



# "Learning Together"



*A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.*

*Caring, Respectful, Learners*

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Week 10

8th April 2022

## *Student of the Week* Congratulations to:



**Tiah N:** For putting in a fantastic effort with her reading connections and always willing to challenge herself and extend her learning. Well done!



**Lincoln H:** For showing fantastic listening skills and participation during learning time and having a growth mindset. Well done!



**Lucas B-B:** For proudly upholding our school values while on the Farmworld Excursion. Superstar Lucas!



**Olivia W:** For being a fabulous learner, always having a positive attitude. Well done with accepting BODMAS challenges this week!

## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

This term in Respectful Relations, students learned about Emotional Literacy and Personal Strengths. They identified emotions and triggers that lead to emotions and how their actions can impact emotions of others. They also identified Personal Strengths and set goals to develop new strengths.

Next Term, students will begin by learning about Positive Coping including concepts such as:

- Identifying a range of coping strategies to help students deal with intense emotions
- Identifying the influence of self-talk on their actions and emotions
- Identifying and explaining factors that influence effective communication in a variety of situations.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 8th April—last day of school—2.15pm finish; PM country buses 1hr earlier

Monday 25th April—ANZAC Day—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 26th April—first day of Term 2



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Dear Parents and Carers



### Term 1

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of Term 1. It has been a busy term with lots of great highlights and achievements. We have enjoyed a reasonably uninterrupted term of learning without having to go through lock-downs or a return to remote schooling.

Some of our highlights this term have included:

- Professional learning day for all staff on Trauma Informed Practice
- The welcoming of new staff members—Matt Grimshaw, Sam Berry and Josh Hasan
- Another successful Farm World Delivery Service and an excursion to Farm World
- A great Athletic Sports day with successful students going on to the district athletics
- The commencement of our Arts /Music programs for 2022
- The election of our new Parents Club and School Council
- A great Easter raffle
- And above all—a great term of learning from all of our students!!

### Thank you Eden

Eden de Robillard has been a very valued member of our teaching team now for 5 school terms. This year Eden has been doing a fabulous job as our Learning Tutor and I know we have 23 students who will always remember Eden as their first prep teacher. Eden's last official day at Drouin South PS will be Tuesday 26th April. Eden and her husband are expecting their first baby very soon and we wish them well for the future.

### Sounds-Write

Our Prep to Year 2 Team of staff along with Jenny Eacott have recently completed an intensive course in the teaching of phonics. The course, called Sounds-Write, aims to give our junior students a solid grasp of letters and sounds to allow them to segment (take-apart) and blend (put together) sounds that make up words in reading and writing. The Sounds-Write team have an Free online resource to assist parents to understand what Sounds-Write is about so that parents can also assist children with these important skills and understandings. The resource can be accessed [HERE](#) or go to <https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/> and scroll down to the end of the page.



### RATs to Continue for First 4 Weeks of Term 2

The Victorian Government has announced it is extending the rapid antigen test (RAT) screening program for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. The screening recommendations will remain the same next term for students and staff, that is, mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week and Specialist schools – recommended to test 5 days a week due to the higher risk of severe illness for medically vulnerable children. RATs will continue to be made available to all students and families from the beginning of Term 2.

## Working with Children Checks

As part of our commitment to Child Safety we recommend that all parents seek a Working With Children Check. A current Working With Children Card is required when assisting at school in any child related role whether this be assisting in classrooms, helping at parent's club events (eg. Mother's Day Stall), sports days, excursions and camps. [Information on how to apply can be found HERE!](#)

[Our Child Safety Policy is available on the Drouin South Primary School website.](#)

## Start of Term 2

Term 2 commences on Tuesday 26th April. Please note that Monday 25th April is ANZACX day and is a public holiday. The last day of Term 2 is Friday 24th June.

## Easter Raffle

Thank you to all of our families who contributed prizes for the Easter raffle and to those who purchased and sold tickets.

