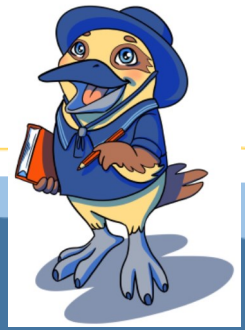




“Learning Together”



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Term 4

Week 30

6th October 2023

Saturday 21st October

Tickets on sale NOW!

Please look out for the PURPLE form and get your bookings in ASAP.

Contact the school if you need a booking form!



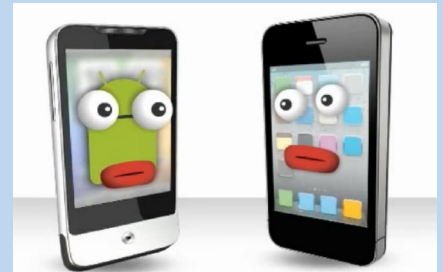
Absence Notifications

Have you received an SMS from our Absence Notification System? It is a requirement for all government schools to notify parents on the day that a student is absent.

If we are made aware of the absence prior to the day, we will endeavour to mark the class roll as such so that absence texts will not be automatically generated.

Sometimes you may receive a text even though you have notified us. In any case, **we ask that you reply to the number with a short explanation or to ring the school to let us know the reason for the absence.**

The automatic notifications are being sent out of a commitment to ensuring student safety and well-being.



Hats!

As a Sun-Smart School, all students are required to wear a hat whilst outside from the **start of SEPTEMBER** to mid-May each year. Students that don't wear a hat are required to play in the undercover area at recess and lunch times. **Please label your child's hat!**



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16th October – Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

Wednesday 18th October—Regional Athletics @ Jo Carmody Tack (NEW DATE)

Saturday 21st October—Trivia Night (adults only) @ Robin Hood Inn

Monday 23rd October—District Kanga Cricket Carnival

Friday 27th October—Halloween Disco



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

START OF TERM 3

Welcome back to all students, families and staff for the beginning of Term 3. After the excitement of grand finals, the start of daylight savings and two weeks of school break, it is time to hit the ground running as we head into the fourth quarter of the school year!

We have many events and lots of learning to look forward to this term so it will no doubt be very busy! All classes across the school are all learning about a range of interesting topics with a historical focus on ancient civilisations such as Egypt, China, Japan and the Vikings! We hope that these topics will build great core knowledge and provide some engaging learning during the term.

We also have regional Athletics, Kanga Cricket Carnival, our Halloween Fair and Disco as well as our Parent's Club Trivia Night all coming up during October.

We look forward to a very exciting term at Drouin South Primary School.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We have a number of new faces joining us next week as part of our Education Support Team. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Celeste Trillanes, Ben Dixon and Cory Jensz who will be working to support students within various classrooms throughout the term.



CIRCLE TIME IN CLASSROOMS

The first 5 minutes of class are critical for setting the tone for the rest of the learning. Consistent rhythms and routines, particularly ones that embed intentional positive micro-moments, are powerful healing interventions as they "help build confidence that positive events will occur and ...flexibility when unexpected events are encountered" (Brunzell, 2016, p.76). Welcome circles – nurturing routines that support engagement in learning and wellbeing (Roffey, 2006) – are a key strategy for consistently embedding strengths and also tending to the body and relational connection.

This routine of forming a circle with our students to review key values and expectations and celebrate any announcements and successes, serves as a threshold between the outside world and the complex task of learning. It allows young people to ground themselves, co-regulate and establish a common rhythm for the learning day. We know that schools are often pressed for time, and it can be tempting to jump straight into content.

However, when we take the time to check in and connect with our young people, we are not only setting them up to get much more out of the learning, but we are providing an opportunity for us, as educators, to get on the front foot of any potential issues that may present as speedbumps for learning.

*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.

