



# "Learning Together"



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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Week 33

28th October 2022

## Student of the Week Congratulations to:



**Shanae B:** For her persistent work with multiplication, and making sure the computers are always charged and shut down.



**Josie S:** For working hard towards the success criterias in the reader's workshop and being a fantastic role model for others in the classroom. Well done!



**Morgan F:** For consistently demonstrating active learning behaviours and striving to achieve his personal learning goals. Superstar Morgan!



**Will M:** For applying himself to his learning and demonstrating active learning behaviours. Keep up the great work Will!



**Jaxon A:** For being a great learner and sharing your insights about our class novel, The Darkdeep!

### IMPORTANT DATES

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 (see p.3)

Tuesday 13th December—Transition morning (*please note change of date!*)

--- Year 6 Graduation: 5.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 14th December—DSPA Christmas Fair



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



## Dear Parents and Carers

### NO SCHOOL MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Reminder: There will be no school on Monday or Tuesday next week.

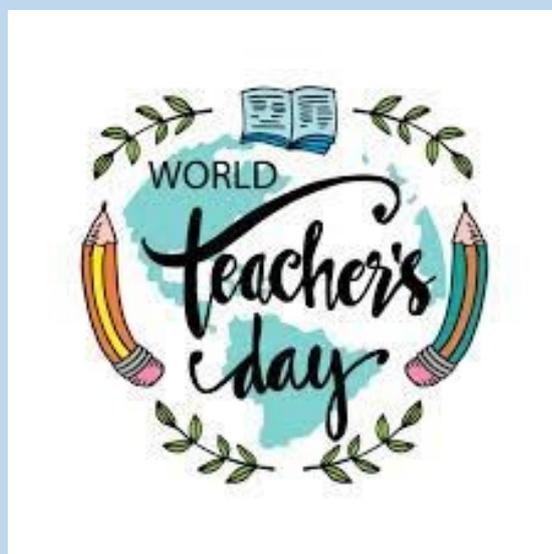
**Monday 31st October is a Curriculum Day.** Victorian Government schools have 4 curriculum (pupil free days) per year to allow teachers to collaborate, plan and participate in professional learning activities. This is our 4th day this year. There is one more pupil free day that can be held this term that will be selected soon. This is a Professional Practice Day that teachers can also use for planning and assessment..

**Tuesday 1st November is Melbourne Cup public holiday.**

Out of School Hours Care will also be closed on both of these days.

### World Teachers Day

**Today, 28th October, is World Teachers Day.** I would like to use this opportunity to thank our hard working team of teachers here at Drouin South Primary School for the high level of dedication and care they display each and every day. We all see the teachers working in classrooms each day between 9.00am and 3.15pm—what we aren't able to see or measure is the high levels of thinking, adjusting to circumstances, decision making, psychology, patience, care, resilience, professional knowledge and teaching skills to meet a wide variety of student learning and social emotional needs that happen throughout each and every day. Teachers are hard at work both before and after class every day. During these times teachers are busy planning, analysing assessments, meeting about learning and well-being, developing their professional knowledge, challenging each other's thinking, observing and critiquing each other's teaching via video lessons. Much of their planning is done at nights and during weekends as well.



Today is a day to think about teachers who have made a positive impact on our own lives and to thank all of our current teachers who aim to do the same with every child, every day.

### Halloween Day and Disco

Thank you to our Year 5/6 students for the organisation of games and activities for our Halloween celebration day. Well done to the parents who did a magnificent job with the decorating of the hall and the running of the Halloween Disco! Hopefully we will have some pictures in next week's newsletter.

*Michael Smith—Principal*

*Caring, Respectful, Learners*

### 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.](#)

# THE COLOUR CRAZE THAT'S SWEEPING THE NATION™



Our school will be holding a School Run4Fun Colour Explosion on **18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**. The best part about the fundraiser is not only will it be an explosion of colour, but everyone gets a prize simply by raising \$10 or more. How easy is that!

Each student is required to wear a white shirt on the day. During the event, volunteers will throw vibrant colour powder in the air and it will cover you from head to toe. Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

The colour powder we will use in our event is non-toxic, biodegradable, environmentally friendly and skin safe. It's made of high quality corn starch with permitted colours.

