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Term 3

Week 22

28th July 2023

Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Charlotte P: For doing a wonderful job with practising her Reading at home. Well done Charlotte.



Kaitlyn T-B: For practicing her sounding out during independent reading time and caring for others in the classroom. Well done!



Jackson R: For his positive and persistent attitude to learning and being a caring friend. Well done Jackson!



Emmy G: For generating fabulous sentences when learning about conjunctions. Keep up the great work Emmy!



Cruz T: For his cheerful and enthusiastic return to school, and for displaying curiosity and interest in our new integrated unit. Superstar Cruz!



Tyler McL: For the amazing effort you are putting into your learning. Thankyou for contributing to class discussions and helping your classmates.



Ashden A: For making an excellent start to Term 3! Well done on your efforts this week. Keep it up Ashden!

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Tuesday 1st August—Swimming permission forms and payment due

Friday 4th August—Grandparents’ and special persons’ day/Dress Up Day (see p.3)

Wednesday 9th August—Pie Drive orders due

Friday 18th August—pie orders available to pick up at end of school day

Prep Transition dates—see p.4

Swimming dates— see p.5



Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Allina Y: For always trying her best with her Reading when it comes to sounding out sounds. Well Done Allina.



Isla C-D: For her motivation, persistence and hard work with multiplication. Great work Isla!



Graham D: For his enthusiasm and focus while researching for his new writing project. Superstar Graham!



Tilly N: For being a curious learner that always asks questions to learn more! Thank you for your questions and valuable contributions to class discussions.



Brody P: For having a tremendous start at Drouin South—I am very proud of your efforts. Well done Brody!



Brady L: For having a tremendous start at Drouin South—I am very proud of your efforts. Well done Brady!

Last Friday Russell Broadbent MP visited the school to present new flags. Well done Dylan and Vinney (Flag Monitors) for taking the initiative to write to Mr Broadbent to ask for the new flags.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

Naplan Results

Naplan reports have been sent home to parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students this week. We are very proud of all of our students for the way they participated in these series of assessments. The bands of the assessments have changed this year with student results being categorised as exceeding, strong, developing and needs additional support.

Your child's half-yearly report differs to Naplan in that the results obtained on the report are based on several assessments over a period of time combined with what each child demonstrates on a daily basis in class.

We are particularly proud of our students' writing results this year as writing has been a major focus of our teacher learning across the school. The percentage of our year 3 and 5 writers in the "exceeding" and "strong" bands are as follows:

Naplan Writing	Drouin South Primary School	Similar Schools	Network
YEAR 3	79%	73%	73%
YEAR 5	83%	64%	72%

Flag Presentation (See pictures on previous page)

Last week Russell Broadbent MP for Monash visited our school to present a new set of flags including the Australian Flag, the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag. Mr Broadbent's visit was made possible due to our flag monitors, Dylan M and Vincent T having written to the local member explaining that our flags needed replacing. Mr Broadbent was very impressed with the letter and was happy to address our assembly and to present the flags to the school.

Swimming

Our swimming and water safety program is now only a few weeks away with our first three groups heading to the leisure centre commencing the week of August 15th. Notes have been sent home to all students.

Prep 100 days

Congratulations to all of our Prep students for completing their first 100 days of primary school. The dress-up costumes looked fantastic! It was also amazing to see how many years Mr Grimshaw has aged in the past 100 days.

Book Character Parade, Book Fair, Grandparents and Special Persons Morning (See next page)

On Friday 4th August students will be inviting grandparents and special persons to come along to the school to watch the Book Character dress up parade. The character parade will be held just after 9.00am followed by the opportunity for children to take their guests to the Book Fair.

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.





Book Fair, book week dress-up and Grandparents/ Special Persons Day



Our school is hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** on **Friday 4th August**. We will be holding a **Grandparents and Special persons day** on this day, as part of our book fair event, and **students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character!** Special visitors are welcome to come to school from 9-11 for the first session.

We will begin the day with a book week costume parade and assembly, then Grandparents and visitors are welcome to join students in the classroom, enjoy some morning tea in the library or visit the book fair and purchase some books- any books bought raises money for our school.

The book fair will be held in the meeting room of the BER building. Eftpos will be available on the day and is the preferred method of payment.

Students will be able to browse the book fair with their teacher on Wednesday or Thursday where they will have the opportunity to create a wish list. Anything on this wish list can be purchased online at home by following the instructions on the back of the list.

The book fair will be open before school from 8.40 – 11.30am and 2.45 – 3.45pm on Friday. If you are unable to make it in to see the book fair, book purchases can be made online (see below).

Book Week Parade

Friday 4th August 9.15am
Come dressed as your favourite Book Character.
Also on this day... Grandparents morning and Book Fair.

