



# "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:



**Addison R:** For doing a fantastic job with her Reading. Well Done.



**Caitlyn R:** For being an active learner by participating in class discussions and seeking help when she requires it.



**Mia M:** For her fantastic effort in her Narrative writing opening sentences and displaying the school values all through the day. Well done!



**Conor McC:** For his focus during small group work and for showing such wonderful determination to record large numbers accurately. Superstar Conor!



**Livvi W:** For being able to clearly articulate all of her learning goals and maximise her learning time. Keep up the amazing work Livvi!!



**Addi M:** For accepting challenges in maths to use new strategies when multiplying and dividing large numbers.



**Performing Arts:** Awarded to **Asha S** for his fantastic focus and care on the Ukulele. Well done Asha!



**Performing Arts:** Awarded to **Chelsea L** for her creative use of shapes and colours in her Paul Klee Inspired Artwork.



**OSHC:** Awarded to **Addison T** for being friendly and respectful at OSHC. Well done Addison!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th August—5/6, 4/5 and 3/4 Swimming Lessons

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th August—Book Week

Monday 29th August—Father's Day Stall (see p.3)

Friday 2nd September—Book Character Dress Up Day (p.4)

Tuesday 6th September—2023 Prep transition sessions

Friday 9th September—Pyjama Day (p.3)



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Dear Parents and Carers



### Swimming and Water Safety

Today brings us to the end of our Junior Swimming and Water Safety week. Well done to all of our students on their progress throughout the course of the sessions. Teachers have reported a growth in confidence levels and have reported that students have done an excellent job of being respectful, caring learners whilst travelling to and from the pool as well as during lesson time.

Next week our Senior grades will commence their 5 days of Swimming and Water Safety.

### Student Led Conferences—Last Week of Term (Thursday 15th September after school—Times to be confirmed)

As part of our drive to build self-awareness as learners and student agency in learning, this term we will be holding Student Led Conferences. Student Led Conferences will provide time for parents to sit with their child and let their child “self-report” about their learning. This is a very important skill for students to acquire and something that will obviously be built on during their years of school. Student Led Conferences will be held “in stations” meaning several student led conferences will be conducted in each learning space with teachers roving to provide support. Students will be given guidance and opportunities to prepare during the coming weeks. Parents will be provided with some “guided” questions to assist the students to talk about their learning effectively. We are very excited about this initiative which will run from Prep to Year 6. We will be asking parents to book times in the coming weeks but just wanted to give advance notice of the date.

### No Students at School on Last day Term 3—Professional Practice Day for Teachers

At present teachers are entitled to 3 Professional Practice days each year. (This will reduce to 2 next year and 1 in 2024). Due to shortages of casual teaching staff, the Department of Education has directed schools to hold these days as common days meaning all teachers will be released on the same day within a school. Our next Professional Practice Day for DSPS will be held on Friday 16th September (last day of Term 3). This means that students will not attend school on that day. On Professional Practice Days, teachers are required focus on elements of classroom teaching such as assessment, planning and/or professional learning to work on administrative work, collaboration with colleagues or professional learning .

### Coming Events

We have a number of exciting events occurring over the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on the calendar in each week’s newsletter as well as Class Dojo and our Facebook posts to ensure you know what is coming up.

### Covid 19

Although we apparently over the worst of the recent Covid outbreak, we still have cases occurring within the school community. This week Grade 5/6 has been affected. Please continue to use RATs regularly, wash hands, encourage mask wearing and please keep children home when they are sick— we are desperately trying to keep our teachers healthy to avoid grade splits and to keep replacement costs to a minimum.

*Michael Smith—Principal    Caring, Respectful, Learners*

## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

In Respectful Relations curriculum for the next **two** weeks students will be focusing on the topic ‘Gender and Identity’. For Juniors, sessions will look at developing an awareness of gender norms and an appreciation of difference. In Senior classes, students will discuss ways to restrict negative effects and enable positive impacts of gender norms and also the influence of media

and literature on the development of gender norms. If you would like more information, please see your child’s classroom teacher or visit the Department of Education Victoria website.



