



"Learning Together"



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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Week 7

18th March 2022

Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Franklin M: For working hard with his reading and moving onto level B. Well Done.

Caitlyn R: For making excellent choices to ensure she gets the most from her learning.



Ali M: For always displaying the school values and being an outstanding role model in the classroom and showing resilience when taking on challenges in her Maths learning. Well done!

Winter VV: For working determinedly to write the sounds she hears in words, while also sharing her joyful attitude at all times. You are AMAZING Winter!



Oscar D: For improved classroom focus and attention to detail. Oscar has done a fantastic job sitting and listening on the mat this week. Keep up the great work Oscar!!

Oscar P: For being a fabulous learner and approaching all learning tasks with a 'can do' attitude. Well done!



Isabella J: For her enthusiasm and consistent focus during small group Maths sessions - well done!

Performing Arts: Awarded to **Ashlyn B** for fantastic concentration learning chord transitions on the Ukulele. Well done Ashlyn!



Art: Awarded to **Lola D** for her fabulous care and effort when mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. Well done Lola!

OSHC: Awarded to **Nathan T** for being considerate to others.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 24th March—Farm World Gr.3-6 excursion

Tuesday 29th March—7.30pm—Parents Club AGM—Drouin South Hall

Week beginning Monday 4th April—Parent-Teacher interviews

Friday 8th April—last day of school—2.15pm finish



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers



Celebration of the Week

Our student leaders were presented with their badges at last week's assembly. Congratulations to Ruby, Nicola, Harley, Eden, Nathan and Ashley.

Farm World Delivery Service

A reminder that Farm World delivery service is now less than a week away. If you have not yet volunteered there is still time. Please contact the school office on 5627 6286. We need to ensure we have enough volunteers to make the service run smoothly. Funds raised for the school are significant and will go towards new improved play areas.

Parent Teacher Discussions

Parent-Teacher discussions are an important part of the assessment and reporting processes at school. These will be held in the week beginning Monday 4th April. A schedule will be sent out on Class Dojo and email. Parents will be requested to book a 10 minute discussion time-slot via Sentral.

Head Lice

Head lice are an ongoing issue in schools. Due to children being in close proximity with each other they tend to spread very rapidly. Please check your child and treat when found. There is a great information on the [Department of Health webpage](#).

Respectful Relationships

In 2016, respectful relationships education became a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from foundation to year 12, and is being taught in all government and Catholic schools and many independent schools.

Everyone in our community deserves to be respected, valued and treated equally. We know that changes in attitudes and behaviours can be achieved when positive attitudes, behaviours and equality are embedded in our education settings.

Respectful Relationships is about embedding a culture of respect and equality across our entire community, from our classrooms to staffrooms, sporting fields, fetes and social events. This approach leads to positive impacts on student's academic outcomes, their mental

**RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS**

Next week's Respectful Relations lessons will continue the focus of Personal Strength by looking at specific attributes such as kindness and loyalty and identifying positive Personal

health, classroom behaviour, and relationships between teachers and students.

Together, we can lead the way in saying yes to respect and equality, and creating genuine and lasting change so that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Each week we will be providing some information in the school newsletter that helps to explain some of the content being taught within this curriculum.

School Wide Positive Behaviour

Drouin South primary School is very proud of our implementation of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Framework.

We have been recognised over the past several years as a leading school in this area having been awarded the Blue and Bronze levels of accreditation. We are presently aiming to achieve Silver level.

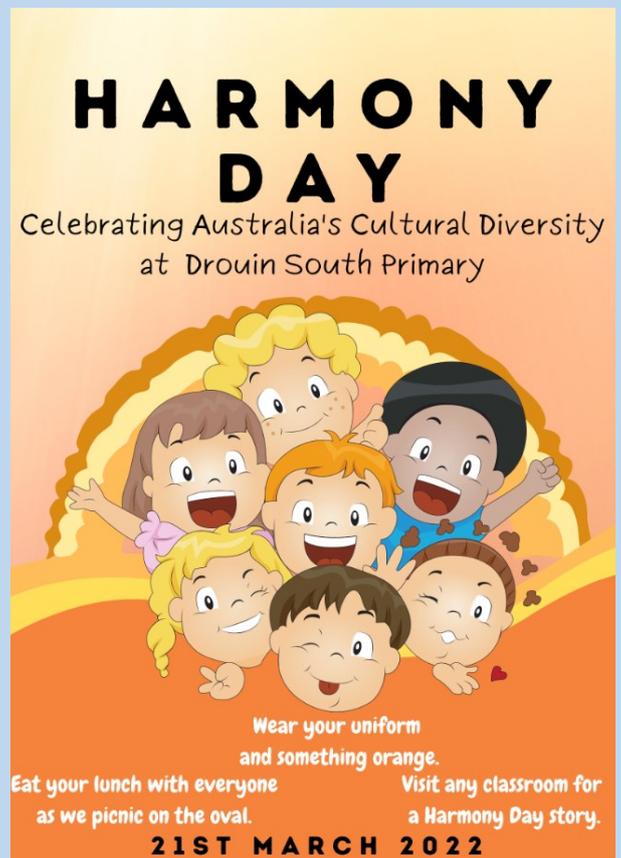
SWPBS uses a tiered intervention framework which invests in prevention (tier I), identifies and provides targeted supports for individual students at risk for developing challenging behaviour (tier II), and provides individualised and intensive interventions for students with significant support needs (tier III). SWPBS counteracts the “wait-to-fail” model of other frameworks and moves schools to a prevention-based approach.

