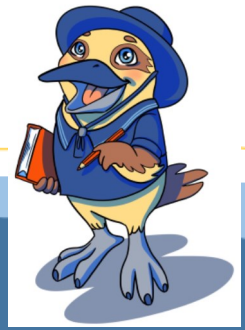




# “Learning Together”



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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Week 9

31st March 2023

## Student of the Week Congratulations to:



**Lillian:** For showing strong resilience when it comes to learning new things. Well Done Lillian.



**Addison R:** For her fantastic listening during learning time on the mat and doing her best reading. Well done!



**Lara B:** For her responsible attitude toward learning and always being a good role model. Well done Lara!!



**Jack N:** For focusing on his learning and producing excellent writing. Keep up the great work Jack!



**Morgan F:** For enthusiastically drafting his narrative and striving to achieve his personal goals. Superstar Morgan!



**Oscar S:** For problem solving with negative numbers and continually showing a great attitude towards learning!



**Mark G:** For working really hard on achieving his writing goals this term! Keep up the great work Mark!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 31st March—Easter raffle to be drawn at assembly. Prizes will be at the school for collection before the end of term on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Wednesday 5th April—last day of term—3.15pm finish**

Thursday 6th April—Curriculum day—no students at school

Friday 7th April—Good Friday—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 24th April—First day of Term 2 **(NO BUSES ON THUIS DAY)**

- 2.45pm—DSPS ANZAC service (see p.5)

Tuesday 25th April—**ANZAC Day—PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 26th April—Friday 28th April—Years 3 to 6 Camp at Coolamatong



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



## Dear Parents and Carers

### FARM WORLD DELIVERY SERVICE—THANK YOU

I wish to thank every one of our parents, staff, extended family members and past members of the Drouin South School Community for donating your time and energy to the Farm World Delivery Service last weekend. The efforts of all are very much appreciated and it has been a huge team effort! Behind the scenes we have also had great leadership once again from our School Council President, Aoife Shaw and a small but dedicated team that rallied around in preparation for the event over several weeks. To each and every one of you, thank you so much! It means a lot to our school and our students. The \$10,000 raised will be used for playground upgrades and improvements in the coming months.

### DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the District Athletics on Tuesday. We were very lucky that the weather held out and the event was able to go ahead as planned. We have around 27 students heading off to an AFL-X interschool event next Wednesday and hope that they all have a great experience representing Drouin South primary School.

### PARENT—TEACHER—STUDENT (3 WAY CONVERSATIONS)

Our 3 Way conversations will take place in the BER building this coming Tuesday from 2.30pm. We encourage parents who have not yet made an appointment to contact the school and book a time as there are now only limited spaces available.

The focus of the conversation is about student learning and how your child is demonstrating the skills of being an active learner. As each time slot is only 10 minutes it will be very important to keep the conversation focused. If any other issues require discussion, you may wish to make another time to speak with your child's teacher. Our Parent's Club is also hosting a BBQ on the Tuesday afternoon so families can purchase a sausage and drink before or after the conversations (see next page).

### LAST DAY OF TERM 1

A reminder that the last day for students this Term at Drouin South PS is Wednesday 5th April with a 3.15pm finish. Staff will be in attendance on Thursday where we will be engaging in a presentation about "Responding to Disclosures of Family Violence" as well as working on a review of our whole school curriculum plan.

*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.**



## ***DSPS PARENTS CLUB SOCIAL BBQ***

**The Parents Club would like to invite you along for a BBQ on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 4pm onwards at school!**

**Come along & have a chat and let the kids enjoy a play on the oval & play ground**

**Sausage in bread- \$3.00**

**Can of drink- \$2.00**

**Hope to see you there**



### **A message from our Chaplain.....**

Hi everyone.

This week's words of wisdom from the Victorian Era might sound a bit controversial in our current 21st century post modern culture.

“Punish a child for wilful disobedience, but never for doing wrong without realising it.”

“Never punish a child for misbehaviour that is admitted.”

The term ‘punishment’ calls to mind punitive action rather than restorative action. Punishment handled badly can easily become abuse, but lack of consequences for misbehaviour feeds unruly behaviour. Balance and wisdom is needed to find the middle ground.

