



“Learning Together”



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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Week 31

13th October 2023

Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Quinn V: For continuing to receive excellent results in her Reading. Well Done Quinn.



Grace O'R: For a fantastic effort in writing and being a great listener.



Shontae T: For her motivation and positive attitude toward learning, considering feedback, asking questions and trying her best. Great effort Shontae!



Leah J: For focusing on all tasks and being a great learner.



Caitlin M: For consistently being prepared and organised for daily learning and routines. Superstar Caity!



Ashlyn B: For always being ready to learn and adaptable to changes.



Archie P: for being an active member of class and always ready to learn.

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

Friday 10th November—next Leap into Learning—9.15-10.15am

Tuesday 12th December—Leap into Learning—9.15-10.45am/ Transition days P-7

Wednesday 20th—Last Day of School Year (2.15pm finish/Pickup from 1.30pm)



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

CURRICULUM DAY MONDAY—BERRY ST EDUCATION

Monday 16th October is a Pupil Free Day at Drouin South Primary School.

This day will be used by all staff to further develop our knowledge and understandings of the Berry St Education Model. The Berry St Model is aimed at understanding the impacts of trauma and emotional distress on child development and how this can impact the ability to learn. The strategies that all staff are learning about are geared towards helping students to be “Ready to Learn”.

Monday's session is focused on positive relational classroom management strategies that promote on-task learning.

POLLING BOOTH FOR REFERENDUM

The Voice referendum will be held tomorrow across the nation. Drouin South Primary School will once again be a polling booth site. Voting will take place in the Art/Science Room. Please note there will not be a BBQ or any other stalls on-site.

ATTENDANCE –PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that when your child is away from school for any reason that the school must be officially notified. This can be done via telephone or email and preferably on the morning of the day's absence. Text messages are sent automatically at 11.00am to parents of any students that have been marked absent without explanation. We understand that children and family members get sick or have appointments that are unavoidable. We strive for greater than 95% attendance throughout the year which is **no more than 10 days away per student.**

POSITIVE PRIMERS and YARNING CIRCLES

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, every classroom starts the day with a morning circle routine. Which is now being referred to as a “Yarning Circle”. The aim of the Yarning Circle is to start the day with a positive experience for all students and staff.

The “Positive Primer” is a part of this routine and may consist of a short activity or game to provide some smiles and fun as a way of getting regulated for learning.

*Michael Smith— Principal
Caring, Respectful, Learners*

We would like to acknowledge those first nation families who cared for and used this land for many generations. We will commit to **caring** and using the land our school is built on in a **respectful** way. We are grateful to have this land where we can **learn** together.

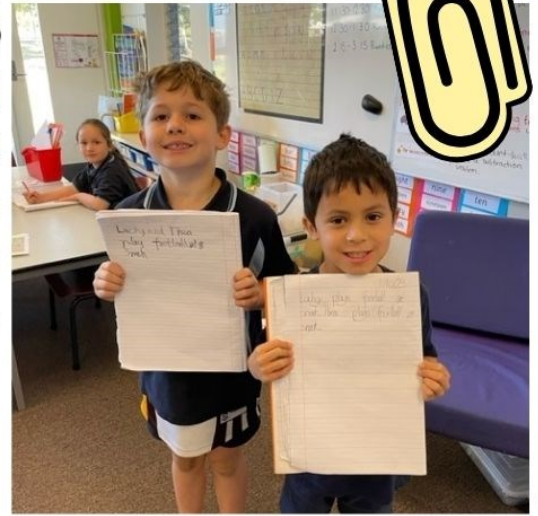
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Writing in Grade 1

This Term in Writing

This term in Writing, students will be continuing to strengthen their sentence structure skills. They will be constructing sentences with pronouns, conjunctions, adverbs and expanding simple sentences!

