



"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:



Quinn V: For having a wonderful week at school. Well done Quinn.



Elizabeth B-T: For showing fantastic listening skills during instruction time and putting in a great effort towards her reading. Well done!



Ava C: For proactively showing care and compassion towards her classmates to build their confidence. Ava, what a wonderful trait to develop - you're a superstar!



Caitlin M: For being a learner that takes pride in all of your work and listens to feedback to continuously improve.



Vincent T: For a great week of learning, and working hard to achieve your goals! Nice work Vinny!

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Monday 6th March—School photos

Monday 13th March—Labour Day—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 15th—Monday 27th March—NAPLAN test window

Wednesday 16th March—School Council meeting 7.30pm

Friday 24th March—Harmony Day

Friday 24th—Sunday 26th March—Farm World

Tuesday 28th March—District Athletics

Thursday 30th March—District Athletics back-up day

Tuesday 4th April—Parent/Teacher/Student Learning conversations from 2.30pm



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

Athletics Day

Well done to all of our students, staff and parents for a great athletics day last Friday.

Further information and photos will hopefully be available for the next edition of the newsletter.

Thank you to all staff for running events on the day. We were several staff members short due to illness and other teachers were away at professional development courses.

Thank you to Denby Moore for the overall organisation of the day.

Thank you to all parents (and grandparents) who stepped in and assisted where required whether it be at each event or packing up and setting up or loaning shade gazebos for the cause.

Thanks also to the Parent's Club—those icy-poles arrived at exactly the right time!!

Well done to all of our students from years P-6 who participated in the events and gave it their all!!

Photos Day—Monday 6th March

A reminder that our school photos day is next Monday 6th March. We hope that all students will be in attendance and wearing full school uniform for the photos.

Staff Car Park

Parents are reminded that the staff car park is only for staff. It is not to be used as a drop-off or pick-up point for students.

The exception to this is students being dropped off or collected from Out of School Care.

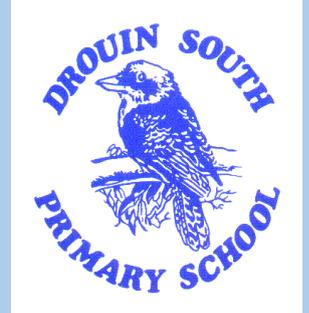
Michael Smith—Principal

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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.

DSPS Parents Club—Come Join Us!

This year's Parents Club Annual General Meeting is coming up and we would love to see some new faces join in!



Parents Club is a great way for you to be involved in your children's school and provide a community rich environment.

Each year we run fundraisers to buy new items for our classrooms and playgrounds. We also run social events outside of the school for parents to get to know one another.



Parents Club aims to involve our whole school community, this includes parents, carers, grandparents, teachers and all school staff.

Over the years we have run some really fun events such as a trivia night, pie drives, movie night, cow pat lotto and our school colour fun run which even gets our teachers and parents covered in water and colour!

Our meeting will be held on **Monday 27th February at 9.00am** in the *BER building*.

There is no role too big or small on Parents Club, so please come along and join us in making Drouin South the best school!

A nomination form is at the end of this newsletter if you would like to have a specific role within the club or know of someone you would like to nominate.

Hope to see you all at the meeting!
Andrea Robin 0418 564 200



GETTING TO KNOW DSPS STAFF

Name: Bethany Allen

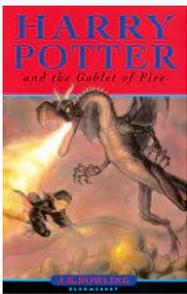
Eye colour: Hazel (a mix of brown and green!)

Family / Pets: I currently live with my partner Luke – just us, but we do hope to get our own dog soon! My family dog's name is Hamish, and we've had him for 13 years.



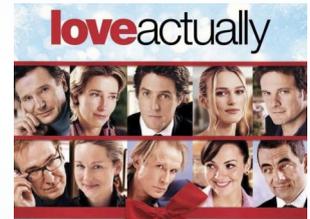
How long have you been at DSPS? I am new this year and absolutely love the vibe of DSPS. If we're being precise, I've been here for exactly 4 weeks!!

