



# “Learning Together”



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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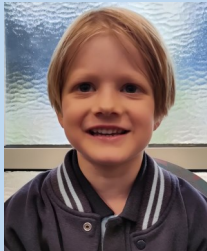
Week 5

1st March 2024

## Student of the Week Congratulations to:



**Zari R:** For respectfully listening and participating during our literacy lessons. Great effort Zari!



**Alex G:** For his excellent attention to detail when completing set tasks.



**Harry K:** For demonstrating kindness and respect towards his peers and having a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done Harry!



**Stella W-D:** For always trying her best. Stella is a quiet, independent learner who co-operates beautifully with others. Well done!



**Grace L:** For showing kindness to all, tackling all learning with a positive mindset and ALWAYS going out of your way to help!



### If your child is late....

If your child is late to school please ask them to come to the office and *sign in on the Ipad* **and** collect a *Late Pass*, **before** they go to class. Thank you.



### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th March—Camp payments due

Monday 11th March—Labour Day—public holiday

Tuesday 12th March—Curriculum day—no students at school

Wednesday 13th March—Naplan commences—Years 3 and 5

Friday 15th March—Farm World Delivery Service volunteer forms due back

Tuesday 19th March—District Athletics

Friday 22nd March—School photos day

Friday 22nd March—Easter raffle drawn at assembly (TBC)



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

## Reading Fluency

The idea of **reading fluency** seems relatively straightforward. We know what it sounds like when a child can read fluently. A fluent reader is reading accurately, at a good pace, and with appropriate expression. Their reading appears effortless and natural. However, fluent reading requires mastering a complex set of interacting skills and knowledge that does not come easily to all children. When they are reading fluently, children are better able to understand what they are reading. Fluency has a very strong relationship with reading comprehension and that is why it is so important to include evidence-based fluency instruction in reading lessons.

The National Literacy Learning Progression in the [Australian Curriculum](#) describes fluency as: "how a student becomes increasingly faster, smoother, more accurate and expressive in their reading aloud of progressively complex print texts. At higher levels of the progression, students demonstrate comprehension of a text through confident use of intonation, pausing, accuracy and pace" (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority, n.d.)."

**Text or passage reading fluency is generally defined as having three components: [accuracy, rate, and expression \(or prosody\)](#). Children have poor text reading fluency if they read many words of a passage incorrectly, if they read slowly and with obvious effort, or if they read in a stilted or robotic way.**

(Information taken from [fivefromfive.com.au](http://fivefromfive.com.au))

**Teachers at Drouin South will use a number of strategies in classrooms to improve students' fluency.**

**These strategies may include:**

- Repeated readings of a carefully selected passage
- Choral reading (reading aloud together)
- Echo Reading (read after me)
- Paired/Partner reading
- Reader's Theatre

## **Farm World—Friday 22nd—Sunday 24th March.**

The Farm World Delivery Service is our most profitable and biggest fundraising event on our school calendar each year. Farm World runs over three days at Lardner Park and our Drouin South Primary School Delivery Service has become a well respected and heavily relied on service by the organisers and patrons who attend Farm World. We stand to make \$10,000 to put towards ground upgrades and school programs this year. It is a fun event to participate in and many of our volunteers continue to be involved in the service long after they leave the Drouin South Primary School.

Please consider volunteering for a day or half day. We would love to have at least one representative from every family in the school!

You will become part of a friendly hard-working team and you will be guaranteed to enjoy yourself whilst raising money for the school and providing a valuable service to the community!

Please return your volunteer forms to school as soon as possible or contact the school for more forms.

*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.**



## ***Parents in classrooms/building spaces—please note***

In order to keep distractions to a minimum for our students **we are asking that no parents enter the classrooms/building spaces without a pre-arrangement with the teacher or without checking with the office first.** Whilst we understand this may be an inconvenience we are making this request in the best interests of students and teachers whilst they are learning and working. We are by no means trying to exclude parents from being involved as we will have opportunities for parent helpers and other assistance within the school.



## **Annual privacy reminder for our school community**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the School's Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Information Technology (computers/iPads) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information.

If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Information Technology (computers/iPads) please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages. If you need to access this information in a language other than English please contact the office.

## **FARM WORLD 2024 IS COMING AND DROUIN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!**

Once again Drouin South Primary School has been offered the opportunity to run the delivery service at Farm World.

We are calling for volunteers to pitch in for a range of roles including collection centre helpers, cart drivers, phone operators, caterers, set-up, pack-up and general helpers. It is a great way to get to know others in the school community.



Farm World 2024 will be held from **Friday March 22nd to Sunday March 24th.**

**A volunteer form has been sent home with all families and will be required back by Friday March 15th. We have more available through the office.**

***This year we are raising funds for further playground and facilities upgrades throughout our school.***

# GETTING TO KNOW DSPS STAFF

**Name:** Saige Birrell

**Eye colour:** Blue

**Family / Pets:** I live with my partner Kyle and our Rottweiler called Mack.



**How long have you been at DSPS?** This is my very first term and I am loving being apart of DSPS!

**What does a perfect weekend look like for you?**

A big sleep in followed by coffee and breakfast. We love to take Mack to find new walking tracks when it's nice weather, or a common spot like Nangara Reserve. A bit of reading, relaxing, and the occasional dinner at Noojee Pub.

