



“Learning Together”



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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Week 3

17th February 2023

Student of the Week Congratulations to:

Harry K: For showing care and kindness towards others in the classroom.
Well Done.



Elaina W: For her positive start and motivation towards learning this year. Well done Elaina.



Gemma R: For displaying excellent active learning behaviours in all subjects. Superstar Gemma!



Oscar P: For being such a kind and caring member of the classroom. You always go out of your way to help others!



Emma T: For showing respect to all of her peers and teachers and for putting her best effort into her learning!

Camp and Aths Day notices are now overdue!

IMPORTANT DATES

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



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

Camp Subsidy

This week we were surprised and excited by the news that our senior teaching team have been successful in applying and obtaining **a grant to cover the entire cost of our Years 3-6 camp to Coolamatong!!**

The state government's Positive Start Program is a wellbeing initiative that is helping children to get back to physical activity and positive experiences. We know that many families across our community (and the nation) are doing things hard financially at the moment with interest rates rising and inflation high so this little bit of good news is something we are all very happy about. Louise will work with you to arrange refunds or credits for families who have already paid for camp.

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.

Please collect a nomination form from the school office or print the one attached to the end of this newsletter.

Parent's Club Meeting 27th February 9.00am

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 in for a coffee and chat about ideas and roles for 2023.

You can be involved as little or as much as you like. If you are interested in an official role (e.g. President, Treasurer or Secretary, please complete the Parent's Club nomination form attached to this newsletter or come in and collect one from the office. If you prefer to be just a part of the group and lend a hand when you can, just come along and say hello!

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. Permission forms are now overdue-please sign and return asap. Lunch orders are now available on the day through the Flexi Schools app.

Michael Smith—Principal

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A message from our Chaplain.....

As the school chaplain I am here for the whole school community, students, parents, carers, staff. So I thought I'd contribute to the weekly newsletter...but what do I say? I realise that we are all busy so I want to keep it short. Just some good advice to think about for life. So have a read each week. Have a think about it. If it works for you take it on board, if it doesn't forget about it. If you ever want to catch up for any reason let the office know and we'll make a time to meet.

This term I'll be borrowing some advice from the Victorian era (1837-1901). Some of the values a grandmother back then had for parenting and life in general.

"Set a good example at all times. Your children will copy you."

That's it. I told you it would be short...doing it is the trick.

Cheers, Hayno. (Chaplain)

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.

GETTING TO KNOW DSPS STAFF

Name: Brooke Robinson

Eye colour: Brown

Family / Pets: I live with my partner Mark and two German Shepherds, Hugo and Larney.



How long have you been at DSPS? I started this year and am absolutely loving being here!

What does a perfect weekend look like for you?

I enjoy relaxing on the weekend. I always spend time with my dogs; either taking them to training or going for a walk. I enjoy baking, reading and drinking coffee with friends.



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

I love reading and spend many hours engrossed in books in my library room at home. I have an entire book case dedicated to WWII books. I just finished reading Pam Jenoff's 'The Woman with the Blue Star'.

Do you have a favourite movie?

About Time—it always inspires me to make the most of every day.

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

I am absolutely terrified of flying! So if teleportation was an option I would go to Canada. I had a trip booked to Banff pre-covid and had to cancel it with only a week to go.



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

Sleeping. No matter what time I go to bed, I am instantly asleep! This superpower extends to napping and I can doze off on command.

What's your favourite season and why?

I feel that seasons have lost all meaning... so instead I'll describe my favourite weather. I love a sunny day, not too hot or windy, where I can enjoy going for a walk or bike ride.

What's your guilty pleasure?

I am a massive sweet tooth and love eating dessert. Every year for my birthday my partner and I go to B&P (a sweet studio) and choose a selection of desserts to enjoy.

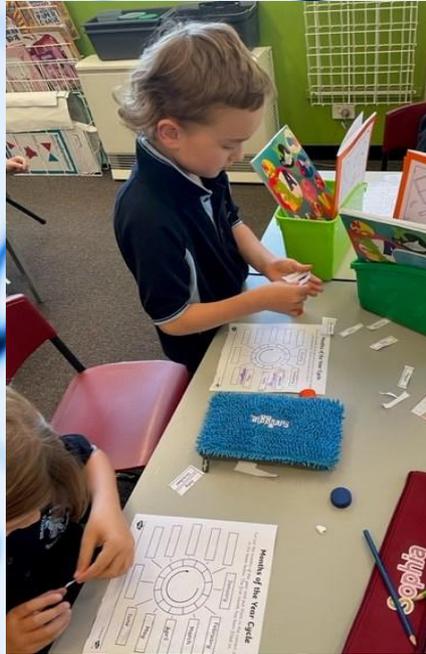


What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?

To live life with a kind heart.

MATHS

In Grade 1!



What month comes after February?
What day is my birthday on this year?

Calendars, Months & Seasons

GRADE 1



This week in Grade 1, we are learning all about the calendar! We are learning the order of the months, how to find a specific date and how to find the day that that date is on!



An idea to support your child at home with their calendar learning would be to have them tell you the date each morning and what day of the week it is. Get them to point to it on the calendar!

SCHOOL WIDE-POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AT DROUIN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Who is Kookie?