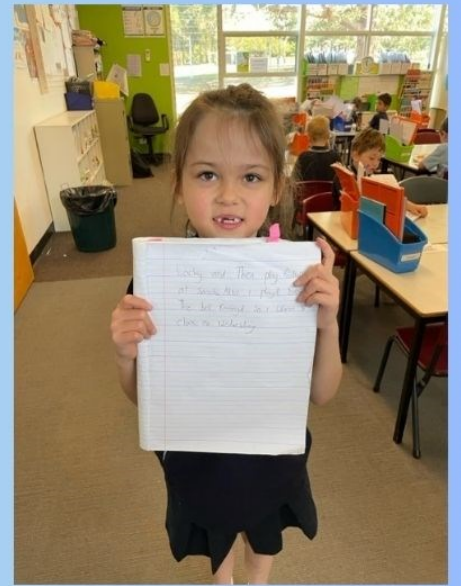


Every Friday, we have 'Free Write Friday!' where students can have the freedom to write about whatever they like!

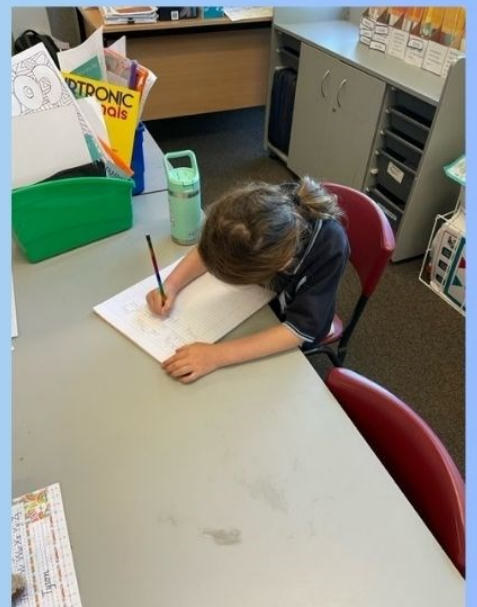
At Home

If you wish to support your student at home with their writing, use pictures or photos as a prompt for students to write about! They may also love to keep a diary of special events that happen in their lives.





Writing



New in the Library!

A Series of Unfortunate Events

Book 5—The Austere Academy by Lemony Snicket

A Series Of Unfortunate Events is a witty yet tragic set of books which tell of the unfortunate events in the lives of the three Baudelaire children. Violet Baudelaire is the oldest of them - she is an inventor. In every situation they find themselves in, Violet's younger siblings can always count on her to conjure up a resourceful machine to aid their escape. Klaus is in the middle - he is the brains of the tragic trio. His knowledge of code breaking and logical mindset always come in handy. Sunny is the youngest out of her three siblings, but her secret power lies in her mouth. She is one of the few youngsters who have teeth as sharp as a shark's, always helpful when they need to bite through a rope or get a villain off their back.

Countless times they evade the notorious Count Olaf, a dastardly villain after their huge fortune, each of the thirteen books bringing a new challenge and mystery to the series. Every time one of their questions is answered, they get even more: what did their parents *really* do; why had they never heard of any of their relatives; and, most importantly, what was VFD?

...With 5 million copies sold in the UK alone, one might consider Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events to make him one of the most successful children's authors of the past decade.

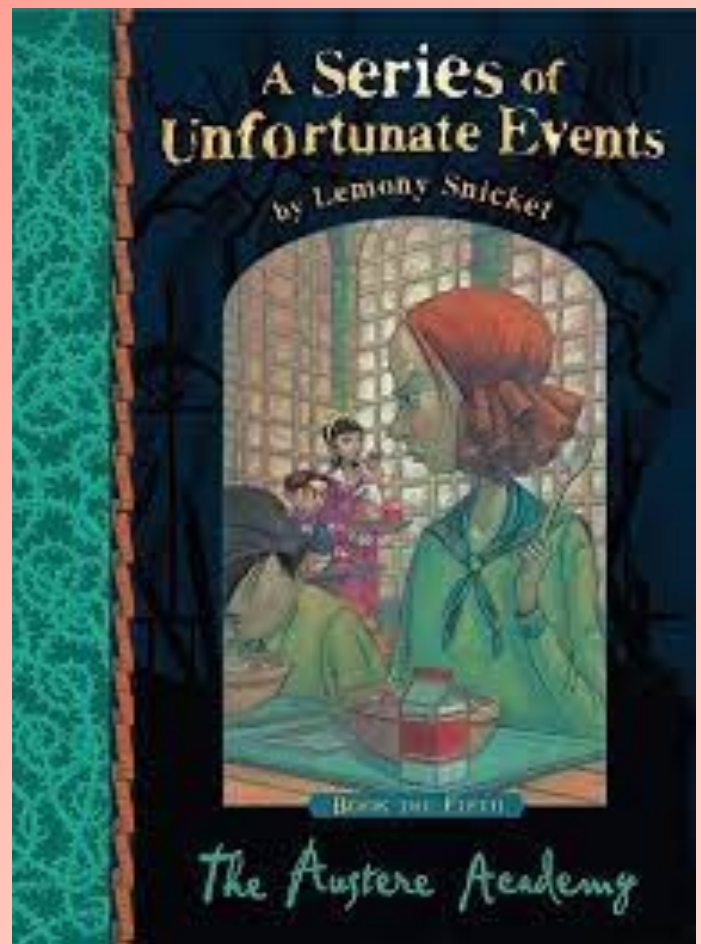
...Within the chapters of *The Austere Academy* the children face snapping crabs, strict punishments, dripping fungus, comprehensive exams, violin recitals, S.O.R.E. and the metric system.

