



"Learning Together"



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Term 4

Week 32

21st October 2022

Student of the Week **Congratulations to:**



Nate V: For doing a wonderful job with Writing. Well Done.



Joey M: For his super work during writing and reading this week, and for having a caring attitude towards his friends.



Tiah N: For always being a caring and respectful class member towards her peers and working hard to achieve her reading goal. Well done!



Edie M: For her enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and focus when crafting the rising action of her narrative. Superstar Edie!



Minssa A: For making such a positive transition into our school and following all of our school values and expectations. Awesome effort Minssa!!



Oscar S: For being a great learner, simplifying fractions, and converting improper fractions. You're a fractions whiz!

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 28th October—DSPS Trick or Treat & School Disco (see p.3)

Monday 31st October—**Curriculum Day**—no students at school

Tuesday 1st November—PUBLIC HOLIDAY—Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 16th November—School Council—7.30pm

Friday 18th November—**Colour** Fun Run



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

Playground Upgrades

School council has approved a plan to upgrade the embankment and surrounds of our basketball court. The recent wet weather has highlighted the issues around the courts by causing further erosion and blocking drainage. This in turn continually damages the court surfaces making it slippery and unsafe.

The plan is to excavate around the courts and re-shape the existing embankment. New and improved drainage will be installed, the area around the fence will be widened and a gravel path constructed. The embankment will be retained with large boulders and native plants. The courts will be cleaned to give us a freshen and restore the surface.

This will improve the use of the basketball courts, make entry and exit to the school safer, provide some natural play for children (on and around the boulders) and will beautify the whole area for years to come. Funds raised from Farm World and the Garden Show delivery service will be used to enhance this area.

This project will be completed in time for the beginning of the 2023 school year. The school council is planning further improvements to play spaces in the coming years.

Enrolments and Planning for 2023

As student numbers are extremely important for our planning processes, it is important for our school to have enrolment numbers as accurate as possible as we are coming towards the end of the school year. This includes families and children coming to our school and also families who are leaving.

In order to assist with our planning, could all DSPS families please:

- Let any "potential" families know that we need enrolment forms in as soon as possible.
- enrol your 2023 Prep student (if you haven't already)
- Let the school know if your family is moving to another school next year.

Supervision Times

Our supervision times for students is between 8.45am and 3.30pm each day. Teachers are officially on duty during these times. Students should not be arriving before 8.45am. Bus students (and other students who may arrive early) are expected to remain in the undercover area until the first bell goes at 8.45am.

Michael Smith—Principal

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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.](#)

GETTING TO KNOW DSPS STAFF

Name: Sam Prowse

Eye colour: Blue

Family / Pets: Husband (Beau), daughter (Saskia), son (Zephyr), three guinea pigs, and a cat named Jukes.

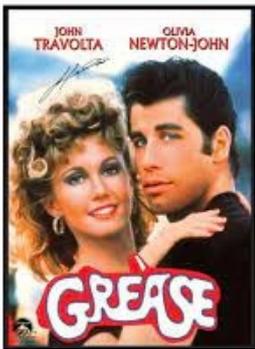


How long have you been at DSPS? 2 weeks (and two University placements)

What does a perfect weekend look like for you?

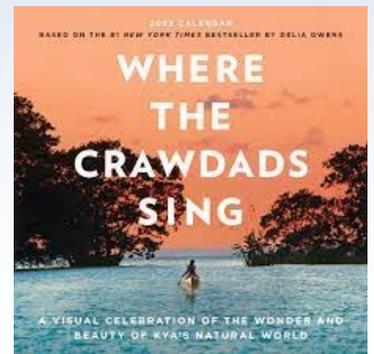
Going for a walk on a Saturday morning and getting Granola from Untitled (it's delicious!). I also enjoy spending time with my family (however

we've just come back from 4 months in a caravan together, so I am enjoying a bit of space being at home), catching up with friends and playing netball.



What's a great book you've read recently?

'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens



Do you have a favourite movie?

'Grease'. I can still watch the entire movie every time it comes on TV.

If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go?

Nairobi, I'd love to do a safari.



What's your secret talent that no one knows about?

My talent for singing and drawing stick figures, just ask Grade 1/2S, they've had to endure both last week!

What's your favourite season and why?