Kookie the Kookaburra is our SWPBS Mascot. He was created for us in 2019 to represent and reflect our values through his dress and behaviour. He is respectfully wearing his school uniform and is ready to learn.



Kookie Lessons and Value Leader Lessons

Every week, each class has a 30 minute Kookie Lesson that focuses on a particular component of one of the values as outlined in the Matrix. These lessons explicitly teach the expected positive behaviour. In addition to the weekly lessons, classes may also have 'booster' lessons that are focused on a specific area of need noted by a staff member or based on data.

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 the office.

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

Thank you for supporting The Kookie Shop!



LITERACY

The first few years of reading is a wonderful time for your child. Books expose them to new ideas and new worlds, and their imagination grows.

Talk positively about reading so your child also values it. Continue to read as much as you can with your child. When they feel confident, encourage them to take over some or all of the reading.

Always be patient when they are reading and try not to emphasise speed. Also, try to read as much as possible yourself to model reading to your child.

These years are a time when your child will learn more about the world. Engaging them in discussions improves their speaking skills, and helps them understand the world and their place in it.

In these years your child will also begin to write with greater confidence. The ability to write well enables your child to communicate effectively, and will improve their chances of success at school and in their future careers. Encourage your child to write as often as possible, on a range of topics and interests.

Literacy can always be fun and engaging. Let your child choose books and activities matched to their interests, and always encourage a healthy dose of fun and play in all activities. This will help foster in your child a love of reading, talking and writing.



Did you know...?

Beleza's in Warragul and online not only supply uniform products for Drouin South Primary School, but also items like library bags, school bags, smocks and hats.

<https://store.beleza.com.au/35-drouin-south>



Shop 5-6 William Square Warragul
5622 2930

New in the Library!

The Darkdeep by Allie Condie & Brendan Reichs

When a bullying incident sends twelve-year-old Nico Holland over the edge of a cliff into the icy waters of Still Cove, where no one ever goes, friends Tyler and Ella – and even 'cool kid' Opal -rush to his rescue... only to discover an island hidden in the swirling mists below.

Shrouded by dense trees and murky tides, the island appears uninhabited, although the kids can't quite shake the feeling that something about it is off. Their suspicions grow when they stumble upon an abandoned houseboat with an array of curiosities inside: odd-looking weapons, unnerving portraits, maps to places they've never heard of, and a glass jar containing something completely unidentifiable.

As the group delves deeper into the unknown, their discoveries – and their lives -begin to intertwine in weird and creepy ways. Something ancient has awakened... and it knows their wishes and dreams – and their darkest, most terrible secrets. Do they have what it takes to face the shadowy things that lurk within their own hearts? - Summary copied from utopia-state-of-mind.com

Find this and other great books in the

DSPS library!





Could \$500 help with next year's back to school costs?

Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
-  Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
-  Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



**For more info, visit saverplus.org.au or call 1300 610 355.
To fill in an online enquiry form, [CLICK HERE](#).**



JOIN THE FUN!

**Warragul
All Girls Auskick Centre**

**Eastern Park, Warragul
Monday 20th February - 27th March
4.30pm - 5.30pm**



For more details, contact eddie.mcgillivray@afl.com.au



JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Junior Girls is all about giving girls (turning 7-12 years old in 2022) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through fun activities and modified game.

WHERE:

Eastern Park, Warragul

WHEN:

Monday 13th of February
4:30pm - 5:30pm



REGISTER HERE!

WEST GIPPSLAND ARTS CENTRE
FREE FAMILY

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY
11:00AM - 5:00PM

Historical displays Backstage tours
Giant bubbles Workshops Stilt Walker
Theatre Sports Live Rehearsal
Craft Live Music and so much more!



CATANI FC JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS WANTED AUSKICK TO UNDER 18S

FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY 26th
FEB @ 12pm
Catani Rec Reserve
55 Taplins Rd, Catani

BBQ & Drinks Available
Fun games & activities
on the oval
including a Water
Dunking Machine!

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**



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WEST GIPPSLAND ARTS CENTRE



OPEN DAY COLOURING COMP

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Contact Number: _____

Bring your completed entry to the Open Day at West Gippsland Arts Centre on Sunday 26 February and submit it to the Box Office to go in the draw to win one of two prize packs including a Family Pass to see *The Twits* or *Are We There Yet?*, colouring pencils and lollies. Winners will be announced at 4:00pm on 26 February.

FORM 3: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

(Formerly Schedule 5A)

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

DROUIN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL council.

Name

Residential address

.....

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am an employee of the school council.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am engaged in work at and for the school.	Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and have ever been, insolvent under administration
- I am not of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate..... Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.



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Parents' Club Elections: Nomination Form for Office Bearer Positions

I, as a registered member of the Drouin South Primary School Parents' Club.

wish to nominate..... for the position of:

Insert name of nominee

[please tick desired position]

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Candidate's details

Name.....

Residential Address.....

Contact phone (optional).....

Email (optional).....

Name of Nominator.....

Signature of Nominator..... Date / /

Candidate to complete

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as an office bearer of this Club

Signature of Candidate..... Date / /

***All fields must be completed unless marked (optional)**