



# “Learning Together”



*A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.*

*Caring, Respectful, Learners*

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Supervision Hours

Parents are reminded that students are supervised at school between the hours of 8.45am and 3.30pm.

***It is important that students arrive at school no earlier than 8.45am as they are unsupervised.***

An Out of School Hours Care service operates within the school to provide care for students who need to arrive at school earlier than 8.45am or need to remain after 3.30pm. The service is operated by Windermere with very reasonable rates. For more details see <https://www.windermere.org.au/childcare/out-of-school-hours-care>.

#### Science of Learning and Science of Reading

Our teachers have been developing our knowledge about the Science of Learning and Reading. The science of reading refers to a body of evidence that encompasses multi-disciplinary knowledge from education, linguistics, cognitive psychology, special education and neuroscience. The science of reading looks at the essential cognitive processes for competent reading and describes how reading develops in both typical and atypical readers. These studies have revealed a great deal about how we learn to read, what goes wrong when students **don't** learn, and the instructional strategies that facilitate the cognitive processes required for reading.

The Science of Learning is the evidence body that exists about how humans learn and the most effective teaching strategies that can be implemented to ensure learning is optimised. *(continued)*

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 7th November—Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**

Friday 10th November—next Leap into Learning—9.15-10.15am and Colour Fun Run (2.30pm)

Friday 17th November—Science Incursion P-3

Thursday 23rd November - DSPS Art Show (see ad on p.3)

Friday 24th November—Science incursion 4-6

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

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Fair (day) and School Concert (evening)

Thursday 14th December—Grade 6 Day Out

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



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (*cont.*)



### Science of Learning and Science of Reading (*continued*)

Yesterday several members of our staff participated in a regional training day involving many Gippsland schools between Cowes and Sale.

The day was facilitated by Dr Nathaniel Swain. Dr Swain is a teacher and a Senior Lecturer at La Trobe University.

Throughout the day, participants were introduced to the latest evidence and research on the best and most effective ways to teach reading and to engage students in learning. One of the key drivers for the day was to look at strategies that helps students to process information in their working memory and to transfer this to long term memory. In order to be an effective learner, our concepts and knowledge must be stored in long term memory otherwise it is lost and forgotten!



Our teachers at Drouin South Primary School have already begun trialling some of these strategies such as the Daily Review which is a fast paced part of a lesson that revises past learnings and aims for students to store and retrieve the important parts of learning.

We have also commenced work of building a knowledge base through the use of core units of work that focus on interesting topics whilst practising the skills vital to being effective readers and writers.

*Michael Smith— Principal  
Caring, Respectful, Learners*

Above: Sam Prowse, Dr Nathaniel Swain, Matthew Grimshaw and Brooke Robinson.

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.

*(Developed by Drouin South PS students and SRC 2023)*





# DSPS ART SHOW

Thursday the 23rd of November, 2023

Family, friends and community members invited.

Over 1000 student artworks on display

Open 3.15-4.30pm and 6.30-7.30pm.

*We would love to see you there to celebrate our students' creative Art!*

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

This week's Dr Seuss inspired thought is a good one when we are feeling like we can't cope.



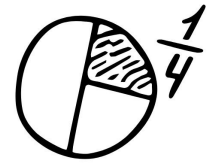
It's easy to over complicate our lives. This quote reminds me to slow down, take a breath, step back and get a different perspective on the situation. This may mean talking it through with some one outside your loop to get an objective unbiased perspective. Talking it through might be enough to help.

**Hayno.**

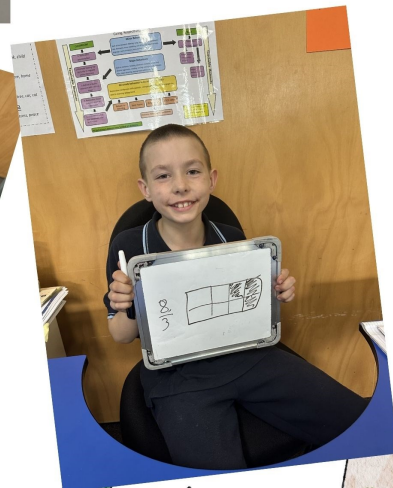
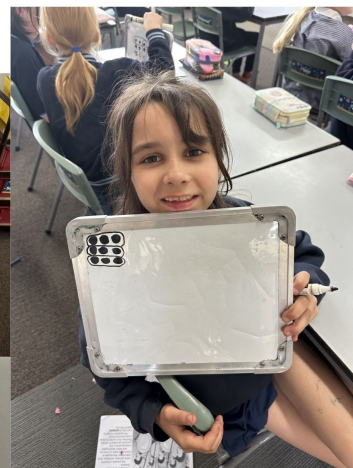
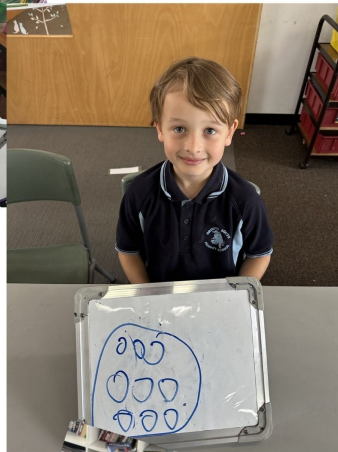
**Chaplain DSPS.**



## Grade 2/3A



In 2/3 A we have been learning about numerators, denominators and all things fraction related. We have been drawing, building and manipulating our resources to help us learn more about fractions.



All things are possible if you believe



## Grade 2/3A



## Fractions at home..

- Try baking and using the  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup instead of the 1 cup. How many do we need to make 1 cup?
- Cut an orange in half, ask your child what you would need to do if you wanted to cut it into quarters? Talk about cutting things in half to get halves, and half again to get quarters.
- Share 12 lollies / blueberries between three people, then talk about each person receiving 4 lollies or  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total amount.

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# New in the Library!

## Hot Wheels City—Hot Stuff!

A fire breathing dragon stops the biggest race ever! Can the gang save the city, or is there more trouble hiding in plain sight?

As a Level 1 book, this has a simple story structure, a variety of high-frequency words and no more than three sentences per page.

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



## 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.](#)

## 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



# YOUNG PEOPLE AND VAPING

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

WITH GUEST SPEAKER SHARON TORPEY -  
DIRECTOR OF DRUG EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

**DATE:** THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023

**TIME:** 6.30PM - 7.30PM

**LOCATION:** WEST GIPPSLAND ARTS CENTRE  
CNR SMITH AND ALBERT STREETS, WARRAGUL

**COST:** NO CHARGE

To book your tickets go to:

<https://bit.ly/wgac-vaping-risks-and-harms>



Guest  
Speaker



Sharon Torpey  
DIRECTOR OF DRUG EDUCATION  
AUSTRALIA

Vaping  
Sculpture



"What's really in a vape"  
sculpture from Scienceworks.

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Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm