



“Learning Together”



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

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Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Oliver C: For always being an enthusiastic learner and considerate helper within our classroom - great job!



Ollie S: For making fantastic choices with his learning.



Addi T: For showing respect and effort in all areas of her learning.



Emma T: For displaying excellent focus and curiosity during mini lessons and independent learning tasks. Superstar Emma!



Lexi P: For actively listening during our mini lessons so she understands how to be successful. Keep up the great work Lexi!



Art: Awarded to **Will M** for being focused and creative when planning and creating his diorama.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 8th March—Labour Day Weekend (**Public Holiday**)

Wednesday 10th March—Preps attend on Wednesdays
—7pm Parent Club meeting (see p.3)

Friday 12 March—Farm World Delivery Service volunteer forms due

Tuesday 23rd March—Tarago District Athletics

Friday 26th-Sunday 28th March—Farm World



Dear Parents and Carers



Athletics Sports Day

Well done to all students for their participation in the school Athletics Sports on Monday. It was a great sight seeing and hearing all of our excited children arrive at the venue dressed in their house colours. The weather held off to allow the day to run its course. A big thank you to our parents' Club for arranging the pre-ordered lunches for the day. Thanks also to our staff and the parents who assisted at events and with various jobs throughout the day.

A special thank you must go to Mr Moore for his organisation as days like this take a lot of work behind the scenes in the lead up and even after the event.

We still have a few events to run which will take place over the next week at school. The winning house will be announced as soon as events such as the 1500m, 800m and high jump have been completed.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held towards the end of Term 1 to allow a chance to have a reflection of Term 1 and a look at areas for improvement in Term 2. The dates and times are currently being finalised and will most likely be the afternoon evening of either Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th March depending on each teacher's availability. Parents will be notified about booking procedures by newsletter, on Class Dojo and Facebook when times are confirmed.

Farm World

Farm World is being held on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March. We still require many more volunteers to run our delivery service. Forms are available through the school office so please contact us on 5627 6286 if you need a form. We aim to have at least one helper from each family. Many of our parents have enjoyed the experience over the years and some even come back after their kids have left Drouin South! Please spare some time to join the fun and raise some money towards upgrading play equipment for our students.

School Council

Our school council nominations have now closed and we will not need to proceed to an election. I wish to welcome on board Kristine Alkemade and Jennie Purvis as parent representatives. I also welcome Adelle Phillips and Louise Chamberlain as our DET members. Aoife Shaw will also renew her membership term for another 2 years. The AGM for our school council will be held on March 17th at 7.30pm.

Parents Club

Our Parents Club do a fantastic job in promoting a strong community culture within our Drouin South PS Learning Community. Besides working hard in the fundraising area they have been developing a welcoming culture, promoting the school, supporting Prep transition programs and providing support to vulnerable families and families in need. I wish to thank Jane Moss for her work in the role of President over the past few years. This year she has stepped aside and the new Co-Presidents will be Michaela Williams and Sarah Briggs. I know they will do an outstanding job in this role and encourage parents to get on board and be a part of the team no matter if you only have a small amount of time to give. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th March at 7pm in the Drouin South Hall.

Parking

Could parents using the front of school parking please ensure you are not blocking our neighbour's driveway. The neighbours have been inconvenienced on a number of occasions. If necessary, you may need to circle back again and park further up along the car-park.

Camps and Excursions Fund

Parents currently in possession of a Health Care Card can apply for CSEF funding. These funds support families to pay for school excursions, sports and camps. Please contact the office for details. Parents of new Prep students this year may not be aware of this so please don't hesitate to call school and ask for more details.

Michael Smith (Principal)

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PARENT CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 10 7PM
DROUIN SOUTH HALL

NEW PARENTS
WELCOME

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT:
MICHAELA WILLIAMS
0419 549 688
SARAH BRIGGS
0438 034 124



2021 Student Leaders



Congratulations to our 2021 Student Leaders who were presented with badges at assembly last week. Hendrix Patterson and Connor Smithett are looking forward to representing Drouin South Primary in the community, and helping at school whenever they can.



2021 Value Leaders



Shanay Parnes, Dylan Watson, Archie Purvis, and Millie Ward are our 2021 Value Leaders. Value Leaders at Drouin South play an important role in the running of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. Each week, they run the Kookie Shop, give a short presentation at assembly about one of our values, and come up with creative ways to encourage students to keep our values.



Next week, Ms Schelfout and Mrs de Robillard will be seeking interest from students in Years 3-6 for the Student Representative Council. SRC is another opportunity for students to take on leadership opportunities, and learn valuable skills.

SRC provides all students with a voice, and an opportunity to represent all of the students at Drouin South.