I've enjoyed meeting and chatting with some of you before and after school. Remember I'm around on Thursdays and Fridays if you want to make an appointment. Contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

Thanks, Hayno—Chaplain DSPS



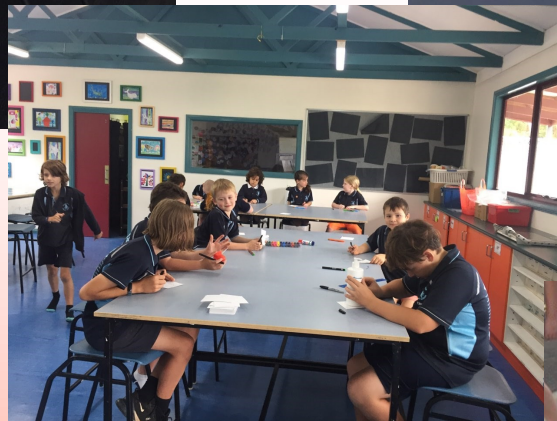


# Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a celebration that brings us together.

It's about including others, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Here at Drouin South Primary School for Harmony Day, we were doing activities of different cultures like Origami, paper chains, mandalas, book marks, dancing, and many more activities. **Written by Ryder and Belle**





# ANZAC Service

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.45pm we will be having an ANZAC Service at DSPS. ANZAC Day commemorates the service of Australian and New Zealand Servicemen that fought and died during war or from the impacts of war.

This year, we also commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. Family and friends are welcome to join. Students are invited to bring a small posy or poppy to place at the flagpole during the service .

Thank you, Adelle Phillips



ANZAC DAY  
*Let's Not Forget*



## Harmony Day collage

**This special piece of art was created last Friday in one of the rotational activities the students participated in. It represents the theme 'everyone belongs'. Come and see it in the office!**

## 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 Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program



We are pleased to announce Windermere Child and Family Services as the new provider for our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program commencing Term 2. This will not affect the ongoing Term 1 OSHC program which will continue unchanged.

## About the Windermere OSHC program

Windermere Child & Family Services is a reputable community-based organisation with years of expertise and experience in early childhood early education and care.

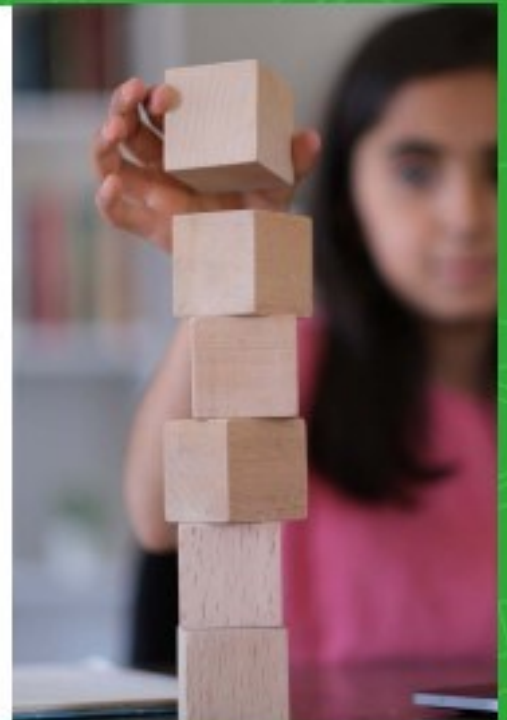
The Windermere OSHC program will operate at Drouin South Primary School and offer inclusive and interactive learning opportunities in a welcoming and safe environment. The program includes:

- fun, structured play
- leisure activities
- healthy breakfast, afternoon tea and snacks
- age-appropriate activities
- small and large group games

The OSHC program will be run by Windermere's qualified and experienced educators.

[Learn more about Windermere](#)

<https://www.windermere.org.au/childcare/out-of-school-hours-care-for-your-school>



## OSHC hours of operation

Before school care:	6.30 am – 8.45am
After school care:	3.30pm – 6.30pm

### Fees

Families have the option to book casual or ongoing (permanent) sessions. A discount is available for ongoing bookings.

Before School care (permanent):	\$25*
Before School care (casual):	\$30*
After School care (permanent):	\$31*
After School care (casual):	\$36*

\*Fees prior to Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Late fee:	\$5 per 5 minutes (not eligible for CCS)
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## Child Care Subsidy

The government's Child Care Subsidy (CCS) assists families with the cost of approved child care services, including OSHC.