Summer. I love walking on the beach, warm nights and listening to live music anywhere outdoors.



What's your guilty pleasure?

Chocolate brownie.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?

If the plan doesn't work, change the plan but never the goal.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

This term in Respectful Relations curriculum, students will be discussing the Topic of *Positive Gender Relations*. This will include discussions about gender based violence, respectful gender relations and help seeking strategies. They will also learn about their role in promoting positive wellbeing and developing a culture of respect for all.

The Respectful Relations Curriculum is all about embedding a culture of respect and equality across the entire school community and is taught in an age appropriate way. If you would like any more information, please see your child's classroom teacher.

**The Kookie Shop needs
you!**



**We are seeking donations of
new or clean and in good
condition used items for our Kookie
shop.**

**Items can be sent to school and given to
Mrs Moore or the office.**

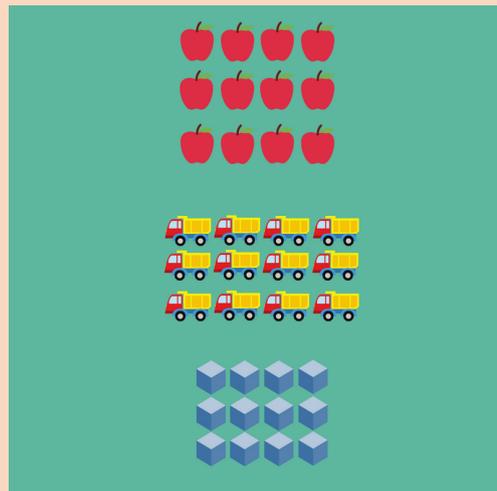
**Items such as books, toys, games,
stationary etc. would be happily
received.**

Thank you for supporting The Kookie

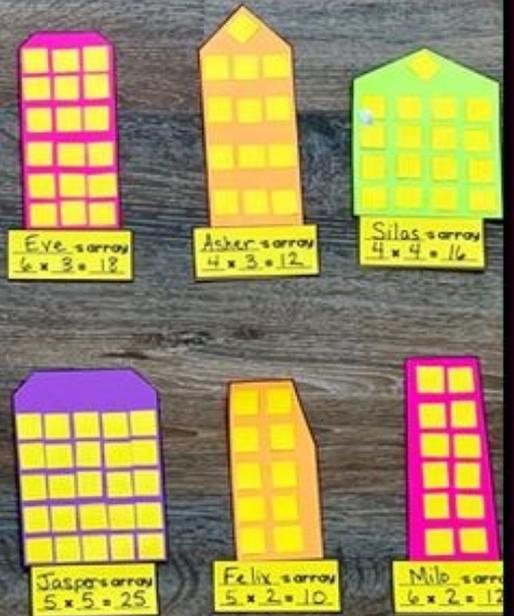
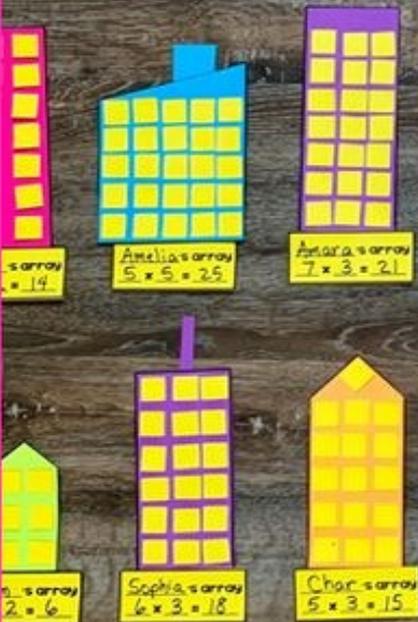
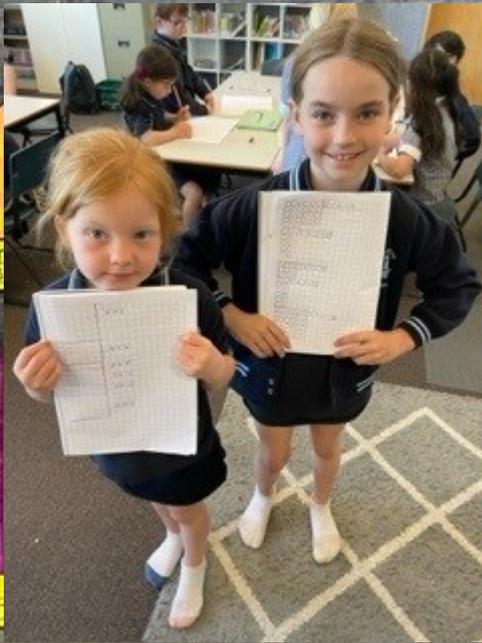
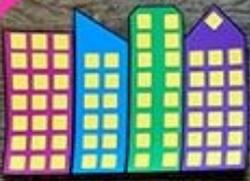
MULTIPLICATION