Parents Club Annual General Meeting

The Parents Club at Drouin South Primary School are looking forward to involvement in the school community over the coming months. They will be holding the AGM at the Drouin South hall on Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm. We look forward to having as many parents involved as possible/. Please come along.

Michael Smith—Principal

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Unable to donate your time at Farm World but would still like to help?

Please consider making **slices or biscuits** or providing any of the **following items** to help feed our volunteers over these 4 days.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Milo
- Sugar sachets
- Teabags
- Coffee
- Assorted biscuits
- Bottled water
- Soft drink cans
- UHT/Long Life milk
- Disposable cups/spoons/stirrers
- Wipes
- Hand sanitiser

Donations
can be left in
the box at the
office

Alternatively we need **sandwich platters** for each of the 4 days. A roster is at the school's front desk for you to volunteer your sandwich artistry skills, including which day (Thursday 24th—Sunday 27th March) and whether you can deliver to Lardner Park on the day or not.

Please note ingredients will be supplied. Please contact the office if you can help with this, but are unable to visit the office to fill out the roster.

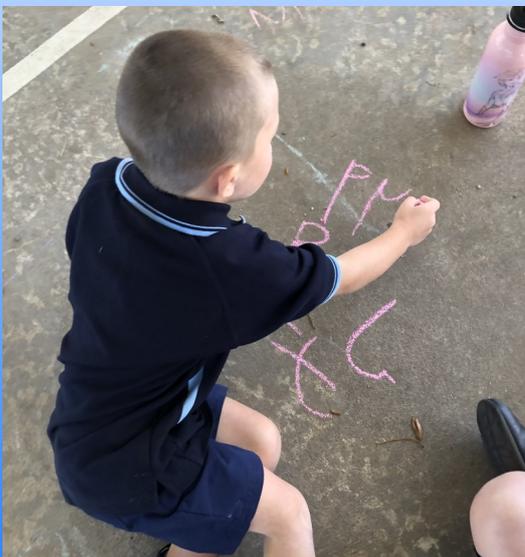
THANK YOU!



Foundation

Foundation students have had a fantastic first term. Students have settled in nicely into the daily classroom routine and have quickly developed and formed friendships, while demonstrating our values of being a caring, respectful learner.

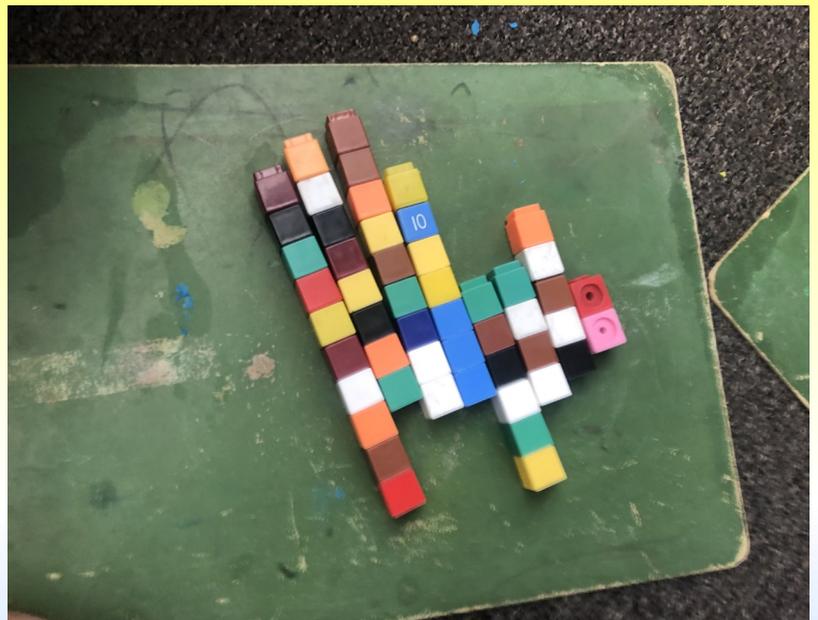
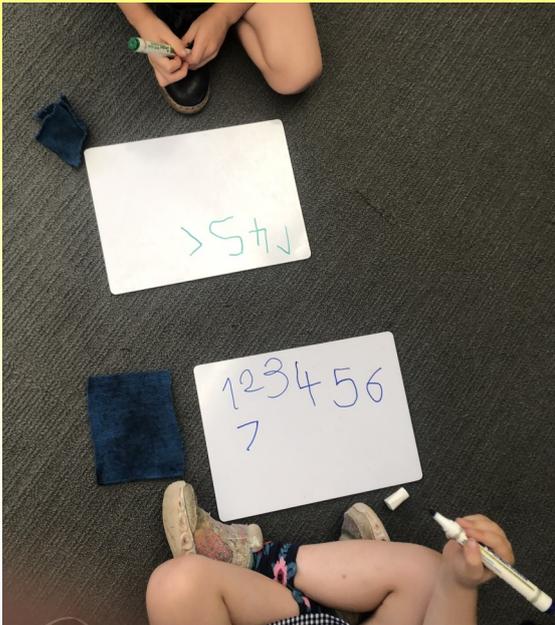
This term in Reading, students have been learning all about the different features of a book. Students have learnt to recognise the title, the Author and the illustrator. Foundation students have also been learning to look at pictures to help recognise words as well as using their sounds to decode unfamiliar words.