Centrelink will pay the subsidy directly to Windermere reducing the total fees you pay for Out of School Hours Care. To check your eligibility and the reduced rate you may be eligible for visit:

[Child care subsidy eligibility](#)

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy>



## How to enrol

Please ensure that you enrol by **Monday 3 April 2023**. Simply follow the link below to complete the form:

[OSHC enrolment form](#)

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.windermere.org.au/childcare/out-of-school-hours-care-for-your-school>

**Note:** If you are enrolled in the school's current OSHC program and wish to continue with us in Term 2 you will need to complete the new Windermere form above.

For further information call Windermere on 1300 946 337 or contact us [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming your child and family to our OSHC program!

<https://www.windermere.org.au/childcare/out-of-school-hours-care-for-your-school>



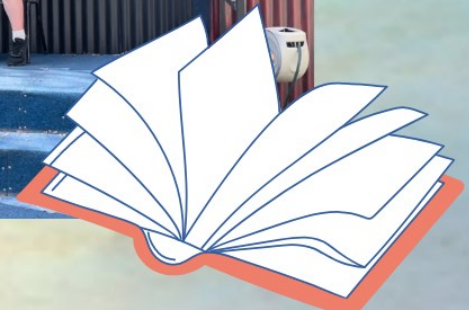


# WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5/6B?



In our Reading and Writing lessons this term, we have been focusing on fluency and expression.

We did Reader's Theatre and read plays and scripts to practise understanding fluency and expression and the important role they have in reading and writing.





# WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5/6B?



We have also been looking at techniques that authors use in their books to use as 'inspiration' for our own writing pieces!

We found out that if our writing isn't fluent and doesn't make sense, it makes it harder for the reader to understand.

Some of our **favourite** lines:

- "The fire spread like melted butter on toast."
- "It was a foggy morning as I stood on the rocky hills, looking out at the view."
- BANG! What was that sound?"

# New in the Library!

## *FING by David Walliams*

Mr and Mrs Meek are Meek by name and meek by nature. Unfortunately their only child Myrtle is not. She is a MONSTER! Whether she was just made this way, or her meek parents made it worse, Myrtle's constant demands just grow and grow. Until the day she can't think of something her parents haven't already done or bought for her.

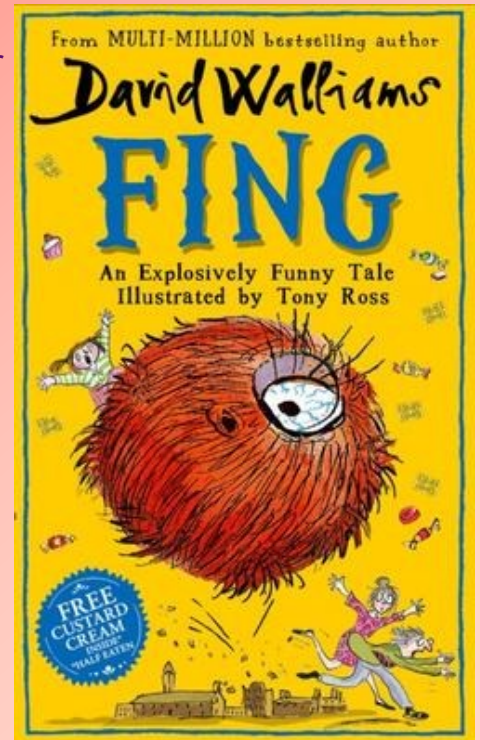
It hits her! She wants a FING. What on Earth is a Fing, her parents wonder. Both being librarians, they rush off to the library to find out.

Mr Meek, after much discussion, sets off to get one for his daughter. He encounters other strange creatures and sights on his travels, hoping that he will be able to complete his quest.

*A cautionary tale for any demanding or other monster-like children, FING is wacky and full of funny footnotes which explain words or parts of the story. Chocka full of illustrations by Tony Ross, this team have done it again. David Walliams wanted FING to make kids laugh – he definitely achieved his goal.*

Review taken from *What Book Next* website.