Our raffle was drawn today and we had 12 very happy prize winners.

Congratulations to our 12 winners!!

- 1 - Harrison Asmus
- 2 - Olivia Watson
- 3 - Ali Miller
- 4 - Jennifer Bleazby
- 5 - Dylan Marshall
- 6 - Oliver Duncan
- 7 - Josh Chamberlain
- 8 - Gema Drewery
- 9 - Kelvin Kelly
- 10 - Liam Bourke
- 11 - Harrison Asmus
- 12 - Taj Goodrope



*Michael Smith—Principal*

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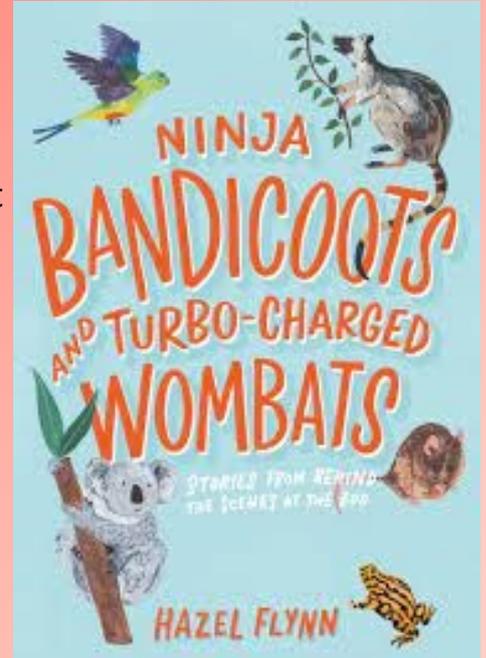
# *Ninja Bandicoots and Turbo-Charged Wombats*

*stories from behind the scenes at the zoo*

*By Hazel Flynn*

Why does each koala in a zoo need 1000 trees? How do you check a Tree-kangaroo's pouch for joeys? Why is a wombat's poo square-shaped? And how do dogs help look after 'extinct' bandicoots?

Discover all this and more, as we take you behind the scenes of a modern Australian zoo and animal hospital. Find out what it's really like to be a zookeeper and hear their funny and fascinating stories about the animals they look after – from the koala who regularly escapes her cage, to cheeky Tasmanian devil cubs nipping the keepers' ankles for food; and from Jess, the majestic wedge-tailed eagle, to tiny but precious frogs and skinks.



These delightful and fascinating stories for children aged 9 to 12 reveal the essential role of zoos today, from preserving and

rehabilitating endangered species to making groundbreaking scientific discoveries and uncovering more about how animals think.

*Find this and other  
great books in the  
DSPS library!*

Packed full of fascinating facts, *Ninja Bandicoots and Turbo-Charged Wombats* is the perfect read for animal-loving kids.

Review from *goodreads*



## 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.



# What's on in Term 2 2022

## Parents Building Solutions

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

Dads Matter: online via Zoom, Wednesdays 4th May to 1st June, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Let's Talk About Parenting: online via Zoom, Tuesdays 10th May to 7th June, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Dealing with your Child's Anger: online via Zoom, Wednesdays 11th May to 15th June (no session 1st June), 10:30am - 12:30pm

## Bringing Up Great Kids

Focuses on building positive relationships and interactions between parents and children

Thursdays 12th May to 16th June, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Online via Zoom

## Tuning in to Kids

Teaches parents skills to help their children to understand and regulate their emotions.