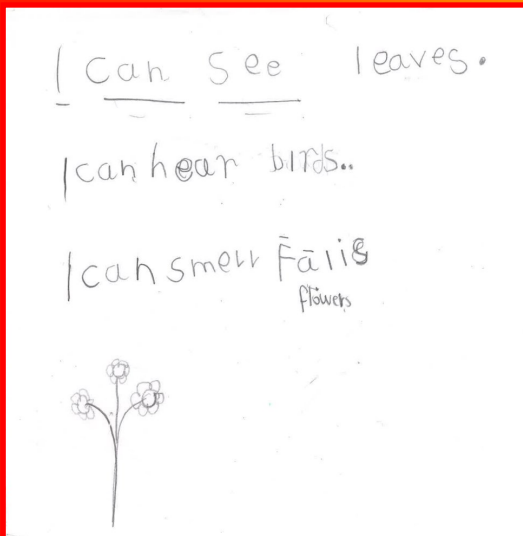


Foundation

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of our first year of Primary School. The Foundation students have been busy as ever during term 3 and have had a great start to term 4.

Reading & Writing

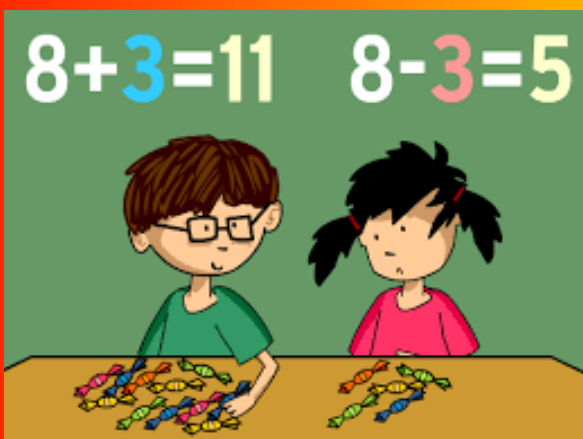
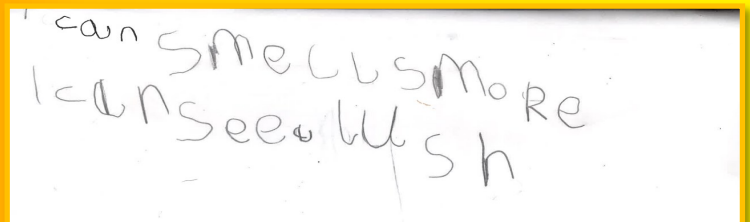
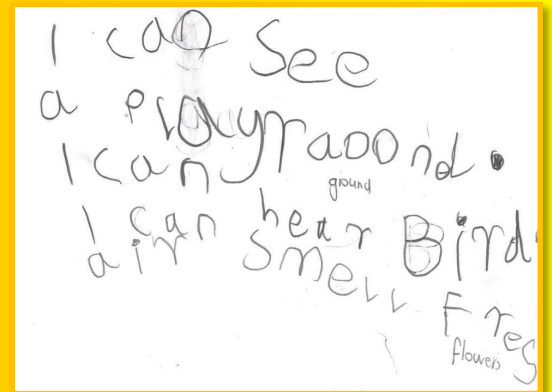
In Writing and Reading students have been learning about the five senses of the human body. The five senses are hear, touch, feel, smell and taste. Students have also continued working on writing more than one sentence linking to the five senses as well as including things such as



full stops and capital

letters at the beginning

of a sentence. In Reading, Students are continuing to work on the main strategies sounding out and blending. It is wonderful to see students are moving through the books and have already showed some very pleasing results



Maths

In Maths, Foundation students have been learning how to add and subtract small and larger numbers. Students this term, will be learning how to share things equally as well as comparing and sorting out coins and dollars.

Students had a great day celebrating 100 days of learning. Throughout the day our learning activities consisted of all things around the number 100. We wrote down what we wished that we had one hundred of, played a Maths game to race to 100 as well as working in teams to collect 100 items. Foundation students enjoyed a whole class party with some dancing, food and music as well as spending some quality time with their Grade 5/6 buddies in the afternoon.



100
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New in the Library!