## Father's Day Stall

Drouin South Primary School will be holding our Father's Day stall on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August**.

All items will be \$5 with a maximum of 2 items per student.

Please place money in an envelope marked with the child's: Name, Class and dollar amount (\$5/\$10) in the class basket for teachers to collect prior to the stall. We have some great gifts available for the special men in your lives, including some dedicated to grandfathers!

SEPTEMBER 9!!

Gippsland's Biggest  
P.J. DAY

SUPPORTING A BETTER LIFE  
FOR FOSTER KIDS

EVERY GIPPSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL IS INVITED TO WEAR OODIES, DRESSES OR P.J.'S  
ON SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR THE GIPPSLAND CHARITY  
'A BETTER LIFE FOR FOSTER KIDS'

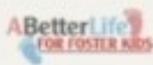
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Gippsland Community  
Leadership Program



Drouin South  
Primary  
Pyjama Day

Gold coin donation

Bedtime  
stories and  
short films



Design your  
own pyjamas  
competition!





Friday 2nd  
September

Dress as your favourite  
book character - don't  
forget to bring the book  
that inspired your  
costume!

Dreaming  
with eyes  
open...

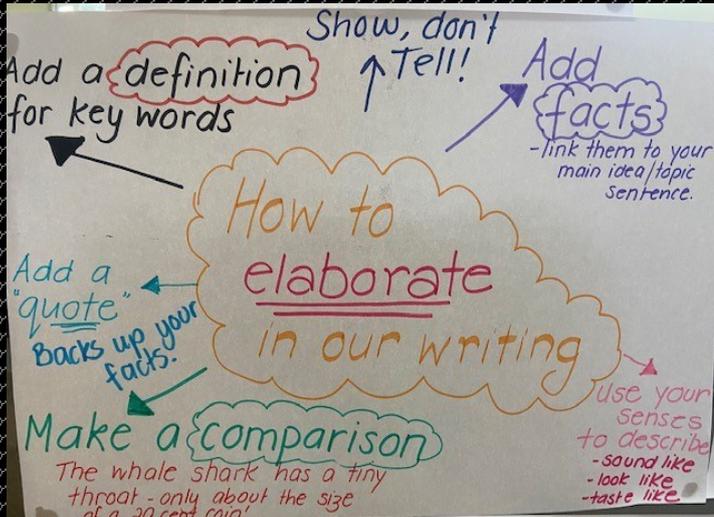


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# Writing in 4/5



Over the last few weeks during the **Writer's Workshop** students in grade 4/5 have been learning the skill of **elaboration**. As a direct result, their writing is becoming more detailed, interesting and powerful. Students have been shown a range of different strategies that they can use to assist with this crucial skill (elaboration). For example, using direct quotes, using the 5 senses, using relevant facts (Prove It), and the strategy of 'Show, don't tell'. In addition to students using elaboration techniques, students have continued to develop their individual writing goal along with building stamina and efficiency. If you get the opportunity at home, ask your student what their current writing goal is and what strategies they are working on to achieve this personalised goal. We have included some of the students' work from the **Writer's Workshop**.



**Falling Adoin**

The second Kate looked they heard a voice coming from its direction. **My Heart started to beat faster as I squeezed Kates hand.** The voice started to speak. Then Jacklyn realised Kate its not a security camera or a speaker "Hello". **Jacklyn jumped out of her shoes** as she heard a familiar voice. If you want to get out you need to answer riddles go that. **Kate took a big breath and because she doesn't pay any**

William has been through a lot. He came from Scotland and was kidnapped by English. Will became a peasant and at the ripe age of 26 for a peasant <sup>some thing changed it</sup> The king of England wanted to import the peasants. When William started a rebellion and they killed Edward. Will became king and Scotland was also handed over to Will making the u.k./united kingdom. There was a war between Ireland and Wales, and the u.k. got involved. Will got captured and chased off a cliff.

