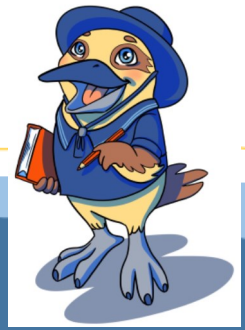




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Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Bruno M: For achieving his goals in Writing. Well Done Bruno.



Addison R: For making progress with learning high frequency words. Well done!



Shanae B: For her thoughtfulness and for always offering to help and assist others. Great work Shanae! assisting others.



Kenzie W-D: For her fantastic effort on reading for facts during project work.



Caitlin M: For displaying lovely friendship qualities and a kind, caring nature at all times. Superstar Caity!



Cody N: For being a community minded member of the classroom that helps everyone in need, we appreciate your kindness.



Kiaree M: For your amazing mindset change in the classroom - you have been respectful and caring towards others this week. Well done Kiaree!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 10th July—**PUPIL FREE DAY** (Professional Practice Day) - Staff Koorie Cultural Understanding Training

Tuesday 11th July—First day of Term 3 for students

Monday 31st July—Friday 4th August—Book Fair

Friday 4th August—Grandparents' and special persons' day

Friday 18th August—pie drive

Tuesday 22nd August—DSC Grade 6 Parent Enrolment Information Evening



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

Term 2

Thank you for your support of your children and our school throughout term 2. It has been a fast and furious term that started with our Coolamatong Camp, including Naplan testing, winter sports and cross country and finished in a flurry with Prep information sessions and open classrooms.

I wish to thank teachers and support staff for their ongoing relentless passion to help students learn both academically and socially throughout the term.

We look forward to commencing next term on Monday 10th July (Staff only) and Tuesday 11th July for all students.

Half-Yearly Reports

The half yearly reports have been sent home this week. We would like to draw attention to the learning growth that appears on the graphs for all students from Years 1 and above. This growth indicates the progress that students have made over a 12 month period. Whilst some children show growth at different rates and times, the aim is to have 12 months growth for every 12 months at school. Some areas may be lower in areas of growth due to topics not yet covered in the first semester of school.

The shaded band indicates the “expected” achievement levels, however, even if your child is below this bar their academic growth is still a cause for celebration. Remember there is still another 6 months of learning to be done this year.

The 5 point A-E scale is a requirement of the Department. It should be interpreted as follows:

A = Well above expected level (*Learning achievement is high and extension is in place*)

B= Above expected level (*some extension opportunities will be provided*)

C= At Expected Level (*C is at level so “C” is for celebration*)

D= Below expected level (*some small elements of learning may be needed for growth*)

E=Well below expected level (*Intervention will be occurring at this level*)

If you have any questions in relation to your child’s report, please speak with your child’s teacher.



Big Freeze Day

Well done to the Student Representative Council and to Mrs Phillips for organising the “Big Freeze” fundraiser. The students had fun with a variety of ice cube-related activities and the sale of the yummy Blue Spiders raised \$404 for MND.

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.



A message from our Chaplain.....

Well that's it for term two 2023. What a great term it's been. I have few highlights to share.



Championship UNO has been a winner for getting to know the kids. I'll take a few kids at a time and we play a full on version of the classic card game UNO. There are strict rules and scoring; lowest score wins. It's been a great way to connect and also to break down any stigma attached to seeing the chaplain. I'm looking forward to playing with more kids next term and even ramping up the action with a school wide leaderboard. So stay tuned.



Chess Club is another great way that I have been connecting with some of the students. The chess club regulars have been working on the rules for a 'fast and furious' lunch time competition. Its amazing how a series of 3 minute games of chess can get the blood pumping. It's great seeing the kids come up with the format and fine tune it every week.