The complete list of books in the series is:

- Book 1: [The Bad Beginning](#) (1999)
- Book 2: [The Reptile Room](#) (1999)
- Book 3: [The Wide Window](#) (2000)
- Book 4: [The Miserable Mill](#) (2000)
- Book 5: [The Austere Academy](#) (2000)
- Book 6: [The Ersatz Elevator](#) (2001)
- Book 7: [The Vile Village](#) (2001)
- Book 8: [The Hostile Hospital](#) (2001)
- Book 9: [The Carnivorous Carnival](#) (2002)
- Book 10: [The Slippery Slope](#) (2003)
- Book 11: [The Grim Grotto](#) (2004)
- Book 12: [The Penultimate Peril](#) (2005)
- Book 13: [The End](#) (2006)

Review taken from *Toppsta*

Books 1-6 in the DSPS library



FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Registrations now open

Q Play cricket



Jindivick Blast!

Come and join our cricket blast program filled with fun and engaging cricket-related games

We cater to 5 - 11 year olds, boys and girls, no experience or avid backyard cricketers!

To register for our program search 'Jindivick Cricket Club' in PlayHQ and follow the prompts

Location: Kydd Park Reserve, Jindivick

Dates: Tuesday afternoons (17th Oct - 12th Dec)

Times: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Cost: \$99

Contact: Jess Sanders (Blast co-ordinator)

0459 959 972

jsand1999.js@gmail.com



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





CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE!

Children's week 2023 is celebrating children's rights, so at West Gippsland Healthcare Group we are celebrating children and young people's right to access healthcare.

We think it is important that children and young people have a voice and we want to hear from you about your experience of healthcare as a child or young person.

Have you:

- * Been to hospital
- * Seen a Dentist
- * Visited a Doctor
- * Been cared for by a Nurse
- * Had an appointment with Allied Health staff

If you have, please tell us how it made you feel?

You can **draw us a picture, write a sentence or a short paragraph** to tell us about your visit. You can even tell us what we can do to make it better.

The best entry in each of these age groups will win a \$50 age appropriate gift voucher:

- * **Preschool Age**
- * **Primary School Age**
- * **Secondary School Age**

ENTRY FORM IS ON BACK OF PAGE – ENTRIES CLOSE 27/10/2023



Children's
Week 2023
21-29 October



Department
of Education

To celebrate Children's Week we'd like you to tell us about your experience with a healthcare worker.

You can use the space below to draw, write a sentence or a short paragraph.

Email a scan or photo of your entry to: childsafewghg.com.au

Name of person entering:

Age group (tick):

Preschool

Primary School

Secondary School

Contact person:

Email:

Phone number:

I _____ (child/young person's name)
of _____ (address) give my permission to West
Gippsland Healthcare Group to reproduce this artwork/photo in media/
publications supporting the promotion of West Gippsland Healthcare Group.

I understand that my identification may be made known when the artwork/photo
is published.

Signed (child/young person): _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature:

Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____



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