Fridays 20th May to 24th June, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Online via Zoom

## Learning Through Play

Supported play for Latrobe parents/carers and their children under-school-age. Groups run throughout school term from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Mondays:  
Buckley St Morwell

Tuesdays:  
Buckley St Morwell

Wednesdays:  
Buckley St Morwell

Thursdays: Churchill Community Hub

Fridays: Churchill Community Hub

For bookings & enquiries contact: Parentzone Gippsland on 03 5135 9555 or email [parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au)

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# What's on in Term 2 2022

## Single sessions

These 2-hour sessions are based on Parents Building Solutions program and offered online via Zoom

### Raising Resilient Kids

Friday 13th May, 10:30am - 12:30pm

- How you can help your child cope in a chaotic world
- Improving your child's confidence and self esteem
- Helping your child to cope with change

### When Kids Refuse To Go To School

Thursday 5th May, 10:30am - 12:30pm

- Developing strategies to build your child's resilience.
- Understanding and responding to your child's feelings and emotions.
- Work together to find solutions.

### Parenting Anxious Kids

Friday 6th May, 10:30am - 12:30pm

- How to respond when your child gets overwhelmed
- Helping your child to regulate their emotions
- Supporting your child with their challenges

### Making Time for Self Care

Tuesday 29th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm

- Strategies for feeling less overwhelmed
- Improving your confidence and self esteem
- Building resilience for yourself and your family
- Taking time out for yourself

### Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Friday 29th April, 10:30am - 12:30pm

- Do you want to understand why some behaviours occur?
- Learn strategies to deal with behaviour?
- Communicate better with your child?
- Stay connected to your child?

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# Surviving the School Holidays

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SURVIVAL TIPS:

- #1 Don't break the bank. Check out your local park, library or council website for free and fun school holiday activities.
- #2 Ensure you have balance! Being out every day with the kids can be exhausting and expensive. Movie days in your PJ's and slow days around the house can still be fun!
- #3 Pack a lunch box for days at home. I'm sure you're thinking, "Aren't the school holidays my time off from packing lunches?" and the answer is - yes! However, packing a lunch box full of snacks will avoid the constant "Muuuuuum, I'm hungry!" that comes with the kids being home.
- #4 Get creative in the kitchen. Help the kids bake yummy treats or even get them involved in making dinner. You could even turn it into imaginative play by setting up a little "restaurant" at home and getting the kids to dress up like waiters and chefs!
- #5 Don't put pressure on yourself. With the kids home and causing havoc, the house is sure to be a mess and routine may go out the window. That's ok! All kids really want on School Holiday's is a break from daily routine and pressures anyway.

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY RULES

### TRY NEW THINGS

USE KIND WORDS | TELL THE TRUTH

— SAY PLEASE AND THANK YOU —

[SMILE] FORGIVE EACH OTHER  
[SING] WAIT YOUR TURN  
[LAUGH] KEEP YOUR PROMISES

SKIP, CLIMB, SWING, EXPLORE

HOLD HANDS | FAMILY FIRST | APOLOGISE

WEAR HATS, HELMETS, SUNSCREEN

DO THE RIGHT THING, FIRST TIME

PICK UP, PACK UP | BE BRAVE



## TRY THESE:

-  **B**uild, craft, or cook something
-  **O**utside play
-  **R**ead a book
-  **E**arn some money
-  **D**o something for others

For more great summer ideas visit



## Totally Not Boring FUN from A to Z

- Create a work of **ART**
- BAKE** cookies or a cake
- CAMP** out in the backyard or living room
- DECORATE** your bedroom
- EARN** some money
- Hold a paper plane **FLYING** challenge
- Get outdoors and try **GEOCACHING**
- Head off on a **HIKE**
- Make **ICE CREAM** sundaes or floats
- Get creative with **JEWELRY** making
- Try **KNITTING** ... with fingers or needles
- Build with **LEGO**
- Edit your own hobby **MAGAZINE**
- Make a target for a **NERF GUN**, water balloon or sock battle
- OFFER** to help someone
- Get creative with **PHOTOGRAPHY**
- Host a family **QUIZ NIGHT**
- READ** something new or something you love
- SCOOTER** or **SKATE**
- Play **TAG** or Hide N Seek or Murder in the Dark
- Challenge someone to a **WNO** championship
- VISIT** a museum, art gallery or library
- WASH** the car or the dog
- Conduct a science **EXPERIMENT**
- Stretch your body with **YOGA**
- ZONE** out and relax