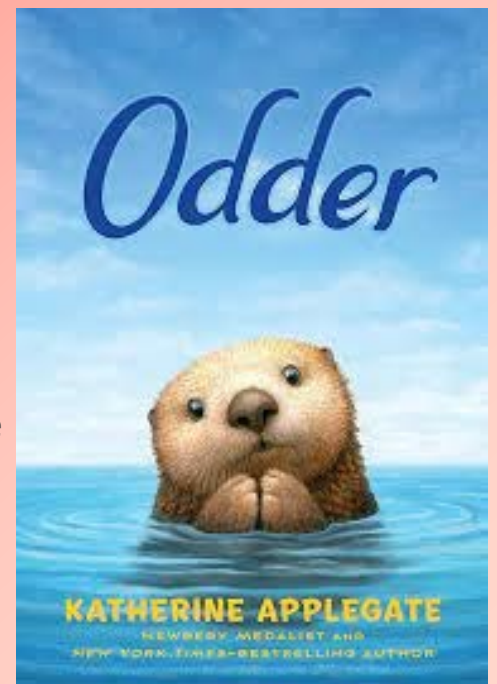
Odder by Katherine Applegate

A Monterey Bay sea otter comes of age.

Odder's mom told her to stay away from sharks, humans, and anything else she didn't understand, but after saving her friend Kairi from a shark attack, she encounters all three. Injured herself during the rescue, Odder ends up recuperating at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, or Highwater as the otters call it, where she once lived as a young orphaned pup. Last time, the humans helped her reintegrate into the wild, but because of her injuries this time the outcome might be different. Soon Kairi is there too, stricken with "the shaking sickness" and having lost her newborn pup. Now Kairi is fostering a new pup, and soon one is introduced to an initially reluctant Odder in hopes that she will help raise it so it can return to the wild. The free verse effortlessly weaves in scientific information, giving Odder a voice without overly anthropomorphizing any of the animals. The natural appeal of sea otters will draw readers in, but the book doesn't shy away from real-world threats such as predators, disease, and pollution. Loosely based on the stories of real sea otters rehabilitated at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, this novel will give readers lots to talk aboutCharming black-and-white spot art captures the world and life of the sea.

Rich, naturalistic details will delight lovers of marine life.

Review taken from *Kirkus Reviews*



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



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OPEN DAY

Sunday 8th October, 11am -1pm

Chat with our teachers about your child

Enjoy family fun activities including a visit from the local
CFA fire truck

Finger food provided



Welcome to Term 4, 2023

Anglicare Victoria continues to support families across Victoria with offices in several office locations which can be found on,

<https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/contact-us/locations/>

This Term ParentZone will continue to deliver programs online and will be reintroducing face to face groups as we come back from COVID restrictions. It is hoped across the year we will have both online and face to programs on offer and would like to hear from you about which services you want made available.

ParentZone offers:

- Parenting education and support groups both online and face to face.
- One on one Support and in home modules
- Flexible learning modules
- Information on local services
- Support to families, Foster carers, Kinship carers and children.

ParentZone Gippsland is the Regional Parenting Service for Gippsland and supports families within the local government areas of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe, South Gippsland, and Wellington.

ParentZone want to hear from parents and carers throughout Gippsland, and the professionals who support them with how we can support you in the future.

PARENTZ



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: Wednesdays 4th October - 15th November
PLEASE NOTE: NO SESSION 18/11/23

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Venue: Online via ZOOM

Children with emotional intelligence:

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

Register: scan the QR code, follow the MS forms link
<https://forms.office.com/r/s8j22s0t0U>
OR contact
Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
P: (03) 5135 9555



Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded.

PARENTZONE



Let's Talk about Parenting

A Parent's Building Solutions Program

Do you want to know how to talk so children will listen?

Understand what is normal children's behaviour?

Communicate better with your child?

Stay connected to your child?

Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded

Dates: Thursdays 5th October - 9th November

Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Online via ZOOM

Register: scan the QR code, follow the MS forms link

<https://forms.office.com/r/X9a6kRsKqQ>

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Parenting Together

Are you finding it difficult aligning your parenting styles? Find strategies to co-parent your child in a positive and consistent way.