What does a perfect weekend look like for you? I love to relax on the weekend. I'm definitely a fan of sleeping in, especially after a long week of school. Luke and I go out for dinner sometimes, or I just curl up on the couch to play some video games or watch a movie. Every Sunday, I have dinner with my Mum, my Dad and my older brother, which has become one of my favourite weekend traditions.



What's a great book you've read recently? I have just got back into reading the Harry Potter series again – I have recently finished re-reading The Goblet of Fire, which is probably my second favourite book in the series (behind The Prisoner of Azkaban!)

Do you have a favourite movie? I am a huge fan of romantic comedies, because they help me realise that love is everywhere, even in places you don't notice. I can't decide on one, but my three favourites have to be Clueless, About Time and Love Actually.



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

I'm lucky enough that I've travelled overseas twice in my life so far. In the future, I would love to explore New Zealand (for the scenery and the people), Japan (for the food and the culture) and Portugal/Spain (for the gorgeous beaches)!

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

I play the ukulele and sing in my free time. It's one of my best kept secrets and favourite things to do – although my students in 5/6B know this already! What they probably don't know is that I am part of a local choir that practises every Monday night.



What's your favourite season and why?

Winter. Melbourne/Victoria has Winter at LEAST once a week (even in the summer time), so I can always look forward to putting on cosy pyjamas and drinking a hot choccy.



What's your guilty pleasure?

Dessert!!! I adore all things sweet and have to have dessert almost every night of the week.

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

To not let what's unknown stop me from moving forward and achieving.

MEET THE DSPS SCHOOL LEADERS 2023

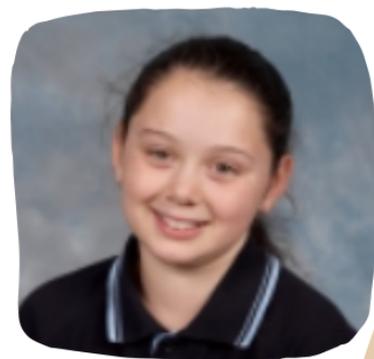


Campbell

Hello, my name is Campbell and I'm a school leader. My hobbies include cricket, footy and basketball. I have two brothers and a sister. My parents own a farming business. I have two cats and two dogs.

Olivia (Liv)

Hello my name is Olivia. I have recently been elected as one of the school leaders. My job is to lead the assemblies and to display all of the values. Because I am a role model, the younger kids can look up to me. I teach them to do what is right. I just turned 11 on February 14th which is also Valentine's Day. I have a dog and her name is Xena. My favourite colour is lilac and blue is my second favourite. My friends are Lilly, Bella, Livvi and Kiaree.



MEET THE DSPS VALUES LEADERS 2023



Oscar S

Hello, my name is Oscar Shaw. I'm a values leader and I live on a chicken farm with my mum, dad, brother and dog. My hobbies include cricket, footy, mountain biking and swimming. I also like helping my dad at work to earn a bit of money.

Carley

Hello, my name is Carley. I have recently been elected for values leader because I display all of the values of our school and I teach a good example. I am 11 years old. I adore cats, dogs and chickens and I love the colours purple, orange, teal and peach. My favourite books are from the Babysitters Club. I really like reading and art. I love doing Lego in my spare time. My favourite foods are chocolate, takeaway except Subway and zucchini slice.



Oscar P

Hello, my name is Oscar Patterson, and I'm a values leader. I live on a block of land with my three brothers, parents and a labrador puppy. I enjoy playing football for the team Hallora, and we lost every game in 2022 and were last on the ladder for the whole year.

Olivia (Livvi)

Hello, my name is Olivia. I have been elected for values leader this year because I display the school values (caring, respectful learners) and I show younger people in our school how to care for others. My favourite colours are purple and orange. I have 2 dogs named Rylie and Diesel.



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!

New in the Library!