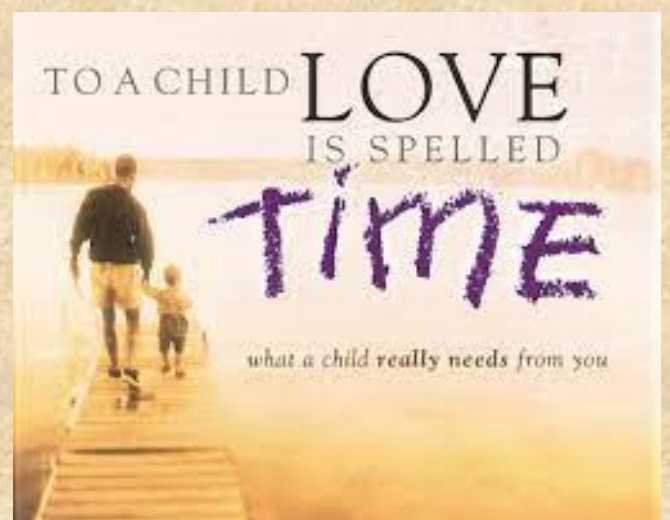


The other initiative that we on the well being team have begun this term is **LEGO CLUB**. LEGO therapy is a programme designed to aid, teach, and promote social communication. We on the wellbeing team have noticed that the lack of positive social communication is the root of many of the disruptive antisocial behaviours we are seeing in the school community. We have implemented a form of Lego Therapy to help address this issue. The kids who are involved are loving it. It is a fun way of helping students to reflect on better ways of communication. We are rolling this out with all the students as the principles are valuable across the board.

Another highlight for me this term has been getting to know more parents. Whether in person or over the phone it has been great connecting with, encouraging and being encouraged by you. I look forward to chatting with more of you next term.

I hope you take the opportunity these mid year holidays to make some intentional time to connect in a positive way with your child/children. Remember kids spell LOVE...T I M E.

Chaplain Hayno,
DSPS.



NEWS FROM 5/6B



THIS TERM, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ALL ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY!

SUSTAINABILITY EXPO

This term, students in 5/6B have investigated a topic of interest that links with our sustainability focus. They have worked hard to research and create dioramas, posters and PowerPoints.



On Wednesday, we held a Sustainability Expo where the students got to share their projects and hard work with other classes and their parents. It was a huge success!





Save the EARTH





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.

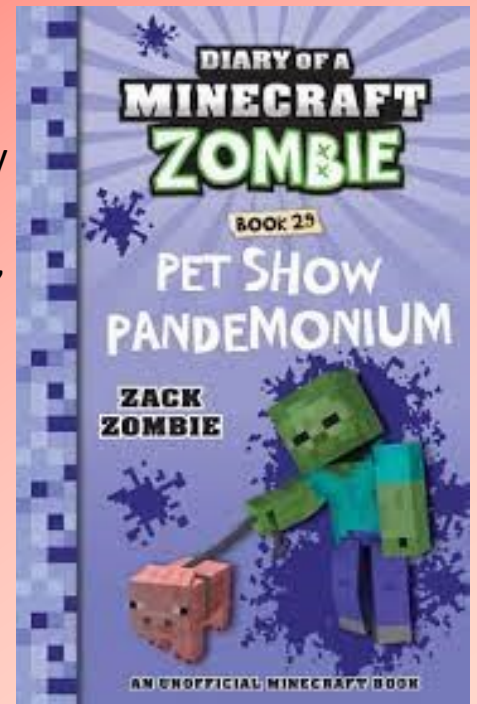
Please do not give any medication to students to keep in their bag.

New in the Library!

Pet Show Pandemonium: Book 29 of a Diary of a Minecraft Zombie

It's the Scare School pet show, and every mob who's any mob is entering. Every mob except Zombie. He doesn't have a pet. But then Zombie finds a stray Pig in the park, and convinces his parents to let him keep it. So the training begins—he has one week to turn his Pig into champion material. Will Zombie and his Pig win the pet show, or will it be utter pandemonium?

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