This term in Writing, Foundation students have been focusing on learning the different sounds in the alphabet using our new Sound Write program. Apart from learning the sounds, we have also been practising to write and form our letters.



In Maths this term, Foundation students have been learning to count, write and make numbers up to 10 and 20. Students used different concrete materials such as Unifix, MAB blocks, beads and teddies to practise their counting with.



Students spelling out our values using playdough.



DSPS Parents Club—Come Join Us!

This year's Parents Club Annual General Meeting is coming up and we would love to see some new faces join in!

Parents Club is a great way for you to be involved in your children's school and provide a community rich environment.

Each year we run fundraisers to buy new items for our classrooms and playgrounds. We also run social events outside of the school for parents to get to know one another.

Parents Club aims to involve our whole school community, this includes parents, carers, grandparents, teachers and all school staff.

Over the years we have run some really fun events such as a trivia night, pie drives, movie night, cow pat lotto and our school colour fun run which even gets our teachers and parents covered in water and colour!

Our meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29th March at 7:30pm** in the Drouin South Hall just beside the primary school.

There is no role too big or small on Parents Club, so please come along and join us in making Drouin South the best school!

Nomination forms have been sent home if you would like to have a specific role within the club or know of someone you would like to nominate.

Hope to see you all at the meeting!



Old Picture Frames for the Art Room

Mrs Phillips would love donations of old picture frames for the Art room, ranging in size from A4 (21 x 29.7cm) to A2 (42 x 59.4cm).

For those of you who love visiting opp shops, if you happen to see any frames going cheap please consider buying them for the school.

Thank you!

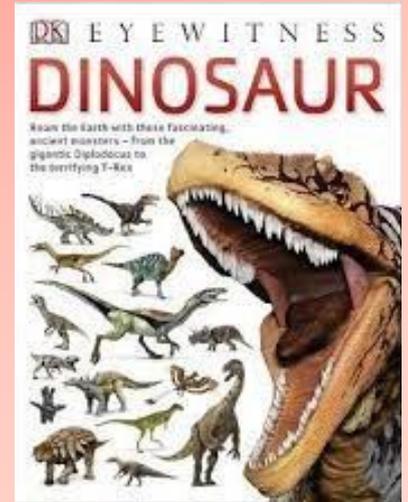
DK Eyewitness Books: Dinosaur

Engaging and entertaining reference guide about dinosaurs - perfect for younger readers.

From the Tyrannosaurus striding through the rainforest to the Brachiosaurus reaching for food in the tree tops *Eyewitness Dinosaur* reveals all the fascinating facts about these amazing creatures. Discover all about the terrifying world of dinosaurs with big, bold pictures, interesting fact boxes and tips from the experts, *Eyewitness Dinosaur* will show you how the T-Rex hunted for its prey, why the Triceratops had a horned face and the reasons why they no longer exist today.

Find this and other great books in the DSPS library!

Packed with all the essential information from the previous edition *Eyewitness Dinosaur* is now more interactive and colourful than ever with new infographics, statistics, facts and timelines making the book more engaging.
Review from *booktopia*



MUSIC LESSONS AT DROUIN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, and violin lessons are available at DSPS! There are group lessons or private lessons available. Group lessons are \$10 a week. Private lessons of 20min are \$19, and 30min are \$28 per week.

Please call Sarah Considine if interested on Mob:0427885306.