Book Fair Wish List Prepayments



If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

1. Go to scholastic.com.au/payment
2. Click 'Book Fairs'
3. Enter amount and pay
4. Record receipt number on back of Wish List
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the Fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

A message from our Chaplain.....

So we are talking about Values. Children mainly learn values by watching their key carers' example, therefore it is extremely important to set a good example for them. Practice what you preach. They will adopt whatever you are modelling be it good or bad. So live the values you would like your kids to display.



Gratitude is a value that has an immense impact on our wellbeing.

In positive psychology research, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships. These are all areas that we on the wellbeing team at DSPS are working towards in our school community.

Show your gratitude for people and things that help you get through the day, no matter how



small. Your kids will take on this value and reap the rewards.

I'm going to be away for 5 weeks starting in week 3 so if there is something urgent you would like to talk about it would be best to catch me on Monday 24th July, otherwise it will have to wait until September.

Thanks, Hayno. Chaplain DSPS.

Working with Children Checks

As part of our commitment to Child Safety we recommend that *all* parents seek a Working With Children Check (free for volunteers). *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.](#)



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DROUIN SOUTH PS

2024 PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST (9.15-10.15)

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER (9.15-10.15)

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER (9.15-10.15)

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER (9.15-10.45)

Swimming Dates

Monday 14th to Friday 18th August—Grades 2/3A, 2/3B and Year 1

Monday 21st to Friday 25th August—Grades 5/6A, 5/6B and Year 4

Monday 28th August to Friday 1st September—Preps



Victorian Water Safety Certificate

The importance of swimming lessons

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: School swimming and water safety program

The school swimming and water safety program is fun, interactive and inclusive. This program ensures that students are inspired to be competent swimmers and develop essential lifelong skills to be safe in, on and around water.

Drowning is a leading cause of death of children aged 0-14 years. Tragically, in the 2020/21 financial year, 61 people in Victoria lost their lives to drowning, which is a 40% decrease from the 10-year average. 15 of the 61 fatal drowning incidents involved children aged 0-14 years old, which was the highest age-specific fatal drowning rate this year. These figures highlight the importance of the recent Victorian Government initiative to make swimming and water safety mandatory in the primary school curriculum.

The Victorian Government continues to support all students in Victoria to achieve their Victorian Water Safety Certificate by the end of Year 6. For students to attain this certificate, they must demonstrate the following competencies:

- Answer questions on issues relating to water safety knowledge
- Swim competently for a continuous distance of 50 metres
- Surface dive, swim underwater and search to recover an object from deep water
- Respond to an emergency by demonstrating DRSAB and the recovery position
- Complete a continuous survival sequence dressed in t-shirt and shorts
- Demonstrate an effective reach rescue and throw rescue

Students are also required to take part in the program to fulfil the assessment and reporting requirements according to the Victorian Curriculum.

The program will be delivered with a combination of school-based water safety lessons in the classroom and the application of the practical skills in an aquatic environment.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to get in contact with the school.

Kind regards,

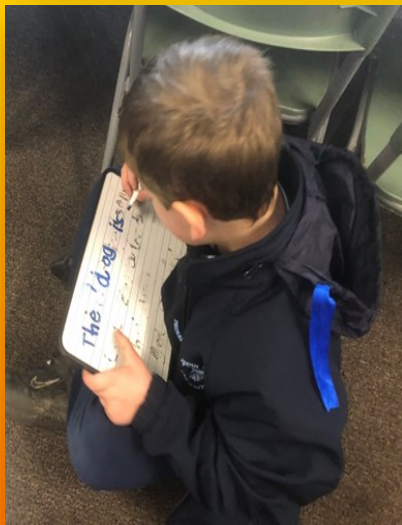
Michael Smith - Principal

Foundation

Students in Foundation have had a terrific start to term 3. Next week we will be celebrating 100 days of learning. Here are some things that we will be focusing on during the term.

