



“Learning Together”



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Emmy G: For her enthusiasm and attention during all learning activities.



Blake N: For clearly demonstrating how he has achieved his learning intention during literacy.



Emilija O: For the respectful way she allows others to learn.



Cody N: For his focus and determination while learning about fractions and their multiples, with excellent progress.



Jaxon A: For an impressive work ethic during Mathematics this week.



Lucy V: For being a great learner and logging on to Google Classroom, completing a Google Doc and submitting a task. Fantastic effort!



Art: Awarded to **Graham D** for always being an enthusiastic learner of new skills in Art.



OSHC: Awarded to **Xander T** for his cheerful and energetic return to OSHC.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 27th July 7pm-8pm—Prep Information Evening via Web-Ex

Principal's Report



Dear Parents and Carers

TERM 3

Fortunately we have been able to resume “at school learning” for the start of Term 3, unlike our neighbours in metropolitan Melbourne. We understand that in this unpredictable climate we need to be prepared that anything could happen in the coming weeks. We hope that numbers of COVID cases in the state will start to decline to ensure more certainty for the rest of our school year.

Whilst we are not in a remote learning situation, there are still strong guidelines for schools to follow at present. These include:

- **Students to regularly wash hands and use hand sanitiser.** We know that this is our most important action in helping to keep the virus at bay. The school has hand sanitiser in every classroom and all areas of the school. We have also installed sanitiser dispensers on the wall in the BER building for student use.
- **Students are not to drink from bubbler taps.** All of our bubbler taps are out of use. Many have been replaced with taps and are to be used for hand-washing. New automated soap dispensers have been installed in the student toilets. All classrooms have been supplied with liquid soap and cakes of soap. All students must bring their own labelled drink bottle.
- **Primary schools cannot social distance.** Students are encouraged to be mindful of personal space and some activities have changed (eg. assembly via Web-Ex). Teachers are teaching students about the need to social distance and managing to provide some distance between students where practical. Staff do social distance with each other and have rules about the number of staff sharing spaces (eg. staffroom)
- **School visitors are limited to staff and contractors.** Parents are still required to drop students at the gate and only enter with a prior appointment. If you require staff assistance at the gate, please call the office on 5627 6286.
- **Temperature checks are not required on a daily basis for all students.** We are required to check the temperature of students who live in the metropolitan area including students who reside in Cardinia Shire.(eg. Modella).
- The Victorian Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the **use of face masks or coverings by adults or children is not recommended in schools at this time.** As has always been the case, students who wish to wear face masks in school and in going to and from school may do so.

As in the past, we understand that many parents and students will be feeling anxious about the ferocity with which coronavirus spreads. We can assure you that we are following all regulations and advice as provided by the Department of Education. Further information can be obtained on the Department of Education website at the following link.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/coronavirus-advice-parents.aspx>



Sick Students

Children who are unwell must not come to school. It is important that any child who is unwell remains home until they feel better. Students who have any cold or flu like symptoms at school will be sent home. If you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home until test results are returned and symptoms have gone.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Statements

All families will soon receive financial statements in the mail from Drouin South PS. This will assist in helping parents know their current financial position in relation to the school. Some families will receive a statement with a minus amount (eg. -\$43.00) This amount will mean you **are in credit**. Please contact the office on 5627 6286 if you have any questions in relation to the statement when it arrives.



Prep Information Session

Our Prep Information session that was due to take place at school next Monday 20th July will now be postponed due to COVID restrictions. This session will now proceed on **Monday 27th July at 7.00pm via a WEB-EX link**. The link will be published on our website and Facebook page prior to the session. Parents and individuals who have already made a booking will be emailed the link prior to the meeting.



Virtual Tour

We will be launching a Virtual School Tour of Drouin South Primary School in the next few days. This tour is a short 3 minute photo story with information about our school that will be used to inform potential new families about Drouin South Primary School.

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If you know of any families who may be interested in attending, please pass on this information.

Michael Smith (Principal) - "Learning Together"

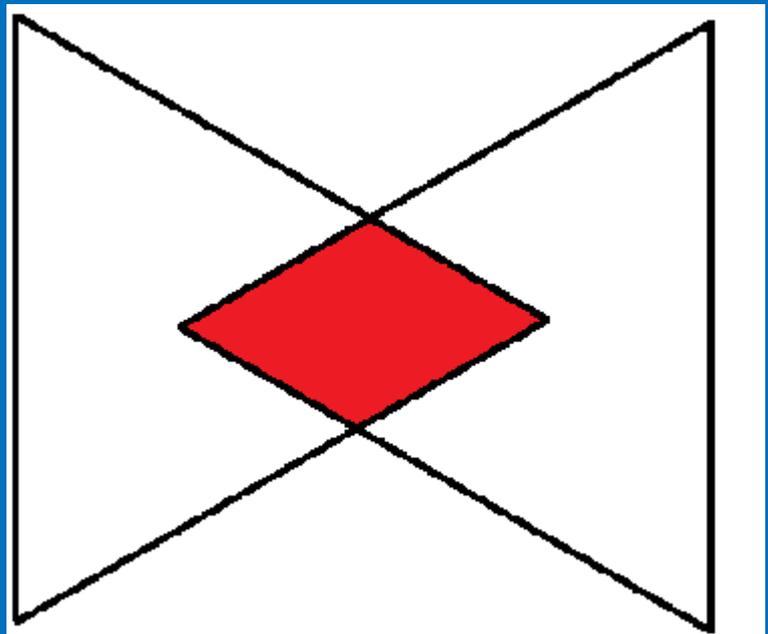
FUN WITH MATHS

Fractions!

