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Term 1

Week 10

27th March 2024

Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Logan W: For his resilience with taking on challenges and new situations and working well with others in class. Well done Logan!



Tyson T-B: For always demonstrating what a successful DSPS learner embodies, participating during every learning task! Well done!



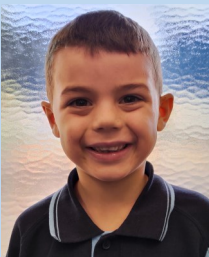
Tilly M: For her fantastic effort and determination during NAPLAN and always treating others with respect in the classroom. Well done!



Heath S: For being a respectful learner that shows kindness to all, thank you for showing such care.



Gema D: For always displaying our school values and for being a kind and thoughtful class member. Well Done.



Joey M: For his fantastic focus during floor learning.



Casey W: For demonstrating what it means to be a respectful learner, you have shown respect and manners towards your peers and teachers and listened when others are speaking. Well done Casey!

Alex M: For always following our classroom expectations and being an amazing team member. Congratulations and well-done Alex!

IMPORTANT DATES (See Class Dojo for More Dates)

Wednesday 27th March—Last day of term for students

Thursday 28th March—Curriculum day—no students at school

Friday 29th March—Good Friday

Monday 15th April—Term 2 commences



Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Chelsea B: For showing fantastic listening skills in all subjects and respecting others in the classroom. Well done!



Tiah N: For applying yourself to your reading fluency instruction with such enthusiasm. Your poetry reading was full of expression and flourish, and I thoroughly loved listening to your recital. Superstar Tiah!



Caitlin M: For being a wonderful role-model for all students at DSPS. You are caring and offer support to all in need.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



End of Term 1

Today was the last attendance day for our students in Term 1. It has been a busy term of practicing classroom and school routines as well as a busy term for lots of new learning. Our teachers have been using an approach known as Explicit Direct Instruction throughout the term which is focused on helping students learn and retain new information. It provides very structured approaches to engaging with the lesson content and assist all students to learn at their best.



It has been a busy term for sport with our school athletics sports day being held in February followed by over 50 of our students participate in the District Athletics. We now have a number of students that have qualified to compete at the Divisional Athletics to be held next term.

Naplan tests have been and gone for another year and we are proud of the way all of our Years 3 and 5 students applied themselves during the test days.

Lastly we have had most of our Years 3 to 6 students away on camp at Coonawarra Farm Camp in East Gippsland over the last 3 days. They arrived home today looking very tired but sounding very positive about their experiences. I would especially like to thank Miss Robinson, Mr Grimshaw, Miss Nauta, Mr Hallihan, Mrs Moore, Miss Jordi, Mr Ben, Miss Sam, Conor Titmarsh (Pre-service teacher) and Steven Craddock (parent) for their attendance at camp.

I wish all families, students and staff a very happy Easter break and hope that you enjoy some family time together. We will all look forward to feeling refreshed and ready to go on 15th April for the start of Term 2.

Farm World Delivery Service

The Farm World Delivery Service was once again a great success over the three days last weekend at Lardner Park. Aoife Shaw and the team have done a wonderful job pulling the whole service together and getting it to run like clockwork! Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who gave their time to be a part of this event. We will keep everyone posted about the money raised and how it will be used to improve the school for our students.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (cont'd)

Easter Raffle Prizes

The Parent's Club Easter Raffle was drawn at last Friday's assembly. Congratulations to all the lucky winners! Thank you to everyone who donated the excellent array of prizes and to those who purchased tickets!



Parent –Teacher Conversations

As part of our approach to Student Assessment and Reporting, we offer two “formal” opportunities for Parent conversations during the school year. The first is a Parent-Teacher conversation in the first Semester and the second is a Student Led Conversation in Term 3.

Our first Parent-Teacher Conversation sessions will be held early in Term 2 on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd April between 3.30 and 5.30pm.

Booking information will be sent home soon.

Long Service Leave

Lastly I wish to let everyone know that I will be using some Long Service Leave during the first 4 weeks of Term 2. My wife and I will be using the time to do some travelling overseas.

During this time Belinda Moore will be in the role of Acting Principal. I know that Belinda will be supported by everyone during my time on leave.

Michael Smith— Principal - Caring, Respectful, Learners

ONLINE SAFETY

The safety of children using online platforms and social media is one of the most challenging situations for parents and schools to deal with. Children are exposed to many different issues that can occur online. These include cyberbullying, access to pornography, sexting or sending inappropriate photos, too much screen time, risks associated with gaming platforms, child grooming and unwanted contact, and access to inappropriate materials (e.g. music and videos) containing highly explicit sexual reference of extreme violence.

All of these things can be really psychologically damaging for our children and as parents and educators we need to protect our children at all times and teach them well so they can have positive online experiences. Many social media platforms have age limits (e.g. 13+) however we know that many children younger than this are accessing these sites and the inappropriate content that is available. We also know that chat sites with friends can lead to issues that boil over into school and can cause friction and hurt between children.

We will continue to teach appropriate use at school and would encourage all parents to look at some of the great e-Safety resources online at www.esafety.gov.au/parents

The following link will allow you to download a parent handbook that provides a wealth of information <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/online-safety-book>

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.





HARMONY DAY 2024

WE HAD A SUPER FUN DAY! WE DID CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, HAWAIIAN HULA, JAPANESE ORIGAMI, INDIAN MANDALAS, POLYNESIAN LEIS, MEXICAN PAPEL PICADO, A GREEK CHILDREN'S GAME CALLED ALAGMATA AND A FIRST NATIONS BOOK READING. WELL DONE TO THE JSC LEADING THE FRIENDSHIP GROUPS AND THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING TEACHERS WHO RAN OUR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES!



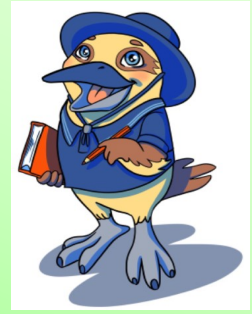
The Kookie Shop needs you!

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.

Thank you for supporting The Kookie Shop!



Barbie—Musical Teamwork

Brooklyn and Malibu are excited to record their new song. But when they have visitors in the studio, it might not go as smoothly as they hoped!

This Level 1 book from Scholastic is waiting for you in the library! It contains basic sentences, repetition of simple words and no more than two sentences per page.

Find this and other great books in the DSPS library!

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In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Tuancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

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-  Semi Private Lessons
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-  All age groups



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