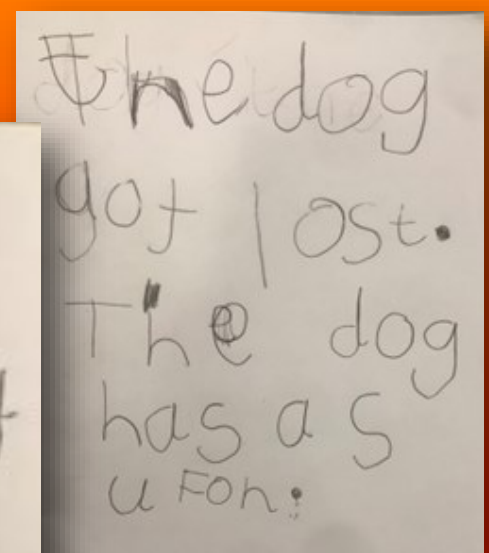
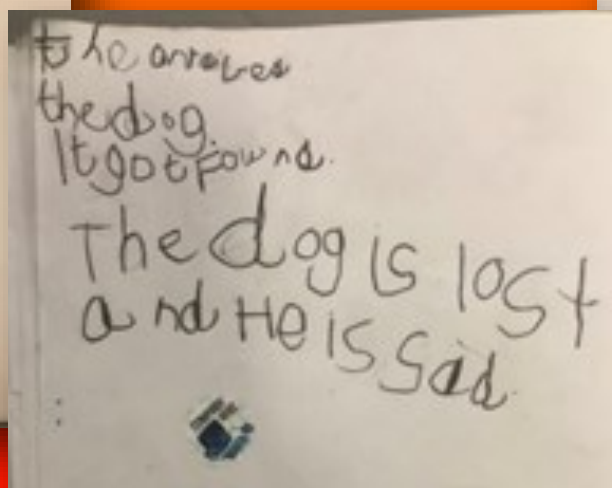
Reading

For Reading, students are continuing to sound out sounds to decode unfamiliar words. Students are now beginning to learn how to blend sounds together to form words as well as learning to answer questions from the text.



Writing

In Writing, Foundation students are learning to apply their sound knowledge to write two simple sentences. Students have also been learning to use some boundary punctuation, such as full stops and capital letters and continuing to practise forming their sounds. Below are some of the students' Writing samples, where they had to write on a picture prompt.



Maths

For Maths, students are continuing to count beyond 10 as well as learning to add and subtract numbers, using a variety a range of different materials.



Term 3 Theme

As part of our integrated studies for this term, Students will be learning about the Human Body. For Foundation our focus will be around the Five Human senses. We will be integrating the Five senses into our Reading and Writing sessions.



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27th July,
Foundation
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be
celebrating
100 Days of
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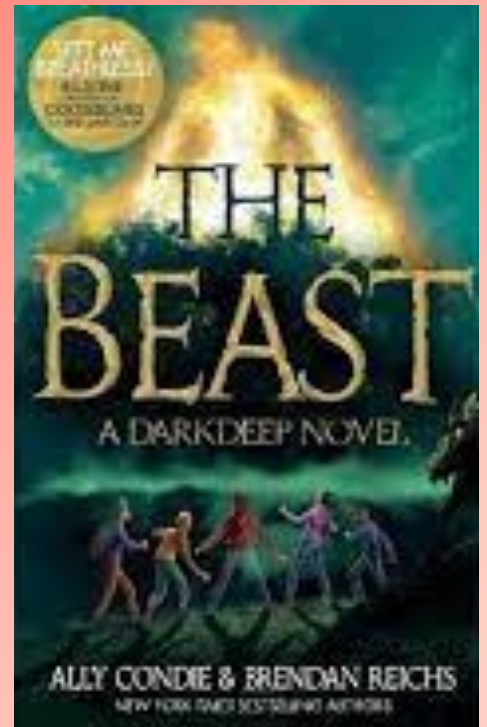
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LEARNING**

New in the Library!

The Beast—A Darkdeep novel by Ally Condie & Brendan Reichs

Nico, Opal, Tyler, Emma, and Logan survived their worst fears come to life, and saved their tiny Pacific Northwest town of Timbers from a monstrous figment invasion. Now they just want to keep their heads down, enjoy Halloween, and explore the secrets of their mysterious houseboat clubhouse. And also figure out their new Torchbearer responsibilities as keepers of the Darkdeep, an ancient whirlpool hidden in Still Cove that can make both dreams and nightmares into reality.

But when a dangerous new breed of figments starts appearing on their own, and the very environment around them begins to spiral out of control, the friends realize they have no idea what they are doing—or how they're supposed to restrain the Darkdeep. They must uncover the pool's origins, as well as those of the freaky Thing in a Jar, a seemingly lifeless green creature Opal believes is communicating with her. To make matters worse, a trashy YouTube series has rolled into town intent on finding the Beast, the legendary local sea monster suddenly stirring up the countryside.



Find this and other great books in the DSPS library!

As threats rapidly close in around them, the friends must fight to protect their secrets, defeat new enemies, and save Timbers and all that they love. *Review taken from*

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





Surviving Separation

Are you finding it difficult navigating your children's feelings and behaviour after separation?

Come along, learn some skills to assist you and your children to build strong connections and chat with other parents in similar situations.

Would you like to:

- Learn how to best support your children through separation?
- Learn ways to better deal with your emotions and theirs?
- Build communication skills for the future, for yourself and your children?
- Develop strategies to manage your children's behaviour

Dates: Thursday 20th July - 23rd August 2023

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Online via ZOOM

Register: via the QR code or contact
 Parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
 P: (03) 5135 9555



PARENTZONE



Term 3 - 10th July - 15th September

Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting For Parents of Children Aged 3-12 Years

Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Better understand and communicate with your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?
- Parent anxious children?
- Raise resilient children?

