



“Learning Together”



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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

Lock Down Ended

It has been a few weeks of changing situations due to the COVID outbreak. The announcement yesterday brought some good news in that regional areas have had restrictions lifted and that students and staff would all be able to come back on site as of today. I once again extend my thanks to parents for your flexibility and also to our staff who have to prepare for remote learning only to turn around two days later to be able to deliver learning on-site. Well done to everyone. Let’s hope term 3 doesn’t bring any more snap lock-downs.

Campers

A big well done to all of our campers and camp staff. The activities on school camps provide a lot of fun and learning away from the classroom environment. Some of the biggest lessons that are learned are simply the life skills that it requires for children to be away from their home, sharing camp accommodation, sleeping in a strange bed, looking after belongings, learning to get along with others 24/7, overcoming challenges and getting to see what their teachers look like at 7.00am in the morning after very little sleep!! Well done all of our students for taking yourselves out of your comfort zone and also to our staff members who leave their own families behind for a few days to ensure our students have a positive camp experience.

IMPORTANT DATES

Prep Information Night (Date To be confirmed)

Wednesday 18th August—Winter Sport (Soccer)

Wednesday 18th August— School Council 7.30pm (possibly via web-ex)

Monday 25th August—no *country* buses / Drouin SC Curriculum Day

Week 7—(23rd-27th August) 3 Way Conversations (Times to be confirmed)



Illness and Attendance

Although we are back at school and our goal is to have students here every day, it is also important that children who are sick remain at home. Parents are advised that where anyone has cold or flu symptoms to ensure you have a COVID test and isolate until the results are negative. If your child is away, please let us know by telephoning the school office or emailing the school at drouin.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Prep Information Night and Transition Sessions

Unfortunately due to the COVID regulations, we are unable to hold information nights, tours or transition programs until further notice. Please advise any families you are aware of who may have Prep students attending Drouin South Primary School in 2022. We will endeavour to keep everyone informed.

Soccer Team

Good luck to our soccer team who will be participating in an interschool match next Wednesday at Bellbird Park Drouin. This team won their recent matches in the Tarago cluster interschool events and will go on to play the winner from the Warragul schools cluster. The Warragul match will be decided this Friday.

Michael Smith—Principal

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Change of clothes

Especially with the wet weather, it is a great idea to keep a change of clothes in a plastic bag in your child's school bag.



Donations of unwanted school pants

If your child has grown out of their school pants, we would love to have them donated to the school to use! Please drop them off at the office.

Thank you!



The Olympics



Over the past two weeks at OSHC, the children have been investigating and participating in a range of Olympic themed activities and experiences.

Upon presenting their individual passports to board flight OSHC each afternoon, the children have flown to many countries around the world where they have been able to participate in many diverse activities and experiences associated with different countries and cultures. Some of these have included the children painting and learning about the Olympic flag and what each of its coloured rings symbolise, designing obstacle courses to compete in and learning about time and personal best (PBs), investigating coins from all around the world, learning how to say "hello" in various languages, craft making, and competing in a series of mini Olympic challenges.





Identifying and sourcing food that is available in the school environment for our stick insects.



Prickly

Sway

Spiny leaf stick insects

Gentle

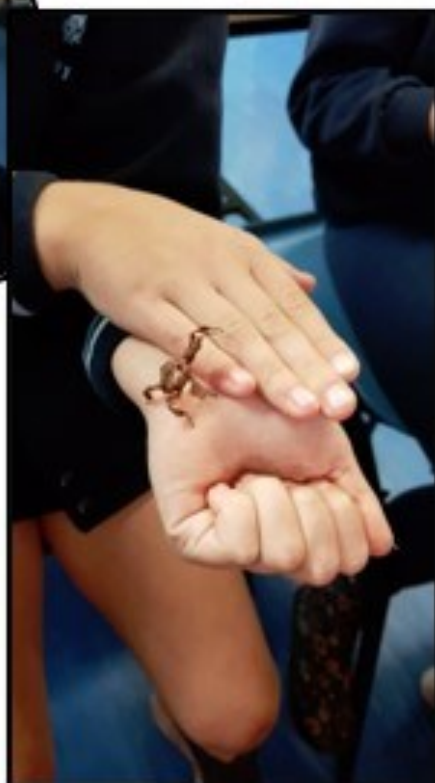
Camouflage

Brown and a little bit of red.

Slow



Learning how to safely handle and be gentle with the stick insects.



New in the Library!

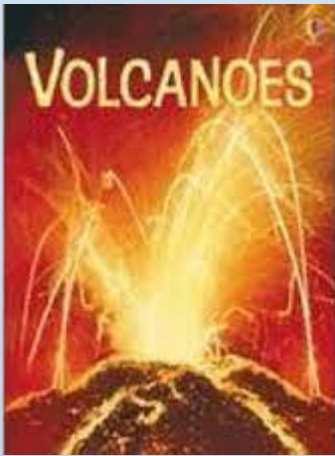
Life Upside Down—Australia's grey-headed flying-foxes

By Doug Gimsey and Heather Kiley; published by Australian Geographic



Few of nature's animals are as misunderstood as bats. Dive into the upside down world of Australia's Grey-headed Flying-fox and discover more about its habitat, body structure and behaviours, while also learning about practical ways you can help protect this amazing species. Each spread captures a new side of this curious creature, brought to life with breathtaking photography and fascinating facts.

Review taken from *Booktopia*



Volcanoes

By Stephanie Turnbull; published by Usborne Beginners

Did you know that somewhere in the world a volcano is erupting right now? In this fascinating book you can read about amazing eruptions and find out about fiery lava rivers, deadly ash clouds, steaming springs and much more. *Volcanoes* is part of an exciting series of books for children who are beginning to read on their own. The easy-to-read text has been specially written with the help of a reading expert.



Find us on Facebook (Drouin South Primary School) to keep up to date with everything that is going on, including regular updates and information.

You can also keep up to date with Outside School Hours Care on their Facebook Page (Drouin South Primary School, Outside School Hours Care).

The Crossing Drouin - Here for families!

We are here to support families.

The past couple of years have been really hard, the question is, when is it going to improve?

We understand that sometimes you feel like there's nowhere to turn.

BUT THERE IS!!

The Crossing Drop in Centre, 134a Princes Way, Drouin has been here for 28 years. Who knew?

Anyone, regardless of your circumstances, is welcome to come in and encouraged to take advantage of our food bank.

We have home cooked frozen meals as part of our very generous food packages, just waiting to be collected by you. Our food bank service is a private service, which offers a very generous range of non perishable food, including school lunch and household items. We also include home made soups, meals and desserts with this service.

No-one should be without food in these times.

No-one should feel like they don't qualify for this service. It's for anyone who needs it.

So please drop in or enquire to your school office for more info about how we are here to help you.

The Crossing is also involved in the operation of the new "Mobile Soup Kitchen" project, operating in Warragul on Tuesday evenings at Railway park and Drouin on Thursday evenings at Civic Park from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. Soup & Roll, Quiches, Dim Sims and other items are available, free for anyone to come and take away on these evenings. We really want to encourage families to take advantage of these services so we can keep them going moving forward.

The Crossing is open from 10am - 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

See you soon!

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