



"Learning Together"



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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Week 2

10th February 2023

Student of the Week Congratulations to:



All Preps: For having a wonderful first week of school. Well Done!



Grace O'R: For showing fantastic listening skills during instruction time and always giving her best effort on tasks. Well done!



Cooper F: For his positive attitude to reading challenging texts, and actively listening and following instruction. Great start to the year Cooper.



Campbell H: For being a respectful learner and caring for all of your peers.



Archie P: For showing the values of our school in everything you've done this week! Well Done!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 15th February—School Council meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd February—District swimming

Friday 24th February—NO country buses (due to Drouin SC Curriculum Day)

—DSPS Aths Sports Day @ Geoff Watt Track

Monday 27th February-Parent's Club Meeting (AGM)— 9.00am

- Division swimming

Friday 3rd March—DSPS Aths Sports Day back-up day

Monday 6th March—School photos

Monday 13th March—Labour Day—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 16th March—School Council meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st March—Harmony Day



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

Student Leaders 2023

Our Student Leaders and Values Leaders play an important role within our school community. They are representatives of our school and are leaders who are expected to be role models for all students in demonstrating our values of being Caring, Respectful Learners. They also speak weekly at our school assemblies and take on other roles within the school. Following a process of application and interview, the following students have been announced this week as our student leaders for 2023.

School Leaders: Olivia Watson, Campbell Hales

Values Leaders: Carley walters, Livvi Ward, Oscar Shaw, Oscar Patterson

I wish to congratulate these students on their new roles and thank all Year 6 students who applied for positions. I know it is disappointing to miss out on these leadership roles so my commiserations go to all students who were unsuccessful in their application.

Our Junior School Council (SRC) will also be selected this week with representatives chosen from across the school.

School Council Elections

Our School Council is a committee of parents and staff who oversee the school strategic plan, finances and policies. We have a membership of 12 and meet monthly (approx. 8-9 times per year). Tenure is generally for a 2 year period. This year we will have 2 parent vacancies to be filled. Information will be sent home in relation to how to nominate for one of these positions.

Parent's Club Meeting and Purpose

Our Parent's Club at Drouin South is a very active, supportive and inclusive group of parents who aim to make our school a great place for students, staff and parents. They hold a number of fundraisers and events throughout the year as well as being there to support new families and families in need. Parents who are involved can contribute as much time or as little time as you are able without pressure!! **The first meeting (AGM) of the Parent's Club will be held at 9.00am on Monday 27th February (at school).** We would love any parents who are available to join for a coffee and chat about ideas and roles for 2023.

Specialist Areas

This year students in all year levels will be involved in specialist areas of Physical Education, The Arts (both visual and performing) and Science. All of these areas are part of the school curriculum and students will be encouraged to participate fully and engage to the best of their ability in all areas. Specialist days are Monday to Friday with each class rostered in for 4 sessions throughout the week.

Morning Supervision and Attendance

Parents are reminded that the students are supervised between the hours of 8.45am and 3.30pm. Students should not arrive at school until 8.45am. Early bus travellers are the exception to this as their bus arrives prior to 8.30am. For student safety we request that no student arrives before teachers are on duty at 8.45. Out of School Care is available for parents who need to drop children off prior to this time.