**What's a great book you've read recently?**

'Let Go' by the Resilience Project.



**Do you have a favourite movie?**

I admit that I am a huge Christmas fan... which sees Love Actually at the very top of my list of favourite movies (anytime of the year!).

**If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go?**

A Winter Christmas in New York followed by New Years Eve in Nashville is next on our bucket list, as well as South America. I have always wanted to experience the Rio Carnival and Machu Picchu.



**What's your secret talent that no one knows about?**

Although not much of a secret, I was actually a freelance graphic designer prior to teaching. I have always loved Art and have created branding for lots of small businesses in the past!



**What's your favourite season and why?**

Easy answer – definitely Autumn. The Summer heat is cooling down, but daylight savings is still lingering around. I'm also slightly biased as I was born on the first day of Autumn!

**What's your guilty pleasure?**

I could survive purely with coffee and chocolate – I have a huge sweet tooth!

**What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?**

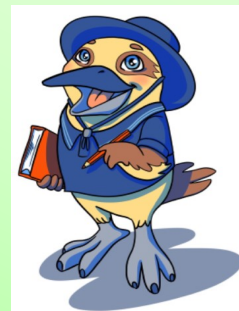
"Listen to everyone and learn from everyone, because nobody knows everything but everyone knows something."

## The Kookie Shop needs you!

**We are seeking donations of new or clean and in good condition used items for our Kookie shop.**

**Items can be sent to school and given to Mrs Moore or the office.**

**Items such as books, toys, games, stationary etc. would be happily received.**



## *Walk With Us by Adam Goodes & Ellie Laing*

What do you know about the Country where you live?

*Walk With Us* is an invitation to go on a journey of learning and appreciation – with family, with friends, and with our nation – together.

BR Kids readers love the Welcome to Our Country series, which aims to connect young children, parents and educators with First Nations history and culture. *Walk With Us* is the fourth in the bestselling series, and it comes at a time when truly engaging with First Nations culture is more important than ever.

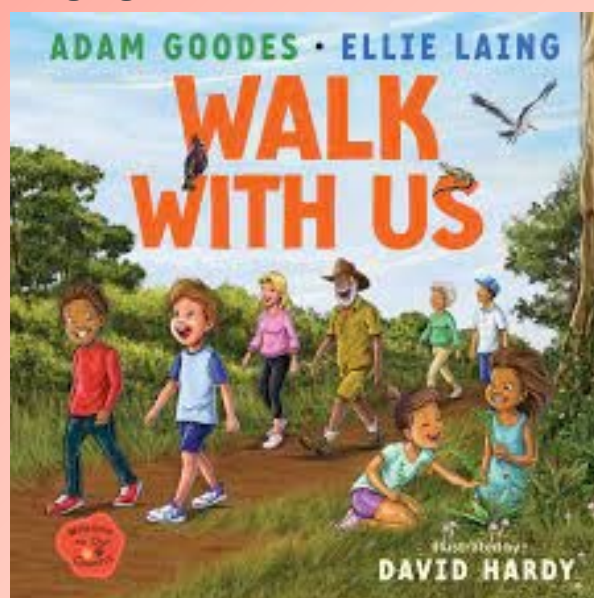
*Walk With Us* is the story of a non-Indigenous boy and his mum taking a walk with an Aboriginal Elder to better understand the Country on which they live. It extends an immensely generous invitation to non-Indigenous kids and parents across Australia to do the same. The title is drawn from the final line of the Uluru Statement from the Heart: here is an opportunity to honour these words, despite the heartbreaking outcome of Australia's recent vote.

..... This beautiful picture book also features Cammeraygal language, with assistance from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, making it an even more invaluable resource for Indigenous and non-Indigenous kids alike.

Equal parts educational and engaging, this generous, warm and moving picture book deserves a place in every bedtime reading rotation, and on every classroom bookshelf. We can't recommend it enough for all children aged 4+, and their caregivers.

Review from [betterreading.com.au](http://betterreading.com.au)

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





Two week program

Bookings close 15 March 2024

Program Hours: 7.30am to 6.30pm

# April School Holiday Program at St John the Baptist Primary School

Join our exciting two week holiday program at the school premises: 172 Station Street, **Koo Wee Rup** (access via Salmon Street). The program is action packed with fun activities for you and your friends.

## Tuesday 2nd April

**Let's get sporty and arty**  
Join us for a day of sports activities. We'll also have a selection of plaster moulds to select and paint. The emphasis will be on fun and involvement.



## Wednesday 3rd April

**Wheels day**  
Bring your own bike, scooter or other wheels you love to ride. Today will be all about having fun on wheels while learning safety skills. Don't forget to bring your helmet. For safety, helmets must be worn.