Interested in joining a local Playgroup?

The Drouin Uniting Church Playgroup have contacted us to say they have spaces available. They are affiliated with Playgroup Victoria and have all the necessary insurance. The volunteers who support the playgroup have Working With Children Cards and are up to date with covid vaccinations.

Address: Drouin Uniting Church Hall—9 Sinclair Street Drouin

Time: 9.15-11am Thursdays during school terms

Contacts: Annie 0410 046 239

Sue 0428 254 568

Facebook: Drouin Uniting Church Playgroup

Calm Kids Sessions

4 **FREE** Parent webinars by child psychologist: Learn to support your primary school aged child with worry, frustration, managing impulses and tricky behaviour. Zoom into 1 or all 4 – 1 hr duration

1) Tuesday 15th of March 2022 at 7pm (ADEST) - *“Helping Children through the Emotional Challenges of Primary School”* - learn about the challenges children experience with emotions, learning and friendships during primary school - and what they need from parents/caregivers to succeed.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83297305374?pwd=Uzg0REpiN2ZzTG1xRWE3eThrTHJPZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 832 9730 5374 Passcode: 732897

2) Monday 28th of March 2022 at 7pm (ADEST) - *“Calm and Confident Kids”* - learn to help children with a tendency towards worry or anxiety - or who are dealing with difficult life situations.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88695370225?pwd=cVhac2JNVUxuVEZqUzVnR1owell1UT09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 886 9537 0225 Passcode: 719597

3) Wednesday 11th of May 2022 at 7pm (AEST) - *“Calm and Connected Kids”* – learn to help children to develop positive friendships and manage peer difficulties which often arise in primary school.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81238889177?pwd=NIRnYVpJbXJxR3R3a1FvYUdjZFBFZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 3888 9177 Passcode: 159022

4) Wednesday 8th of June 2022 at 7pm (AEST) – *“Calm and Co-operative Kids”* – learn to help children who have a tendency towards frustration, have difficulties managing impulses or feeling uncooperative.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87172614896?pwd=K0YxWU5YYy9aYnZqcjlsakw1RXNRZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 7261 4896 Passcode: 276561



No RSVP necessary but “zoom in” quickly as only 100 zoom spots available each session.

Presented by clinical child psychologist Kirrilie Smout. Kirrilie has had 25 years experience in working with children and families, is the author of two books about children and mental health and regularly consults with national bodies about child mental health concerns. She is the Director of Calm Kid Central, an online program of courses to help children manage emotional health challenges. www.calmkidcentral.com (Free using FIRSTYEAR access code).

registration [here](#)



Spaghetti & Meatballs

Cooking with Kids

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Cooking with kids: Spaghetti & meatballs with hidden veg sauce



Prep: 15 mins
Cook: 30 mins



Easy



Serves 6 (4 children, 2 adults)



Ingredients

For the meatballs

300g good quality pork sausage (about 4 large or 8 chipolatas)

500g lean beef mince

1 small onion, coarsely grated

1 carrot, finely grated

1 tbsp dried oregano

50g parmesan, finely grated, plus extra to serve

1 medium egg

1 tbsp olive oil

For the tomato sauce

1 tbsp olive oil

1 courgette, coarsely grated

3 garlic cloves, finely grated

1 tbsp tomato purée

pinch caster sugar

splash red wine vinegar

2x tins chopped tomato

To serve

cooked spaghetti

Method

- Step 1 Children:** Squeeze all the sausage meat out of the sausage skins into a large bowl and add the mince. Tip all the rest of the meatball ingredients, except the olive oil, into the bowl and season with black pepper then squish everything together through your hands until completely mixed. Keep an eye on younger children to make sure they don't taste any of the raw mix.
- Step 2 Children:** Roll the meatball mix into walnut-sized balls and place them on a plate – this is a job children as young as 2 can help with and a great job to help teach older children basic division.
- Step 3 Grown ups:** While the children are rolling the meatballs make the sauce. Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Add the courgette and garlic and cook for 5 mins until soft and mushy. Stir in the tomato puree, sugar and vinegar leave for 1 min then tip in the tomatoes and simmer for 5 mins. If your children like courgettes then you can leave the sauce chunky. But if, like mine, they hate courgettes then blitz the sauce with a hand blender – either way continue to simmer sauce gently while you cook the meatballs. If your child is confident with heat, from 7+ they can cook the sauce with supervision.
- Step 4 Grown ups:** Heat the oil in a large frying pan and, working in batches, brown the meatballs on all sides then pop them into the sauce – continue to simmer the sauce for 15 mins, stirring very gently until the meatballs are cooked through. Serve with cooked spaghetti, extra grated Parmesan and a few torn basil leaves your child has picked and torn.