TELL	SHOW
I was excited	I was yelling with excitement My face lit up with excitement as I saw shooting stars fly across the night sky for the first time!
I was bored	I started yawning As the rain pounded on the roof, I was grounded for a week.
I was disappointed	My head dropped As I slowly walked down the corridor, my head slumped lower and lower.
I was in pain	I was bleeding Blood splattered across my knee, tears ran down my face
I was happy	I had a big grin I was bouncing because I was excited...
I was hungry	My tummy growls My tummy growled as my eyes watered when I picked up my lunch box.
I was happy	I was having a good day My face lit up, I wanted to run outside and jump in the leaves!
I was sad	I cried I curled up into a little ball and my heart ached.
I was scared	My heart beat as I squeezed my sister's hand My heart beat wildly as I squeezed my sister's hand so hard that she screamed.
I was sad	I wanted to cry My eyes stung like never before. I felt heavy in my heart
I was embarrassed	My face turned bright red My face turned bright red and I felt like running out of there. As soon as I turned my back, all of the kids started laughing.

# Writing in 4/5

the house in the woods  
I was scared waiting <sup>up</sup> to the house birds flew above me the wind was cold I opened the door I felt light headed when I upstairs tears ran down my face holding my teddy bear tight while walking my life flashed before I seen a black man even more tears ran down my face the end



## The boat

I felt the surface of my skin burn like the arctic the waves were calm and the birds chirped in the background. The air tasted like mouldy rain. The skull ahead of me had a crusty face with a stair like non other. I felt like crying after I escaped the crooked Ship with broken carpet and cells that smell like rotten flesh. The eyes from the skull stinted my eyes like the sun. A bird landed on our boat in was just Bones...

intro

hi im alex i said in the mirror, AH a stupid not i hate falling in the dirt, im so muddy and my hair is a mess, and of course it got all over my sav.ort green shirt and jeans, ugh. i finally got clean and my hair brushed, i walked out to the sun beaming on my skin, my slipper where way to hot so i put my blue sneaker's on, and walked down to the milkbar to grab

## Eggs

~~Usually~~ Usually turtles lay eggs at night 2-5 feet under the surface. It takes 45-70 days for just one egg to hatch. The reason they lay eggs in the sand is so their predators can't eat the eggs. It takes 40-70 days for just one egg to hatch. The Nature decides if a girl or boy is born. ~~NO~~ ~~NO~~

Fun Fact  
Turtles are the oldest animals around - 100 years old  
If below 28°C baby is male  
Fact box  
16 above box baby 16 female  
316 baby 16 female  
100 turtles have a second shell per nest.

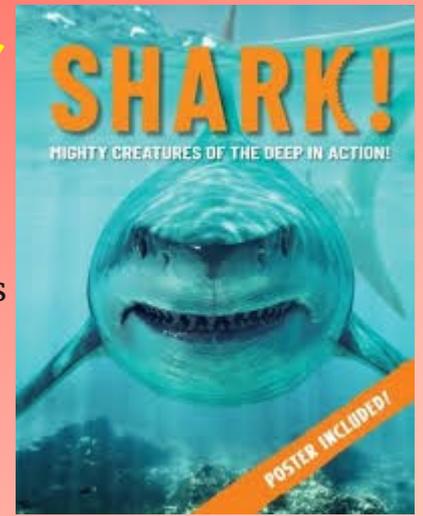
## Twirling Leaves

As the leaves twirled down over Magic's mane Lilly sang the words of her mothers song "la la it will be ok la la". Lilly was riding her horse Magic as she had just had a break in to her house Lilly's long brown hair flowed behind her as she walked through the well known jungle, all she could think about was her parents and Misty her dog and Tiger her pony. Tiger was her first horse that she loved dearly. "BOOM!" when the bomb Magic started to jump "It's ok boy" Lilly said crying that was her house then Misty started running to them "Mystie" Mystie her dog came to her "OMG Mystie Lilly started crying more. Mystie followed Lilly She was a good dog she

# Shark! Mighty Creatures of the deep in action!

By Paul Mason

Chances are when you think of sharks, it's the great white or hammerhead that swim into view. But, there are over 400 species swimming in the oceans today. And, some are very bizarre with super-long snouts or detachable jaws. They are powerful, super-eating machines. Imagine a dark, triangular fin slicing through water - terrifying to humans. But, they are much more than this. So, check out...