The 117 Storey Treehouse

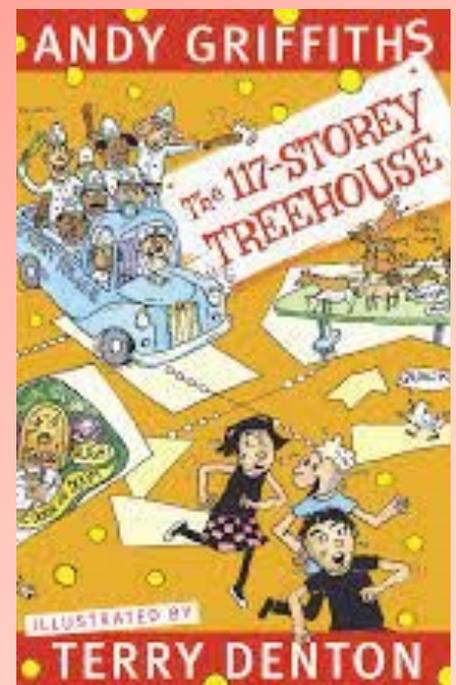
by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

Andy & Terry's amazing treehouse now has 13 new storeys, including a tiny-horse level, a pyjama-party room, an Underpants Museum, a photo-bombing booth, a waiting room, a Door of Doom, a circus, a giant-fighting-robot arena, a traffic school, a water-ski park filled with flesh-eating piranhas and a treehouse visitor centre with a 24-hour information desk, a penguin-powered flying treehouse tour bus and a gift shop.

Well, what are you waiting for? Come on up!

Find this and other great books in the

DSPS library!



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.



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FRUIT 1	VEGETABLES 2	MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3	MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4	GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5	WATER 6
<p>FRESH FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple • Banana • Mandarin • Orange quarters • Passionfruit halves (with spoon) • Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks • Pineapple chunks • Grapes • Plums • Nectarines, peaches, Apricots • Strawberries • Cherries • Kiwifruit halves (with spoon) • Pear <p>MIXED FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit salad • Fruit kebabs <p>DRIED FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes* <p>TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In natural juice (not syrup) 	<p>FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corn cobs • Carrot sticks • Capsicum sticks • Green beans • Cucumber sticks • Celery sticks • Snow peas • Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes) • Mushroom pieces <p>Can serve with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hummus • Tomato salsa • Tatziki • Beetroot dip • Natural yoghurt <p>SALADS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing) • Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad • Pesto pasta salad* <p>BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grilled or roasted vegetables • Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones • Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot) • Popcorn <p>SOUP (In small thermos)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumpkin soup • Potato and leek soup • Chicken and corn soup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk • Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks • Yoghurt (frozen overnight) • Custard <p>Tip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese cubes, sticks or slices • Cottage or ricotta cheese • Cream cheese • Tatziki dip <p>Can serve with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit • Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar • Vegetable sticks • Rice and corn cakes • Wholegrain wheat crackers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater • Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo) • Falafel balls • Lean meat or chicken patties • Tinned tuna or salmon patties • Lentil patties • Lean deli meats (e.g. ham, silverside, chicken) • Boiled eggs • Baked beans (canned) • Tofu cubes • Hommus dip • Lean meat or chicken kebab sticks • Peanut butter* <p>Can serve with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad • Rice and corn cakes • Wholegrain wheat crackers • Side salad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable frittata • Skinless chicken drumsticks • Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots) • Homemade pizzas with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables <p>Can serve with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side salad • Steamed or roasted vegetables 	<p>MAINS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wraps • Sandwiches • Rolls • Toasted sandwiches <p>Tip: Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, white fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, foccacias, fruit bread and English muffins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta dishes • Rice, quinoa or cous.cous dishes • Noodle dishes • Sushi <p>SAVORY BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homemade pizzas - Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins) - Vegetable based muffins - Pasta or noodle bake <p>SWEET BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit loaf • Wholemeal fruit based muffins <p>SNACKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli) • English muffins • Crackers • Crispreads • Rice cakes • Corn thins • Wholemeal scones • Pikelets • Crumpets • Hot cross buns (no icing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day) <p>Tip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes <p>Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.</p> <p>Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.</p> 

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the the Healthy Eating Advisory Service: <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/>

*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.

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)**



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