What fractional area is shaded?

The image to the right is 2 intersecting equilateral triangles.

They overlap to the mid point of the other triangle.



GETTING TO KNOW DSPS STAFF

Name: Adelle Phillips

Eye colour: Brown

Family / Pets: Matthew (husband), Gemma, Harrison, Spencer and Ainsley, our super cute mini Schnauzer Emmett and our two horses Mustang and Sally.



How long have you been at DSPS? 7 super fun years.

What's a great book you've read recently? I love lots of different books. My favourite genre is historical fiction but if I was recommending my favourite teen series it would be Fablehaven by Brandon Mull. You feel like you are there in the story with the characters. Its suspenseful, exciting and really, really (laugh out loud) funny. I would definitely recommend checking it out!



What does a perfect weekend look like for you? A perfect weekend would include spending time at home with my family, maybe a bush walk or a bike ride, some gardening, reading a book in the sunshine and a BBQ dinner.

Do you have a favourite movie? After some persuasion from my son a few years ago, I joined him watching Iron Man. I have now become a huge Marvel fan! We saw the last Avengers movie in 4D which was amazing!



If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go? I have always wanted to go to Egypt, see the Pyramids and Sphinx and cruise the Nile. Maybe I might even stumble across an undiscovered tomb in the Valley of the Kings. That would be awesome.



What's your secret talent that no one knows about? I play the piano and like sewing and gardening but they are not secrets. It would probably be that I am a pretty good brick layer but I do like to have a brickies labourer help me mix the mortar and lug the bricks around my yard! Luckily I only have to pay my labourers in Pepsi and Pies for lunch.

What's your favourite season and why? I love love love Spring. I have lots of beautiful bulbs planted in my garden and I look forward to them blooming all year. This is a photo of some of my irises last Spring.



What's your guilty pleasure? Growing up, I always looked forward to my Nanny's Trifle in Summer and Self Saucing Chocolate Pudding in Winter. Both these desserts remind me of fun times and I make them both now for my family. It's that extra ingredient of Love that makes them so special!

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received? My grandparents used to have a poster on the back of their toilet door. One quote has always stayed with me. Originally attributed to Abraham Lincoln "**Most folks are about as happy as they make up their mind to be**". Happiness doesn't come from having lots of possessions, it comes from within. I will follow it up with a quote from Ann Frank "**Whoever is happy will make others happy**" and from The Beatles "**All you need is Love**". That says it all really!



Chappy's chatter



Emotional Intelligence



As Parents of students we are often concerned with academic performance, but have you ever thought about your child's emotional intelligence?



Our children are growing up in a world quite different to what we experienced. It is fast paced and contains a lot of high-level emotional stimulation. This can come via games and media containing images and concepts that are not child friendly, as well as difficult life circumstances. Even though this is the world they have always known, it is not an ideal environment for learning to control big feelings (emotions). Today children see things that they do not have the mental or emotion maturity to

handle. Children will not recognise that this is the case and are likely feeling well entertained, but it does have an effect on the way they view the world, as to whether it is a safe, kind and understandable place or not.

We can help our children navigate life by assisting them to develop emotional intelligence. This is the ability to express their emotions in a healthy way and to be able to interpret others' emotions and empathise with them. They need to learn what are the triggers for their big feelings and the consequences of having them. E.g. If you get angry and hurt others they may not want to play with you, and you will feel lonely.

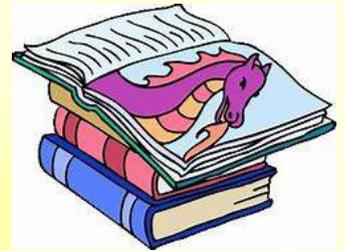
Studies show the happiest people in the world (who also happen to live the longest) are the people who enjoy strong relationships with others. This is only possible with good emotional intelligence.

Bec Para

DSPS School Chaplain



Library Returns



Just a friendly reminder to parents and students that *all Library books are to be returned through the slot each Monday morning.*

This enables Library staff to clean and return them to the shelves ready for borrowing during Library sessions later in the week. We are following strict guidelines in the Library to ensure all our users and staff stay healthy and happy. All children are expected to sanitise or wash hands before entry and if they are not carrying their returned books this process is quicker and easier. Thank you all for your co-operation.

Kerrin Schelfhout

Important OSHC Notice

Term 3 at OSHC will bring with it a few changes. As Casey, Holly and Kristina are all in their fourth year of their degrees at the same University, all 3 will be attending their final year placements at the same time. To ensure OSHC remains open and continues to provide a wonderful program, 4 casual educators have been successfully chosen by Casey and Mr Smith to fill these positions. DSPS and OSHC would like to warmly welcome **Hannah, Simone, Danielle and Georgia**, who will be working at DSPS OSHC from Monday 13th July.