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



## 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





# Easter Ideas

## EASTER AT HOME IDEAS FOR KIDS

- ♥ Make an Easter tree
- ♥ Bake an Easter cake
- ♥ Create a bunny craft
- ♥ Make an Easter egg garland
- ♥ Picnic in the backyard
- ♥ Make a handprint keepsake
- ♥ Create cards for loved ones
- ♥ Make an Easter egg wreath
- ♥ Read an Easter-themed book
- ♥ Bake egg-shaped cookies
- ♥ Decorate the house with crafts
- ♥ Prepare an Easter egg hunt
- ♥ Make a sock bunny
- ♥ Paint Easter eggs
- ♥ Watch an Easter movie
- ♥ Wear (homemade) bunny ears
- ♥ Easter scavenger hunt
- ♥ Have an egg and spoon race
- ♥ Easter photoshoot at home
- ♥ Play Easter bingo
- ♥ Have an Easter brunch
- ♥ Make fingerprint bunnies
- ♥ Create an Easter-themed artwork



# How to Decorate Eggs

## What You Need to Dye Easter Eggs

- Hard boiled eggs
- Paper towel or newspaper
- Bowl or cup deep enough to completely submerge an egg
- Tongs, egg dipper, or slotted spoon
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- Liquid food colouring (about 20 drops per colour)



## How to Dye Eggs

1. Protect your surface by covering with a sheet of newspaper or paper towel.
2. Use cool hard boiled eggs.
3. Fill container with enough water to cover the egg, one teaspoon of white vinegar, and about 20 drops of food colouring. The more food colouring you add, the darker the colour of the egg will be.
4. To create unique patterns on the eggs, use rubber bands, wax, crayons, or waterproof tape to mark off stripes or designs where you don't want the dye to hit.
5. Place your egg on a slotted or regular spoon and dunk, turning occasionally so both sides get colour. Keep your dyed egg in the liquid for up to 5 minutes. The longer you leave your egg in the dye bath, the more vivid the colour will be. You can also dip only part of the egg in one colour, then switch to another colour to create a multi-coloured effect.

## You could also use stickers to decorate





# Surviving the School Holidays

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SURVIVAL TIPS:

- #1 Don't break the bank. Check out your local park, library or council website for free and fun school holiday activities.
- #2 Ensure you have balance! Being out every day with the kids can be exhausting and expensive. Movie days in your PJ's and slow days around the house can still be fun!
- #3 Pack a lunch box for days at home. I'm sure you're thinking, "Aren't the school holidays my time off from packing lunches?" and the answer is - yes! However, packing a lunch box full of snacks will avoid the constant "Muuuuuum, I'm hungry!" that comes with the kids being home.
- #4 Get creative in the kitchen. Help the kids bake yummy treats or even get them involved in making dinner. You could even turn it into imaginative play by setting up a little "restaurant" at home and getting the kids to dress up like waiters and chefs!
- #5 Don't put pressure on yourself. With the kids home and causing havoc, the house is sure to be a mess and routine may go out the window. That's ok! All kids really want on School Holiday's is a break from daily routine and pressures anyway.

@LITTLELUNCHBOXCO

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY RULES

### TRY NEW THINGS

USE KIND WORDS | TELL THE TRUTH

— SAY PLEASE AND THANK YOU —

[SMILE] FORGIVE EACH OTHER  
[SING] WAIT YOUR TURN  
[LAUGH] KEEP YOUR PROMISES

SKIP, CLIMB, SWING, EXPLORE

HOLD HANDS | FAMILY FIRST | APOLOGISE

WEAR HATS, HELMETS, SUNSCREEN

— DO THE RIGHT THING, FIRST TIME —

PICK UP, PACK UP | BE BRAVE



## TRY THESE:

 **B**uild, craft, or cook something

 **O**utside play

 **R**ead a book

 **E**arn some money

 **D**o something for others

For more great summer ideas visit



## Totally Not Boring FUN from A to Z

Create a work of **ART**

**BAKE** cookies or a cake

**CAMP** out in the backyard or living room

**DECORATE** your bedroom

**EARN** some money

Hold a paper plane **FLYING** challenge

Get outdoors and try **GEOCACHING**

Head off on a **HIKE**

Make **ICE CREAM** sundaes or floats

Get creative with **JEWELRY** making

Try **KNITTING** ... with fingers or needles

Build with **LEGO**

Edit your own hobby **MAGAZINE**

Make a target for a **NERF GUN**, water balloon or sock battle

**OFFER** to help someone

Get creative with **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Host a family **QUIZ NIGHT**

**READ** something new or something you love

**SCOOTER** or **SKATE**

Play **TAG** or Hide N Seek or Murder in the Dark

Challenge someone to a **UNO** championship

**VISIT** a museum, art gallery or library

**WASH** the car or the dog

Conduct a science **EXPERIMENT**

Stretch your body with **YOGA**

**ZONE** out and relax