**We would also like you to know that all students are invited to participate whether they raise funds or not. So please send your child to school on the day with a white shirt so they can join in.**

**How does my child fundraise?** Fundraising for our colour run is easy – simply follow the instructions outlined in your child's sponsorship booklet. Your child can accept donations **online only** by creating a cybersafe fundraising profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au). Please return your donations before **Nov 18th**.

**Please Note: online donations will take a few hours to function once you have registered your child's fundraising page.**

## **How to Order Prizes?**

To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised online.

Login or create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au). Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button and then confirm your total amount raised and order your prize/s.

You have **4 weeks** to help raise money for our school and to earn yourself awesome prizes... so start fundraising as soon as you can!

*Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.*

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to participate in the colour run please let the school know!

Thank you in advance for your participation. Happy fundraising!

# 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.**

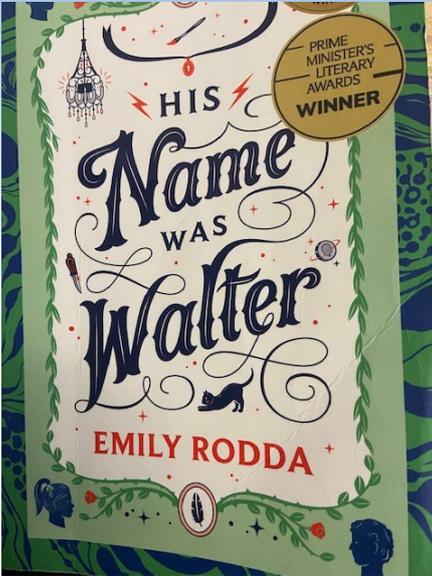
**Items such as books, toys, games,  
stationary etc. would be happily  
received.**

**Thank you for supporting The Kookie**

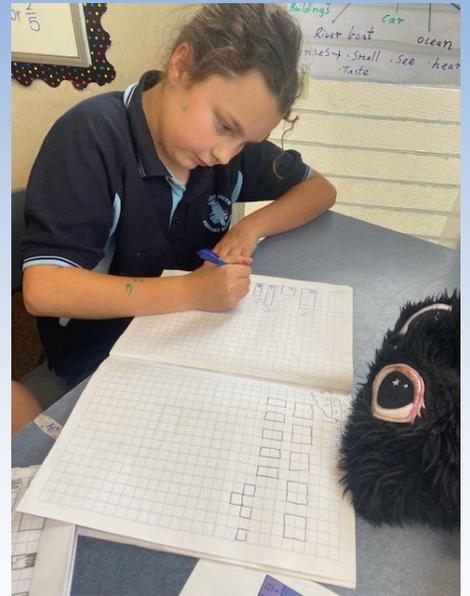
# 4/5 Class Newsletter

## What's been happening in 4/5 this term

### English



Throughout Term 4 students have continued to work on their individual reading and writing goals. Lately, the class has used the text, 'His Name Was Walter' to closely examine the techniques and strategies authors employ to engage their readers. For example, this week the focus has been on how the author has used multiple complications (problems) that the

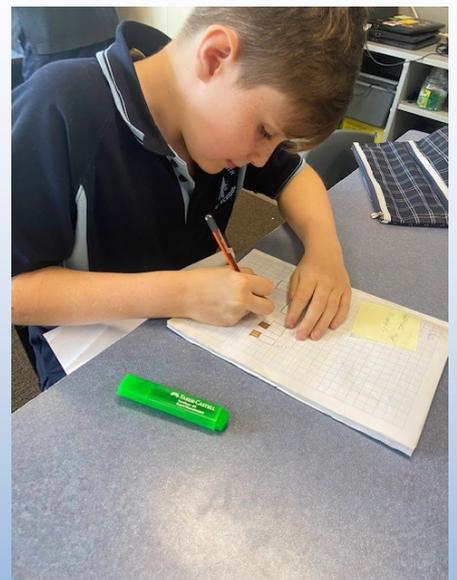
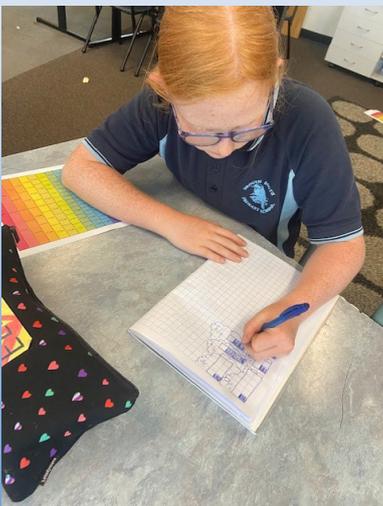