## Thursday 4th April

**Milking on the moooves**  
Ever wanted to learn more about farm life? Join us for a very special day where you will learn the art of milking cows and making butter.

Incursion from 10.30am \$94



## Friday 5th April

**Sustainability and up cycling**  
Explore sustainability and your creativity as you use your imagination to transform everyday items into artwork and decorate your own plant pots.



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## Monday 8th April

**Time to get crafty**  
Enjoy a day of art, craft and clay fun.



## Tuesday 9th April

**Myuna Farm Animal Nursery**  
Back by popular demand Myuna Farm nursery will be visiting. Meet the baby animals and spend the day interacting, cuddling and feeding them.  
Incursion from 10.30am - 1.30pm, \$94



## Wednesday 10th April

**Let's get cooking!**  
Make delicious wraps for lunch and enjoy cookie decorating and making fruit skewers/caterpillars.



## Thursday 11th April

**African drumming**  
A memorable journey into West African music, facilitated by experts with authentic respect for culture. Get ready for an uplifting vibe with everyone drumming and dancing in unison.  
Incursion from 11am. \$94



## Friday 12th April

**Party Day and Dance off!**  
Enjoy a day of party fun and party food.



Call our friendly team on 1300 946 337

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## Key Dates

- Bookings close 15 March 2024.
- Please note as well as the advertised activities there are other activities and experiences available throughout the day for the children to enjoy.

## Fees

Daily fee of \$76

Fee after max CCS\* \$15.20 per day

Incursion day fee of \$94

Fee after max CCS\* \$20.00

The additional cost of \$18 for incursion days will be charged per child even if your child doesn't participate.

\* The amount of CCS you can get depends on your circumstances and the hourly rate cap set by the Government. To find out if you are eligible, simply log into your MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

Please note: Child/ren must attend the first and last day of care in order to receive CCS.

## How to book

1. Read through [fee and cancellation policy](#)
2. Complete [Enrolment, Booking and Payment form](#)

NOTE If your child has a medical condition they can only attend the Holiday Program if the Action Plan, Risk Minimisation Plan and Communication have been completed and submitted prior to attendance. Any medication associated with the action plans must be brought to the program each day they attend. If medication is not supplied on the day, the child may not attend the program. This rule applies for all diagnosed medical conditions.

## Absences

All bookings are charged prior to attendance. This secures your child's spot in the Holiday Program. Staffing is based on attendance. If your child is sick or not attending a booked session, please call and notify the program before 8.30am. Please review the cancellation policy with regards to if a credit can be applied, as in some instances credit may not be able to be applied.

## Age to attend

To qualify for enrolment in Windermere's Holiday Program children must be attending primary school (in that year).

## Priority of access

Windermere's Holiday Program is offered to the general community.

Priority of Access will be given to:

1. Children at risk of serious abuse or neglect and families in crisis.
2. Children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.
3. Children attending the host school and other Windermere OSHC Schools.
4. Children residing within the LGA.

## Children's Health and Safety

Please help us keep the program safe by: Keeping any children who are sick at home.



# Vizva YOGA

## KIDS YOGA WEDNESDAY AT 4.30PM

An introduction to Yoga for Primary School Aged Kids.

Expect a dynamic class that includes games, use of sound and color to connect children to the poses that are familiar to a Yoga Class.

Cost is \$20 a casual or pay \$40 to secure a spot for the remaining 3 classes in the term.



Contact us: [vizvayoga@gmail.com](mailto:vizvayoga@gmail.com)

## TEENS YOGA TUESDAY AT 4:30PM

Yoga is a useful tool to help direct the thoughts of a busy mind and a way to move the body with respect to each individual's needs.

Expect a fun class that gradually builds awareness on the physical, energetic and emotional layers of the self.

Cost is \$20 a casual or pay \$40 to secure a spot for the remaining 3 classes in the term.

*New in 2024*

# COME AND TRY HOCKEY PROGRAM



**\$80**

Includes:  
4 x Come and Try Hockey  
Sessions

A full season of U10s  
Modified Competition

Hook in2 Hockey Program  
in August

**STARTS  
MARCH 2ND, 2024  
RUNNING FOR 4 WEEKS**

**9 - 10AM  
SATURDAY MORNINGS  
BELLBIRD PARK, DROUIN**



**REGISTER NOW  
FOR HOOK IN2 HOCKEY**

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WESTGIPPSLANDHOCKEY@GMAIL.COM**



**including men's and  
women's. It's a great  
family sporting  
association.**

**Hockey is a great sport for all  
ages, and there is room on  
teams for all other ages**



# We're in town

See you soon, Warragul

20 to 28 March

Got a bit of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Warragul will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from 20 to 28 March. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [lifeblood.com.au](https://lifeblood.com.au), on our app or on 13 14 95.



## Warragul

Mobile Blood Donor Centre

Warragul Harness Racing Club  
Logan Park – 19 Howitt Street

Opening hours at [lifeblood.com.au](https://lifeblood.com.au)

Book your donation now



 **13 14 95**

 **give blood**