# Easter Ideas

## EASTER AT HOME IDEAS FOR KIDS

- ♥ Make an Easter tree
- ♥ Bake an Easter cake
- ♥ Create a bunny craft
- ♥ Make an Easter egg garland
- ♥ Picnic in the backyard
- ♥ Make a handprint keepsake
- ♥ Create cards for loved ones
- ♥ Make an Easter egg wreath
- ♥ Read an Easter-themed book
- ♥ Bake egg-shaped cookies
- ♥ Decorate the house with crafts
- ♥ Prepare an Easter egg hunt
- ♥ Make a sock bunny
- ♥ Paint Easter eggs
- ♥ Watch an Easter movie
- ♥ Wear (homemade) bunny ears
- ♥ Easter scavenger hunt
- ♥ Have an egg and spoon race
- ♥ Easter photoshoot at home
- ♥ Play Easter bingo
- ♥ Have an Easter brunch
- ♥ Make fingerprint bunnies
- ♥ Create an Easter-themed artwork



# How to Decorate Eggs

## What You Need to Dye Easter Eggs

- Hard boiled eggs
- Paper towel or newspaper
- Bowl or cup deep enough to completely submerge an egg
- Tongs, egg dipper, or slotted spoon
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- Liquid food colouring (about 20 drops per colour)



## How to Dye Eggs

1. Protect your surface by covering with a sheet of newspaper or paper towel.
2. Use cool hard boiled eggs.
3. Fill container with enough water to cover the egg, one teaspoon of white vinegar, and about 20 drops of food colouring. The more food colouring you add, the darker the colour of the egg will be.
4. To create unique patterns on the eggs, use rubber bands, wax, crayons, or waterproof tape to mark off stripes or designs where you don't want the dye to hit.
5. Place your egg on a slotted or regular spoon and dunk, turning occasionally so both sides get colour. Keep your dyed egg in the liquid for up to 5 minutes. The longer you leave your egg in the dye bath, the more vivid the colour will be. You can also dip only part of the egg in one colour, then switch to another colour to create a multi-coloured effect.

## You could also use stickers to decorate



# Cooking with Kids

## Boiled Eggs & Soldiers

### WHAT'S TO LOVE ABOUT EGGS AND SOLDIERS

- **FUN** – The name, the egg cup, getting to cut the top off the egg and of course, dipping.
- **NUTRITIONAL** – Eggs are an excellent source of iron and are a nutritious source of protein, fat, Vitamins A, D, E, B12 and choline. Served with a mix of toast and vegetable soldiers it is a very balanced breakfast.
- **VERSATILE** – Perfect for breakfast but equally good for lunch or a quick weeknight dinner.

### How to Make the perfect Soft Boiled Eggs

- ① **PLACE EGGS IN COLD WATER:** Add your eggs **before** you start boiling. Avoid overcrowding the pan, you want to make sure the eggs fit in the saucepan in a single layer.
- ② **BRING TO A BOIL:** Do not start the timer until the water is at a **full boil**. A timer is crucial to get consistent eggs every time. Don't just glance at the clock
- ③ **SIMMER:** After the water comes to a boil, reduce to a light simmer and simmer for 4 mins.
- ④ **RUN UNDER COLD WATER:** To stop the cooking process. Add to egg cup and serve straight away.



Australian Eggs mention that eggs should be cooked until the white is set and the yolk begins to thicken. Soft-boiled eggs are fine as long as the yolk isn't completely runny.



### “SOLDIERS”

Buttered toast fingers are traditional “soldiers” but mixing it up can add variety (and some extra veggie goodness). Why not try...

- Asparagus Spears
- Bell Pepper (Capsicum) Strips
- Carrot Batons
- Sugar Snap Peas
- Roasted Sweet Potato Strips
- Broccoli
- Mashed avocado on toast fingers