We also looked at how a particular setting can impact a character's mood. Students have been creating narratives and this week the focus has been on students to all have a clear message (using all senses for descriptions, adding details about how characters talk) so that our readers are engaged.

### Mathematics

We have just completed a unit of work on Multiplication and Division.

Students have learnt a range of mental strategies to help them become more efficient as well as learning the written methods, such as the extended multiplication and the bus stop method for division. Recently, the students also built their knowledge of solving and creating word problems. This week students completed a pre-test for Fractions and Decimals which will be our unit of study for the next 4 or 5 weeks.



## 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

## *Always* by Morris Gleitzman

It seems it has been a long wait, but finally, we have the last book in Morris Gleitzman's Once series. 'Always' completes the lifelong journey of Felix, the young boy introduced 16 years ago in 'Once'.

Felix is now in his eighties, living in aged care in Australia. When a young boy is brought to him and left unexpectedly in his care, Felix once again embarks on a journey (with the boy, Wassim) to right wrongs built upon the prejudices and beliefs from history.

Dedicated followers will enjoy many references to characters and phrases used in past books. Some of these voices echo clearly in my mind, having listened to several of the books, particularly with Morris Gleitzman reading them. (Highly recommended audiobooks!)

Endearing, with characters like young Felix, Zelda, and the many strong people determined to fight against the tragedy of the holocaust, this final book in the epic series is gentle in its teaching for young readers. It is also compelling for older readers who are lucky to discover the series when reading alongside young readers - a chance to share and reflect together.

*Always stay hopeful. That's my motto.*

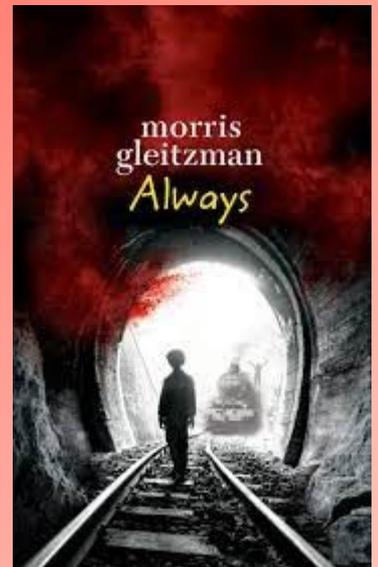
*You're probably thinking ... what's he got to be hopeful about? He's ten years old and look at his life. (Quote from Wassim in 'Always', p.3)*

You can find a better and deeper review of *Always* at [Kids' Book Reviews](#). And there is always the author's own revelations and musings at [Morris Gleitzman/Always](#). Book review from *Weeksy Reviews*

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

*After* is the seventh and final book in a series of 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	<b>Fidget Club</b> Gr. F - 1  Student Leaders: Ava, Tizza & Eden	<b>Fidget Club</b> Gr. 2+  Student Leaders: Ava, Tizza & Eden	Board Games & Reading 	Board Games & Reading 	<b>Lego Club</b> 
Lunchtime	<b>Choir</b> 	<b>Marble Club</b>  Student Leaders:	Board Games & Reading 	<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

# 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

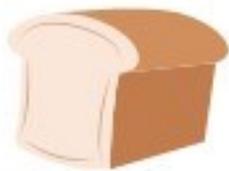
Piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, and violin lessons are available at DSPS! There are group lessons or private lessons available. Group lessons are \$10 a week. Private lessons of 20min are \$19, and 30min are \$28 per week. Please call Sarah Considine if interested on Mob:0427885306



# Smart Swaps

Try out these healthier swaps to boost lunchbox nutrition!