- a shark that has a mouth big enough to fit round a double bed
- the special features and tactics they use to catch prey

- the stories of brave (and lucky) people who have survived shark attacks
- why sharks need our protections to stop becoming extinct

Find this and other great books in the DSPS library!

True stories, fascinating science, with superb photographs and action packed text take you down to the depths to view an array of fascinating sharks: how they hunt, true shark attack survival stories, weird and unusual sharks and what we can do to protect the special species.

Review from *goodreads*

## Before School Care Availability

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Limited	Limited	Yes	Limited	Very limited

## After School Care Availability

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yes	Limited	Limited	Yes	Yes



## Recess / Lunchtime Clubs and Activities



LIBRARY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Recess	<b>Fidget Club</b> Gr. F - 1  Student Leaders: Ava, Tizza & Eden	<b>Fidget Club</b> Gr. 2+  Student Leaders: Ava, Tizza & Eden	<b>Board Games &amp; Reading</b> 	<b>Board Games &amp; Reading</b> 	<b>Lego Club</b> 
Lunchtime	<b>Choir</b> 	<b>Marble Club</b>  Student Leaders:	<b>Board Games &amp; Reading</b> 	<b>Colouring Club</b>  Student Leaders: Addi, Em, & Emily	<b>Junior Minecraft</b> 
Classroom Clubs: Lunchtime		<b>Art Club</b>  In the Art Room with Mrs Phillips			<b>Senior Minecraft</b>  In Mr Moore's Room

## 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



## 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. Gumboots are also a great idea.**



# Family Fun

## FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Looking for some awesomely creative ways to spend quality time as a family during quarantine? Check out these Respectful Ways' Home Connects activities. Bounce from one activity to another to mix up the fun!



### Activities for Younger Children

- Play the Compliment Game!**  
First, let's model how to give compliments, then practice giving them to each other. Make sure to share how giving and receiving compliments makes you feel.
- Go on a hike or a walk as a family.**  
Sometimes you can find amazing scenery and wildlife right in your neighborhood. Discover the plants and animals that live around you. Collect things in nature and make a [collage](#).
- Ask family members what brings them joy.**  
Write down the responses then draw the family, along with the joyful ideas. Title it: Our Family!
- Discuss good foods you like** and help kids plan a healthy and [delicious meal](#). Prepare it together. Share cooking tips while preparing, and talk about the health benefits while eating!
- Create a "Get Along" Family Handshake**  
Agree to use it when family members are not getting along. As a family, write a short poem, rap or song to go with it!
- Into English and Language Arts?**  
Write poems, stories and plays! Take turns reading each other's work. Build a set and costumes then act out the play for friends and family.
- Into Math and Science?**  
Build a [terrarium](#). Draw and color geometric designs like [mandalas](#). Go outside at night with an [app](#) that identifies stars. Go to [NASA's site](#) for tons of fun activities for young kids into astronomy!

### Activities for Older Children

- Engage in conversations about future dreams** and plans. Talk about the aspirations you had at their age – and the goals you have today.
- Good [problem-solvers](#) embrace uncertainty and reframe setbacks as opportunities. **Find a problem** you can solve as a family and focus on developing these mindsets.
- Discuss "Authenticity"** with family members. Discuss how you have remained true to yourself when pressured by peers.
- Turn negativity around in the house!** Keep a "Negativity Jar." If someone says something negative, write it down, cross it out, and then write something positive in its place. At the end of the week, re-examine the cards and talk about the difference it made.
- Foster family connection:** Let children interview elders and ask them what they stood up for when they were young. Find a local issue in your community to work together to solve.
- Establish Phone-Free times** (You too, parents!) Replace that time with [family projects](#), puzzles and activities. Talk to your kids regularly about perception vs. reality in the world of social media.
- Expand Your Friendships:** Share a time when you made a friend with someone who isn't like you. Discuss what you found in common and share what you appreciate that's different.