Grade 1/2H have been working super hard on their multiplication learning!

They have been identifying, labelling and solving arrays and regions using various strategies to support their learning of multiplication as groups!



ARRAY CITY



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Evan's
Array city

$6 \times 2 = 12$ $4 \times 3 = 12$

The collage features several photos of students working on their array projects. On the left, a student is writing at a desk. In the center, two students are working together at a table. On the right, a student is writing at a desk. The background is decorated with a large drawing of a house with a grid of windows and a blue sky with clouds. At the bottom, two multiplication equations are displayed: $6 \times 2 = 12$ and $4 \times 3 = 12$.

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	None	None	Yes	Yes

Now by Morris Gleitzman

'We first met Felix in [Once](#). He thought he was the luckiest child in the orphanage, since he was the only one whose parents weren't dead. Sadly, he was wrong about that. We followed his story in [Then](#), in which he and his dear friend Zelda are on the run from the Nazis at the height of the Holocaust and its terrifying Final Solution. In *Now*, we catch up with Felix many years later. He's built a good life as a surgeon in Australia, and is now frustratingly retired, unable to operate because of his shaky hands. He's looking after his granddaughter, Zelda's namesake, whose parents are doctors volunteering in Darfur.

Zelda Mark II isn't having an easy time of it. She's missing her parents terribly and although she knows they are doing important work in the refugee camps, she can't help but feel abandoned. She's being bullied at her new school. And, perhaps most of all, she's finding it very difficult to live up to her name. Zelda Mark I was brave and bright and heroic - and since she didn't make it to Australia like Felix, she's taken on an iconic status in everybody's mind. Quite how this younger Zelda can live up to that, she just can't imagine. Felix is equally haunted by the past, and his own imagined failings during that terrible time.

And then a vicious bushfire sweeps Australia, burning all in its path. Can Felix and Zelda seize its flames as an opportunity to cleanse their fears and guilts, or will it burn them up for good?

I have loved this wonderful series from Morris Gleitzman. It's truthful and direct and it doesn't shy away from the horrors of its subject. But it's brimming over with optimism too - full of the kind of understanding and humanity that enables people to make fresh starts and to move on. The writing is simple and accessible, but open to a wide range of readers. A middle years primary child could approach it with ease....

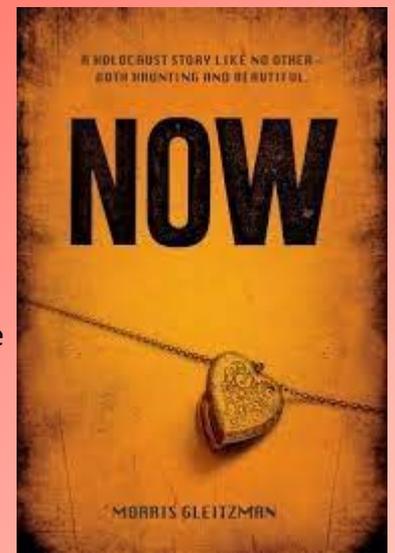
It's wonderfully observed and snatches of humour are never too far from the surface - "*I can't leave Jumble,*" I say. "*He's my sister!*" - and every character is fallible, just as every human is fallible. The lesson in these books is that no matter how many times you get knocked down, you should get up and try again. And try again is exactly what Felix and Zelda do.'

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

From TheBookbag

After is the sixth in a series of seven children's novels about Felix, a Jewish orphan caught in the middle of the Holocaust, from Australian author Morris Gleitzman - author of *Bumface* and *Boy Overboard*.

The library now has a complete set.





Recess / Lunchtime Clubs and Activities



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

Hats!