Dates: Mondays 31st July - 4th September

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Online via ZOOM

Register: via the QR code or contact
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Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have fewer illnesses

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Parenting Pre-Schoolers

- Gain a better understanding of your pre-schooler's behaviour?
- Learn positive discipline strategies?
- Improve communication with your pre-schooler?
- Get your pre-schooler to listen? Encourage the skills of resilience?
- Deal with your own frustrations and anxiety as a parent?

Where: On line via ZOOM
When: Wednesday 2nd August
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: FREE. Bookings essential

For bookings scan the QR code or contact:
 E: parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
 M: PO Box 959 Morwell Vic 3840
 P: (03) 5135 9555



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Self Care for Parents and Carers

Are you feeling burnt out and overwhelmed by every day tasks? Self care can sound like a simple thing to achieve however are you stuck with where to start?

Making time for self care looks at:

- Strategies for feeling less overwhelmed.
- Improving your confidence and self esteem.
- Building resilience and setting boundaries.
- Making time for yourself and your family

Where: On line via ZOOM
When: Friday 4th August, 2023
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Cost: FREE. Bookings essential

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Parenting Anxious Kids

Are you parenting young children who are displaying signs of anxiety in every day situations, would you like to better understand what is a normal age and stage response for a child aged 0-12years?

Parenting anxious kids looks at:

- Recognising the signs of anxiety
- What causes Anxiety in kids
- How this triggers parents
- Develop the skills to cope and discuss fears in an attempt to move through them
- How to respond when your child gets overwhelmed?
- Help your child to regulate their emotions?
- Support your child with their challenges?

Where: On line via ZOOM

When: Wednesday 30th August 2023

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cost: FREE. Bookings essential

Register: via the QR code or contact
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Current Carers Education and Support

The Current Carers education and support group has been designed to promote positive growth in your relationship as a Kinship carer and with the young people you are supporting.

We understand the complexity and emotions that can impact your caring role as well as the changes in your families' dynamic. This is a judgement free supportive space designed to help you and your family reconnect while you go through this difficult time.

The program will run throughout the year with a monthly face to face meeting. Each month a new educational topic will be presented by Relationships Australia and ParentZone.

Where: Anglicare Victoria
190 Commercial Road Morwell
Victoria 3840

When: Wednesday 19th July 2023

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: Free

Where: Anglicare Victoria
190 Commercial Road Morwell
Victoria 3840

When: Wednesday 30th August 2023

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: Free

Where: Anglicare Victoria
190 Commercial Road Morwell
Victoria 3840

When: Wednesday 13th September 2023

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: Free



Register: via the QR code or contact
Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
P: (03) 5135 9555

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Dealing with Feelings

Feelings can make us very uncomfortable

- Does your child (or you) have difficulty expressing feelings in appropriate ways?
- Does your child often seem to be anxious, angry, frustrated, jealous or sad?
- Would it be helpful to explore what other parents are doing to support their children?

If your answer to any of these questions is "YES!" come along to join a discussion that explores positive responses to this parenting challenge, and to hear what works for other parents.

DATE: Friday 8th September 2023

TIME: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

WHERE: Online Via Zoom

COST: This session is free of charge but registration is essential

Register: via the QR code or contact
Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
P: (03) 5135 9555



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Intensive Family Support

Do you want some more support for your family?

Integrated Family Services (IFS) is a voluntary, early intervention program aimed to promote the safety, stability and development of vulnerable children, young people and their families. IFS focuses on building capacity and resilience for children, families and communities. The program is delivered by a partnership of agencies across Inner Gippsland including: Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Latrobe, and South Gippsland Shires.

IFS provides a case management approach which can assist with:

- improving school attendance
- sleep and settling
- developing routines
- age and stage of development
- boundaries
- protective behaviours
- nutrition and health information
- community parenting groups
- referrals to other support services

To speak to someone regarding IFS supports a call to the orange door will put you in the right direction. The orange door is available for service intakes, general advice and information.

Anyone can contact The Orange Door on 1800 319 354.

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Hi there, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Kerrie, and I have just opened my own home-baking business, Mixed Cakery, based here in Drouin.

Baking has been my passion for many years, and now I've made that obsession a business for others to enjoy. I make designer/artistic cakes for all occasions, from birthdays and weddings to corporate and club functions. Realistic cakes are some of my favorites, and they are so much fun and challenging!

After all, it's not a party without a delicious cake, so let's make it a centerpiece. Should you be interested in a cake that brings a unique impact to the celebration of your special someone or occasion, please feel free to contact me via the following information:

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