All 4 educators will *work* alongside Casey for the first 3 weeks of Term 3, until Casey's placement commences on 3rd August.

Hannah, Simone, Danielle and Georgia will be *training* alongside Casey until the end of Term 2, so please feel welcome to come and say hello to them.

If any families have questions in relation to OSHC and their child's care needs, please feel welcome to speak directly with Casey at OSHC or calling the OSHC mobile on 0490 657 852.

CAN YOUR CHILD TIE THEIR OWN SHOES?

Tying shoelaces is a difficult skill to learn. This requires patience and practice. At school we do not have time to assist children with tying shoelaces. It also wastes valuable class learning time and play-time for children. Please spend time helping your child to tie their shoes. In the meantime, they should wear sturdy "slip on" shoes (eg. black elastic sided boots) or Velcro shoes.



<https://www.sourcekids.com.au/ot-tips-and-tricks-for-teaching-kids-to-tie-their-shoelaces/>

The Kookie
shop thanks
you!



**Thank you for
your support of
the Kookie shop. We have
received many quality items
that the students are able to
purchase with their 'Kookies'.**

**You are still able to assist the
Kookie shop by sending clean,
age appropriate items to the
office.**

**Thank you for supporting
the Kookie Shop!**

YOUR ARE LOVED YOU MAKE ME SMILE

I think about you ALL the time

{ I BELIEVE IN YOU }

You are Unique You are so intelligent

You are Gifted YOUR CHOICES MATTER

You are Amazing I Need You! You Are Kind

TELL ME ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING...

MINDFULMAZING.COM

I KNOW YOU WILL DO GREAT THINGS

It's fun to do things with you

YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING

I LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH YOU

YOU ARE SPECIAL

I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOU

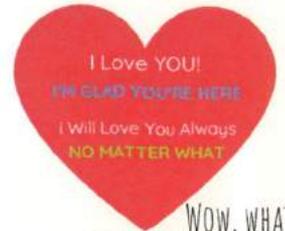
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{ YOUR HONESTY MAKES ME SO PROUD! }

I am so PROUD of the PERSON YOU ARE BECOMING

I'M PROUD OF YOU I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE

FOLLOW YOUR HEART



WOW, WHAT A THOUGHTFUL KID YOU ARE

YOU ARE LEARNING

{ I SEE YOU WORKING REALLY HARD! }

Thanks for being a great helper!

↙ DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY

↘ YOU ARE ONE SMART COOKIE



I believe you I believe in you You can say no!

LET'S TRY IT YOUR WAY!

{ I AM CURIOUS WHAT DO YOU THINK? }

You don't always need to FOLLOW THE CROWD

YOU ARE GROWING

YOUR IDEAS MATTER

This is not the end BUT THE BEGINNING

TELL ME SOMETHING THAT MADE YOU SMILE TODAY!

The World Needs YOU!

You Can Be A GREAT LEADER

{ THERE IS ONLY ONE YOU So Be Yourself }

GO PLAY! You Mean The World to Me

{ Your LAUGH is one of The Best Things About You }

Think good THOUGHTS Think before you ACT

WORK TOWARDS SOLVING YOUR PROBLEMS!

↘ You Can Always TRY!

Trust Your INSTINCTS What You're Feeling IS NORMAL

{ This feeling will pass EVERYONE WORRIES SOMETIMES Everyone feels upset sometimes }

Nobody is perfect AND THAT'S OK! HAVE FUN!

✌ DON'T THINK TOO MUCH ENJOY THE MOMENT! DON'T BE AFRAID LET YOUR MIND SETTLE

IN TIME, YOU WILL FEEL BETTER

Not Giving Up Is One Of Your BEST TRAITS

You are more than your emotions I love seeing you work together

EFFORT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING

The view from the top is spectacular!

Always help those who need it!

MAKE AN EFFORT NOT AN EXCUSE

Don't Give Up

Finish What You Start

I BELIEVE IN YOU

YOUR MISTAKES ARE CHANCES TO LEARN

Just Keep Going and Just Keep Trying

You can't always make everyone happy

YOU DON'T ALWAYS NEED TO WIN

{ YOU WILL FEEL BETTER WITH REST }

If You Believe It YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT

YOU ARE A GOOD BOY/GIRL

BE HONEST, EVEN IF YOU MESS UP

YOU ARE STRONG

The sun will come out tomorrow

Treat others the way you want to be treated

YOU GOT THIS!

YOU CAN ASK FOR HELP

REACH FOR THE STARS!

YOU ARE UNSTOPPABLE

Take a break and come back to it

CHALLENGES MAKE YOU STRONGER

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POSITIVE THINGS

to SAY

to your

KIDS

“ Life is like a box of chocolates YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET You will get through this NOT ALL DAYS ARE BAD Stay Positive, Keep Dreaming You Have a Kind Heart SO ALWAYS BE KIND Nothing can dull your shine You are beautiful inside and out Get Back Up! PAUSE, BREATHE, EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY! ”

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