As a Sun-Smart School, all students are required to wear a hat whilst outside between September and April each year. Students that don't wear a hat are required to play in the undercover area at recess and lunch times. Please label your child's hat.



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



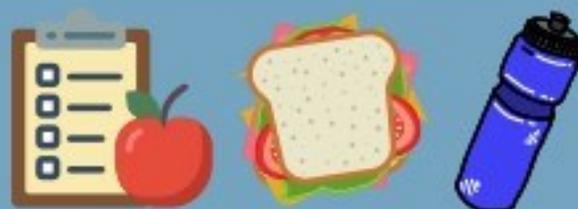
Build a Healthy Lunchbox



The [Cancer Council](#) has created a 'Healthy Lunchbox Builder' resource.

Click on the image to try it out!

Better Health Channel has also created a school lunch menu planner, which can be accessed [here](#)



Healthy Lunchbox Planner

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Use the [Pick & Mix sheet](#) to plan your lunches for the week to ensure you're eating all the food groups. Fill me out on a Sunday and keep me on your fridge to make packing your lunch easy!

	EXAMPLE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fruit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strawberries 					
Veg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrot & celery sticks • Salad in my roll 					
Dairy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tofaki dip 					
Meat/alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boiled egg in my roll 					
Grains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multigrain roll 					
Do I have a healthy, balanced lunchbox today?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

This Healthy Lunchbox Planner is a great resource created by [GenR8 Change](#). Click on the image to be taken to their website!



Sandwich Sushi

Makes 6 small pieces

Ingredients:

- 2 slices wholemeal bread,
- crusts removed
- 2 tablespoons vegetable-based dip (e.g. hummus, beetroot, pumpkin)
- 1 small tin sandwich tuna
- 1/2 Lebanese cucumber,
- cut into strips
- 1/4 avocado, cut into strips



Method:

1. Flatten bread with a rolling pin
2. Spread dip over each slice of bread
3. Arrange tuna on bread, leaving a 2cm strip on one edge that is free of filling
4. Top with avocado and cucumber strip at the opposite end to the 2cm strip
5. Roll up firmly to enclose filling
6. Cut each sandwich into 3 rounds

Optional:

Replace strips of avocado and cucumber with strips of cheese, capsicum or carrot. For more protein options replace tuna with shredded chicken, egg or strips of roast beef.

<https://www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au/sandwichsushi>



Understanding your Childs behavior

Are you worried about your Childs Behaviour?

Do you want a better understanding of what is age appropriate and when to look for supports?

Understanding your Childs Behaviour aims to look into

- What is age appropriate
- Strategies to help you deal with the changes in your child development leading o change in behaviors
- Improve communication with your child
- Stay connected to you child
- How to maintain your emotions when parenting through difficult phases
- When to seek help

Where: On line via TEAMS

When: Friday 6th December 2022

Time: 10:30am -12:30pm

Cost: FREE. Bookings essential

For enquiries contact:

E: parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

M: PO Box 959 Morwell Vic 3840

P: (03) 5135 9555

PARENTZONE

Useful contacts

Police, Fire or Ambulance 000

Nurse on call 1300 60 60 24

Maternal Child Health on call 1300 60 60 24

Poison Information Hotline 13 11 26

**Safe Steps - Family Violence Response Centre
(24 hr service – Toll Free) 1800 015 188**

The Orange Door Family violence support service 1800 319 354

Anglicare Victoria Gippsland 030 5135 9555

Latrobe Community Health 1800 242 696

Gippsand Center against sexual assault 03) 5134 3922

**InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence 03 9413 6500 or Free call: 1800 755 988
Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS) (24 hr) 131 450**

Child Protection After Hours Service 131 278

Foster Care Association 03) 9416 4292

Lifeline Crisis and Suicide Support 13 11 14

**Beyondblue Information and support Line 1300 22 46 36
Grief Line 9935 7400**

Women's Legal Service Victoria 03 8622 0600 or 1800 133 302

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service 1800 105 303

Kids' Helpline 1800 55 1800

Mensline Australia 1300 78 99 78

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia (PANDA) 1300 726 306

Parentline Victoria 13 22 89

DirectLine – drug & alcohol services 1800 888 236

**Headspace 1800 650 890
Switchboard – LGBTIQ support (3pm – midnight only) 1800 184 527**