Athletics Day

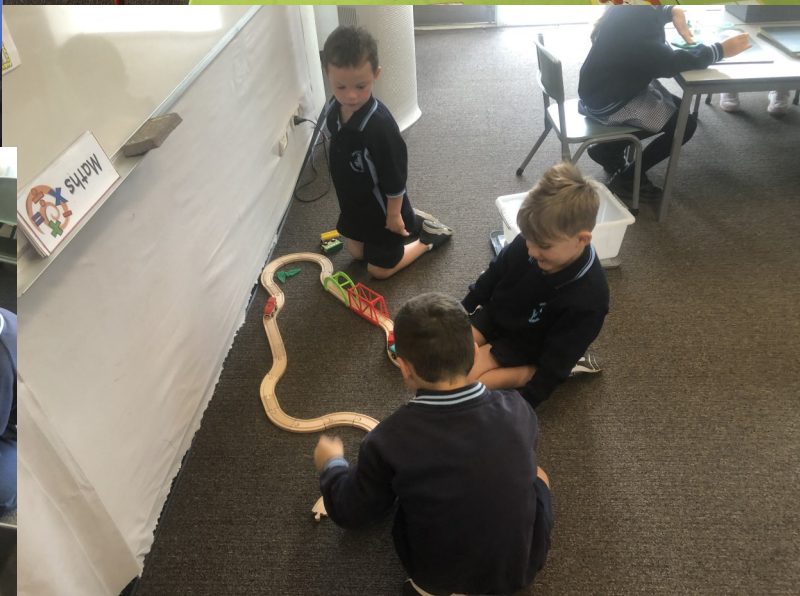
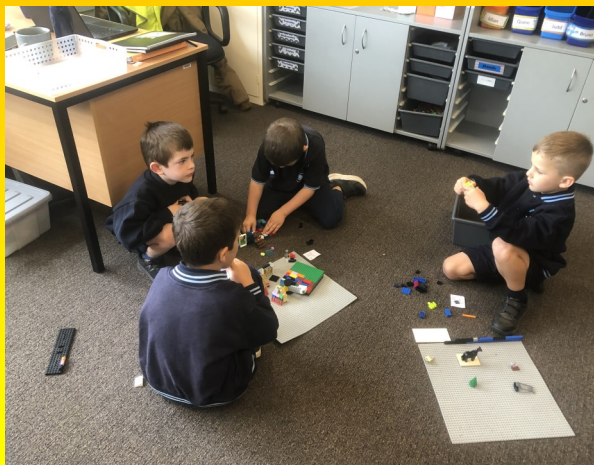
Our School Athletics Day will be held at Geoff Watt Track in Warragul on Friday 24th February. Information will be sent home soon.

Michael Smith—Principal

Caring, Respectful, Learners

Drouin South Primary School Community acknowledges the Kurnai –Gunai Peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and learn together. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Our first week in **Foundation**



Reading with our Grade 5/6 Buddies.



What I did in the holidays...



Well done!

Last weekend, Lara and Shanae, competed in the Commonwealth Bank State Relays Championships at Albert Park Melbourne.

In the U/9 girls their team came 14th in the 100m and 200m, and in the 1,000m medley they came 10th, and beat their Regional time by a massive 7 seconds!



Results	
1	GEELONG 3:11.71
2	BACCHUS MARS 3:11.87
3	RINGWOOD 3:16.06
4	SANDRINGHAM 3:17.45
5	BOX HILL 3:17.55
6	GEELONG 3:19.36
7	KEILOR 3:22.03
8	DONCASTER 3:23.56
9	YARRA RANGES 3:24.40
10	WARRAGUL 3:25.44

MELBOURNE SPORTS CENTRES
RECOGNISED OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTRE

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Information Technology (computers/iPads) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information.

If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Information Technology (computers/iPads) please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages. If you need to access this information in a language other than English please contact the office.



Have you received an SMS from our Absence Notification System yet?

It is a requirement for all government schools to notify parents on the day that a student is absent without explanation.

If we are made aware of the absence prior to the day, we will endeavour to mark the class roll as such so that absence texts will not be automatically generated.

Sometimes you may receive a text even though you have notified us. In any case, we ask that you reply to the number with a short explanation or to ring the school to let us know the reason for the absence.

The automatic notifications are being sent out of a commitment to ensuring student safety and well-being.



facebook



Check out Drouin South Primary School on Facebook.

It is a great way to keep up with reminders and notices about coming events!!!

**DON'T FORGET YOU CAN ACCESS A COPY OF THE
NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK ON THE SCHOOL
WEBSITE (WWW.DROUINSOUTH.VIC.EDU.AU).**

Out of School Hours Care

Important notice

Please note *if you plan for your child to attend OSHC this year you need to have completed a **new form***. These are available from OSHC or contact Debbie on 0490 657 852.

*Even if you have already completed a new form **please contact Debbie on the above number to check your booked days.***

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.](#)

ICY POLES FOR SALE

Cost: \$1

When: Daily at the start of lunch time

Where: Ramp by the 5/6 building



Help raise money for Grade 6 Graduation

Medication

When sending medication to school , please remember that it must be left at the office in its original packaging, and relevant medication forms completed to ensure the appropriate dosage is administered at the correct time.

Please do not give any medication to students to keep in their bag.



