of interest. |
| **Stop Work Action – Next Tuesday** |  
The Australian Education Union has called on its members in Gippsland to Stop Work for half a day on Tuesday Oct 23. The following classes and programs will be cancelled in the morning: 2/3A, 3/4B and 4/5A. Our Science program will also be cancelled.  
Students in Mr Dawson, Ms Barson and Mrs Crookston’s classes are not required at school until 12.30pm. Programs and classes will resume at 12.30pm. All other classes will continue as usual. |
| **Active After School Communities start next week!!!** |  
Plans for term 4 programs are well underway with many families taking up the opportunity to be involved in active programs after school.  
We are fully booked for Wednesday’s program. There are 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!  
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| **Step into Prep Playgroup 2012** |  
As part of our transition program we will be offering families three playgroup sessions throughout the term starting this week on Friday at 2.00pm. These sessions are for students enrolled for Prep in 2013. Invitations with more details have been sent to all families who have enrolled children into our school.  
If there are any families who have not yet enrolled their child, please contact the office and let us know so we can send you information about this transition event. |

| **Planning for 2013** |  
We are starting to plan for 2013. To ensure we make informed decisions, it is helpful to know if new families will be coming along or if existing families are intending to leave Drouin West in 2013. This information will be kept confidential. |

| **World Teacher’s Day** |  
UNESCO established World Teachers’ Day to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in building a better future for the world’s children. The day is celebrated in over 100 countries.  
World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the many ways teachers make a difference through their teaching and commitment. It is a way of celebrating teachers as a significant force in building communities. Teachers ‘make a difference’ every day in the curriculum they teach, the way they teach it, and through the connections they make, with and for, their students. Very often, they also make a significant contribution to their local and wider community.  
World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated at Drouin West on Friday, 26th October. I encourage all parents to help us acknowledge how much we value our teachers at Drouin West. |

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**Mr Scott Bentley is on Long Service Leave for two weeks beginning this week. We have been fortunate to secure Sue Rikki to take 2/3A during Scott’s absence.**

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Super ‘B’ Award Winners

Super ‘B’ award winners for week 1, term 4:

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<td>Prep/1A</td>
<td>Makenna Storen</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Ruby Hansen</td>
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<td>2/3A</td>
<td>Mia Dawson</td>
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<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Jordan Deszcz</td>
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<td>4/5A</td>
<td>All Grade 4/5A, especially Sarah Robins, Sarah Ronalds &amp; Claire Giles</td>
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<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Darcy Boskell</td>
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<td>Korey Carrison</td>
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Ask a Positive

Ask your child/children to tell you 3 positive things that happened to them today. Celebrate those positives. They don’t have to be big happenings, you can celebrate the little things as often the simple things can be the best. Let us know some of the things you have celebrated as a positive.

Assistance Needed in The Art Room

This term we are embarking on the study of “Threads and Textiles”. The children will be learning about threads and the many ways that threads can be used to create textiles and other art forms. They may be exploring finger knitting, rope making, plaiting, collage, winding, weaving, knitting or felting.
If you have any knitted, woven, crochet or felt articles at home which may be valuable for the children to see, please bring them along to share.
This unit of work is very labour intensive and many hands are needed to support the children with their learning. If you have any spare time and would like to assist, it would be greatly appreciated.
If you or anyone in your family would like to help children to learn to knit, crochet, weave or sew it would be great. Knitting, crochet and perhaps felting will be taking place on Wednesdays with the upper children.
We are in need of lots of wool and knitting needles. If you have any to spare, could you please send it along.
We also need wood or strong cardboard for weaving frames. Please talk to me if you think you can help.
Thanking you.

Anne Cope

Joke of the Week

"How to Tell Ocean Levels are Rising".

By Caesar Deeper

Still only comes half-way up a duck
Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate their special day during the week of Sunday, 14th October to Sunday, 21st October

Nathan Stevens, Jordan Carter, Brodie Carter, Henry Ferguson, Hayley Parkinson, Mrs. Ronalds and Mrs. Melbourne.

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

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 and 3rd December. Prizes will be ordered on those 2 dates. 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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  - Now available

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

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Junior Tennis Coaching

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