Parenting challenges everyone. At ParentZone, we offer all carers and parents a chance to develop and strengthen their parenting skills. ParentZone can help you to bring out the best in your family.

We provide free parenting groups, workshops, resources, and training for parents and the professionals who work with them.

Our programs cater to all ages and stages, from newborns to teenagers. Our skilled and experienced facilitators will tailor the sessions to meet the interests of each group.



“We all had a laugh and we learned something too. It was great to hear from other parents.”

- Joanna, Gippsland



ParentZone supports families to

- Improve communication and understanding between carers and children.
- Feel more prepared for the different ages and stages of childhood.
- Learn new ideas and strategies to shape children's behaviour positively and develop their potential.
- Strengthen relationships within the whole family.
- Foster stronger relationships while dealing with loss, disability, trauma, separation or divorce.
- Empower children to deal with their emotions.
- Build a more resilient family that can grow together.

All parents can benefit from parent education and skills development, which can reinforce and expand on what you already know about parenting.

For parenting support, resources and information please call ParentZone Gippsland on 03 5135 9555 or email parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

The purpose of this newsletter is to share resources and activities from a range of sources to support our Gippsland ParentZone families. If you would like further information contact ParentZone Gippsland or refer to the original source.

ParentZone Gippsland

Term 1 Programs 2021

Breaking The Cycle

For parents and carers of adolescents who are violent or abusive in the home

Mondays

1st February – 29th March
(no session on 8th March)
10:30am – 12:30pm

Online via Zoom

Homework Club:

For parents and carers to assist your children with their homework or just have some fun reading and playing games.

Tuesdays

Throughout school term
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Online via Zoom

Dads Matter

A group for Dads the talk about parenting, share stories and learn new strategies.

Fridays

19th February – 19th March
10:30am – 12:30pm

Online via Zoom

Let's Talk About Parenting

Learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

Warragul: Tuesdays 16th February – 16th March, 10:30am – 12:30pm
Warragul Specialist Centre, 199 Sutton Street Warragul

East Bairnsdale: Wednesdays: 10th February – 17th March (no session 3rd March), 10:30am – 12:30pm
East Bairnsdale HUB, 24 Hoddinott St, East Bairnsdale

Online via Zoom – Morning: Thursdays 11th February – 11th March, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Online via Zoom – Evening: Thursdays 11th February – 11th March, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Supported Playgroups

Join us to enjoy songs, stories and fun activities each week during school term.

Morwell walking group:

Mondays 10:00am – 11:00am and
Wednesdays 10:00am – 11:00am
Meeting at a local park in Morwell

Online: Tuesdays 10:30am – 11:30am
Online via Zoom

Churchill:

Fridays 9:30am – 10:30am and
11:00am – 12:00pm
Churchill Neighbourhood Centre -Studio
9 Phillip Parade, Churchill

COST: FREE Bookings essential.

For more information or to register please contact –
ParentZone Gippsland on 5135 9555
or email Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE

9 TIPS

TO HELP CHILDREN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

1

COMMAND THEIR ATTENTION

Be sure your child is focused on you.

2

MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS

Turn off music or TV.

3

LOWER YOUR VOICE

Speak quietly so they will need to stop talking and get closer to hear.

4

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask your child to repeat the directions you just gave them.

5

THE CHOICE TRICK

Give them two options that both achieve your desired result. Do you want to put on the blue socks or the red socks?

6

GIVE SIMPLE STEPS

Break down your instructions to just a few steps.

7

NUMBER YOUR STEPS

Once you break down your steps, give them in order so they are easier to remember. First, second, third...

8

BE EXACT

What are the alternative solutions to the problem you are trying to solve?

9

VISUAL CUES

Some kids process instructions better visually; so use calendars, charts, lists, etc. to help them remember.

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Games To Practice

Just like any skill, having children follow instructions is something that will improve with practice!

One fun way you can work on how to get kids to listen is by turning it into a game. There are several classic kiddie games you can play with your children to help them:

Simon Says:

You know how this one goes, "Simon" gives directions and everyone else follows. If they don't, they're "out" until you have a winner. A great way to help children follow instructions.

Red Light/ Green Light:

Another game centred around following instructions. Red means stop, green means go. Anyone who doesn't freeze on red is "out".

You can use coloured visual cues for kids if they have trouble with verbal commands.

"I Spy":

Start out easy by placing a couple of items in front of your children and ask them to point to the correct one based on what you spy. This helps them learn how to pay attention and listen to your clues.

Follow the Leader:

Take a walk around your house or outside. Whatever the "leader" does, everyone else must follow suit. You and your kids can take turns practicing leading and following directions.