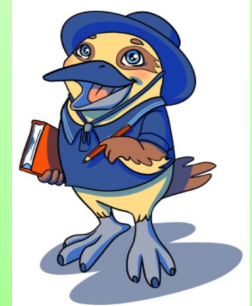
The Kookie Shop needs you!

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 Shop!



New in the Library!

Pig the Blob by Aaron Blabey

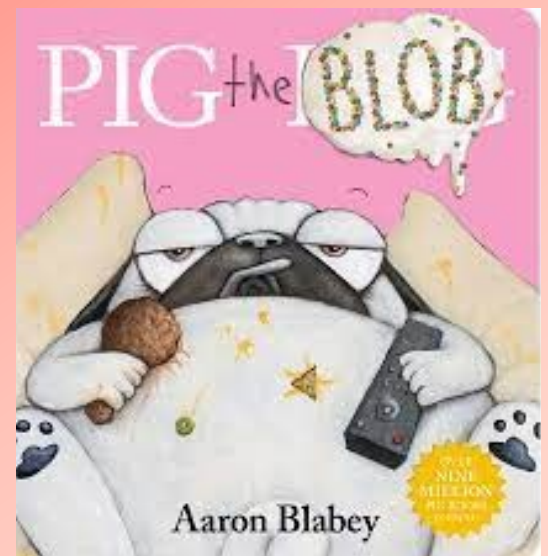
Maybe we should take a quick jog...

Pig is the world's LAZIEST Pug.

There's nothing that can make him put down the snacks and get off the couch!

Or is there?

Another laugh-out-loud book from the New York Times best-selling author, Aaron Blabey.



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

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

School Readiness

Am I ready for school?



Tips for parents

When your child starts primary school there are a number of skills that they should ideally have mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Speaking & literacy

- I am interested in reading stories & looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my clothes
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can put my coat on & use a zip

Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
- I like asking questions

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
- I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles
- I am practising holding a pencil

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I can play games with others
- I can interact with other children

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
- I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days



DROUIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

JOIN THE DJFC FAM IN 2023

Registrations now open on PlayHQ

- **AUSKICK**
- **U8, U10, U12, U14 MIXED**
- **U12, U14 GIRLS**

Scan the QR Code for Auskick or DJFC to Register now. Or come along to our Family Fun Day and check in at our Registration Table.



Auskick Registration is \$91 per child. Contact Makenzie Peters for Registration assistance on 0460403604.



DJFC Registration is \$120 for one child, or \$200 per family. Payment Plans available. Contact Bec Thomas for Registration assistance on 0419188283.

DJFC FAMILY **FUN DAY**

If you are interested in Drouin Auskick or Drouin Junior Football Club, or have already signed up, please join us for a fun day!

Sunday February 26th at Drouin Rec Reserve

Food, Fun and Football 11am-2pm

For more info, find us on Facebook @ Drouin Junior Football Club

Mid Gippsland Junior Badminton
Association Presents

Shuttle Fun


Making birdies fly!

Labertouche Badminton Hall

6th & 13th February

Drouin Badminton Courts

20th & 27th February

Ellinbank Badminton Hall

6th & 13th March

Warragul Badminton Hall

20th & 27th March

All sessions 4.30pm - 5.30pm

*New players that attend 4 sessions or more will
receive a free racquet!*

Gold Coin Donation per week

Contact Sandra for more information

0438 582 921



BADMINTON

JUNIOR SUMMER COMPETITION

LABERTOUCHE HALL - 10TH & 17TH FEBRUARY

DROUIN BADMINTON COURTS - 24TH FEB & 3RD MARCH

ELLINBANK BADMINTON HALL - 10TH & 17TH MARCH

WARRAGUL BADMINTON HALL - 24TH & 31ST MARCH

5.30PM - 6.30PM

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME, PAST, PRESENT AND NEW

GOLD COIN DONATION PER WEEK

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL SANDRA 0438 582 921



Hallora Junior Football Club

REGISTER NOW – Under 10, 12 and 14

(U10 and U12 Free for 2023, U14 reduced rate)

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/4fd17b>

Plenty of game time guaranteed

Lots of exciting new facilities at the club:

Changerooms, lights, electronic scoreboard & more!

Come and join a relaxed, family friendly club

Hallora Recreation Reserve

Save the date: Family Fun Night

Friday 10 February – free food and activities

For enquiries: presidenthallorajfc@gmail.com