- Build communication skills for the future, for yourself and your Children.
- Develop strategies to understand and manage your Children's behaviour.
- Learn ways to better deal with your own emotions and your children's.
- Encourage resilience and self esteem in your child.

Dates: Fridays 20th October - 24th November

Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Online via ZOOM

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PARENTZONE



Tuning in to Teens

Parenting program that teaches parents skills to help their teens begin to understand and regulate their emotions

Do you want to:

- Learn how to better understand and manage your teen's emotions, such as anger, anxiety and sadness?
- improve your communication with your teen?
- Teach your teen to deal with conflict
- Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?

Supporting the development of your teen's emotional intelligence will help them:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends.
- Be more able to calm down when angry or upset.
- Have better communication at school.
- Better manage challenges and change.

Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded

Dates: Tuesday 24th October - 5th December
Please note there will be no session on Tuesday 7th November due to Melbourne Cup public holiday

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: ONLINE via ZOOM

Register: scan the QR code, follow the MS forms link
<https://forms.office.com/r/2J0rKHH9Gj>
OR contact
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PARE



Talking Teens

A Parents Building Solutions Program

Do you want to:

- Learn how to talk so they will listen?
- Help your teen problem solve and resolve conflict?
- Communicate better with your teen?
- Stay connected?

Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded

Dates: Wednesdays 04/10/23 - 08/11/23

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Online via ZOOM

Register: scan the QR code, follow the MS forms link
<https://forms.office.com/r/xLztquGZWN>
OR contact
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Bringing up Great Kids

Bringing up great kids (BUGK) parenting program is a mindful parenting program which gives parents the skills to slow down and respond to children in a calm and relaxed manner, leading to less stress in their lives and positive changes in their children's behaviour.

The BUGK program supports parents as they explore what influences their parenting practices, and the messages their passing onto their children.

Recommend for: parents/carers of children (aged 2-10 years of age)

Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded

DATE: Mondays 6th November- 11th December 2023 (6 weeks)
TIME: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
WHERE: Online via Zoom
COST: FREE

Register: scan the QR code OR follow the MS forms link <https://forms.office.com/r/Lp4sNajlPk> OR contact Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au P: (03) 5135 9555



PARENTZONE



Parents Building Solutions

Do you want to:

- Help your child cope in a chaotic world?
- Improve your child's confidence and self-esteem?
- Help your child to deal with anxious feelings?
- Develop strategies to manage anger?
- Talk so your child will listen?

Come along to these sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded

Dates: Wednesdays 15/11/23 - 13/12/23
Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Cost: FREE
Venue: Online via ZOOM

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PARENTZONE



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?

Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded

Where: On line via ZOOM

When: Tuesdays, November 14th - December 12th

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: FREE. Bookings essential

Register: scan the QR code, follow the MS forms link <https://forms.office.com/r/X2K1CRMaXT> OR contact Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au P: (03) 5135 9555



PARENTZONE



Smalltalk In Home Support

Smalltalk is a set of evidence-based strategies that parents can use to enhance the home learning environment for their children from birth up to school age.

In-Home Support involves a qualified facilitator visiting a family in their own home. Parents participating in In-Home Support may also be attending a Supported Playgroup. During these home-based sessions, parents see practical examples of the smalltalk strategies, and have the opportunity to practice these ideas with guidance from a qualified facilitator.

The parent and the qualified facilitator go through an In-Home Support videos together, which shows examples of the smalltalk strategies. The parent and facilitator then work together through the remainder of the session, practising the strategies modelled on the DVD, incorporating suggestions by the parent.

How Many Sessions:

- Families attending a supported playgroup are eligible for 5 In-Home sessions.
- Families not attending a supported playgroup are eligible for 10 sessions.

Eligibility Criteria

- A family member holds a health care card
- A family member identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Families in kinship care arrangements
- Families referred by The Orange Door / Child Protection
- Families referred or participating in Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Services
- Parent aged under 25
- Parent not completed high school
- Single Parent Family
- 10 or less children's books in the home

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