## Swap out.

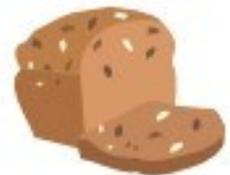


White bread,  
rolls, wraps,  
crackers and  
crispbreads



## Swap in

Wholegrain or  
high-fibre  
options



Butter on bread,  
rolls and wraps



Avocado, hummus  
or plant-based  
dips and spreads



Cordial, juice or  
sugary drinks



Water, plain milk  
or milk  
alternative



Potato chips



Veggie sticks with  
hummus



Sweet and  
savoury  
biscuits



Plain popcorn  
or homemade  
pikelets



Iced cakes,  
muffins and  
buns



Fruit loaf or  
muesli slice



# Reading Food Labels

While home-cooked food and fresh produce are likely going to be the healthiest option, packaged food can still have its place in a lunchbox. Knowing how to read food labels can make choosing healthier options easier. Tools like '[The Health Star Rating System](#)' and '[The SEA Change Healthier Choice Tool](#)' can make reading food labels quick and easy!

## The Health Star Rating System:

- Health Star Ratings are a quick and easy way to compare products.
- The more stars the healthier the choice!
- Remember to always compare products within the same category.



## Recommended Minimum Health Star Ratings for Pre-Packaged Foods:

<b>Breakfast Cereal</b>  	<b>Sweet snack foods</b>  	<b>Savoury snack foods</b>  
<b>Dips eg. Hummus</b>  	<b>Processed meats</b>  	<b>Muesli Bar</b>  
<b>Fruit and vegetable juices</b>  	<b>Dairy snacks</b>  	<b>Liquid breakfast drinks</b>  

*\*Not all packaged foods have a health star rating. For an easy way to compare products, use the FoodSwitch Australia app.*

# Give life. Give blood in Warragul.

8 to 25 November

Got a bit of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Warragul will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from 8 to 25 November. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [lifeblood.com.au](http://lifeblood.com.au), on our app or on 13 14 95.



## Warragul

Mobile Blood Donor Centre

Warragul Harness Racing Club

Logan Park - 19 Howitt Street

Please see our website for details.

## ParentZone Term 3 Parent Programmes Single Sessions



### Raising Resilient Kids

As we know navigating the world can sometimes be overwhelming and scary, especially for our young people.

Raising Resilient kids looks at:

- Helping your child cope in a chaotic world.
- supporting you to support your child's confidence and self esteem.
- Learning strategies to support your child to cope with change.

**Where:** On line via TEAMS

**When:** Friday 11th November 2022

**Time:** 10:30am -12:30pm

**Cost:** FREE. Bookings essential

For enquiries contact:

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M: PO Box 959 Morwell Vic 3840

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# PARENTZONE



### Routines

For Parents and Carers to help support and implement routines to support a harmonious home. we look at ways to help you work through strategies, where to next and discuss concerns with 'sticking to it'. we understand creating routines can mean big changes for parents and Carers as well as our young people.

**Where:** On line via TEAMS

**When:** Thursday 24th November 2022

**Time:** 10:30am -12:30pm

**Cost:** FREE. Bookings essential

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# PARENTZONE



## Making time for self care

Are you feeling burnt out and overwhelmed by every day tasks?  
Self care can sound like a simple thing to achieve however are you stuck with where to start?

Making time for self care looks at:

- Strategies for feeling less overwhelmed.
- Improving your confidence and self esteem.
- Building resilience and setting boundaries.
- Making time for yourself and your family

**Where:** On line via TEAMS  
**When:** Friday 25th November 2022  
**Time:** 10:30am -12:30pm  
**Cost:** FREE. Bookings essential

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## Bullying

What is Bullying and how do we know when it is occurring?  
Through this session we look at

- Understanding what bullying is
- Recognising the signs your child is being bullied.
- How to support your child and advocate for their needs?
- Help your child build resilience and learn protective behaviors?

**Where:** On line via TEAMS  
**When:** Tuesday 29th November 2022  
**Time:** 10:30am -12:30pm  
**Cost:** FREE. Bookings essential

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