



# “Learning Together”



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

*Caring, Respectful, Learners*

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## *Student of the Week* Congratulations to:



**Lara B:** For always focusing on all of her tasks and presenting neat work.



**Morgan F:** For his persistence during writing when working on his writing goal.



**Ryely Mc:** For his consistently great effort and achievement in reading.



**Charlie S:** For being a resilient, determined student who accepts challenges with trust. Superstar Chaz!



**Millie W:** For making a wonderful transition into our school, and consistently displaying all our school values.



**Charlotte C:** For being a fabulous learner and showing resilience when working with decimals.



**Art:** Awarded to **Ruby K** for her original design and execution of her outstanding Artwork this week.



**OSHC:** Awarded to **Caleb R** for actively demonstrating how to be a fair and caring player during a group game.



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 14th August STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Last Chance— BOOK CLUB LOOP ORDERS WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR THIS WEEKEND!!**

# Principal's Report



**Dear Parents and Carers**

## **MASKS FROM MONDAY**

The state government has announced that as of 11.59pm this Sunday evening, the wearing of masks in all public places in Victoria comes into effect. We are waiting clarification from the Department of Education, however, we understand that this means:

- **All staff must wear masks except when teaching students**
- **Students will not be required to wear masks**
- **All parents will be required to wear masks when picking up/dropping off children**

## **Thank You to Parents**

Over the past few weeks we have had calls from many parents to say that they are keeping children home because they are sick. Some families have had to isolate for several days as they have waited for COVID test results to arrive. I would like to extend a thank you to all of our families for continuing to follow these guidelines and keeping sick students at home. We know that it is an extremely difficult time for all of our families and keeping children home can often be challenging due to work commitments, however we acknowledge that everyone is playing their part in helping to keep our school community safe and healthy. If you have any questions about what to do about school if children or family members are sick, please contact us at the school office and we will provide guidance.

## **Student Led Conversations/Parent-Teacher Interviews**

We had planned to hold Student Led Conversations during Term 3 to give students an opportunity to talk about their learning goals and growth with parents. Unfortunately this will not be able to proceed as planned due to COVID restrictions preventing that many parents on-site at the same time. We do plan to have an opportunity for parents and teachers to have a discussion during this term by phone or web-ex. Teachers will be in contact with families via Class Dojo in the near future to explain how this will work and to offer a time for a discussion about your child's learning progress.

## **Curriculum Day 14<sup>th</sup> August**

A Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day) will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Teachers will be using this day to do shared professional learning about a number of topics relating to our school priorities of "Building Practice Excellence" and "Curriculum Planning and Assessment".

Part of the day will be spent looking at how Learning Intentions and Success Criteria are used and how they can be applied effectively to improve student learning. This will involve looking at educational research and working collaboratively to develop our skills in this area.

The teachers will also spend time looking at areas within the Mathematics curriculum that we deem "Essential Learnings" and building our knowledge about these parts of Mathematics.

Teachers value the opportunity to learn together for a whole day where we can improve our knowledge and skills to ultimately assist all of our students to be successful learners in the classroom.

## Virtual Tour

Our school now has a Virtual Tour that can be accessed from the front page of our school website. I wish to thank Aaron Chilcott for providing a very professional voice-over for us. This virtual tour will assist in providing new families with some information about Drouin South Primary School as we are not allowed to conduct on-site tours at the present moment.

## Prep Information Session and Prep Transition

We had a number of families join us for our online Prep Information Session on Monday evening. Our Junior Team of Mrs Phillips, Ms Saario and Ms Earl were on hand to provide information and answer questions on the night. We ask that all Prep enrolment forms for 2021 be completed and returned to the school office by 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Unfortunately our Prep transition program is currently on hold until we have further notice from the Department of Education that we can run this program.

# OSHC Bookings and Cancellations

Please be aware that *all OSHC bookings and cancellations are to be made directly through the service by calling or messaging OSHC 0490 657 852.*

If you have made a booking/s and your child is home ill, is sent home early from school or if you just no longer require the booking/s, parents must directly contact the service. *Bookings and cancellations will only be accepted by the child's parents/guardians contacting the service. Please note that the school is not responsible for booking or cancelling the care needs of families.*

*Fees will occur and possible temporary termination of care may result if parents/carers do not cancel their child's bookings when necessary.*

Thank you kindly—OSHC team

*Thank you* to those families who have made contact with the school office after receiving Family Statements.

Several families were unaware that Drouin South Primary is a registered organisation with Centrepay. Centrepay is a convenient direct bill-paying service offered to parents receiving Centrelink payments.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact the School .



# GETTING TO KNOW DSPS STAFF



Name: Lesley Earl – Grade 2/3

Eye colour: Hazel



*Family / Pets:* Husband, Peter, two children, Matt, 22 and Kelsey 18. Molly is nine and very much part of the family even with four legs instead of two.

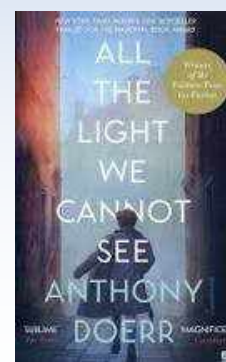
*How long have you been at DSPS?* This is my eighth year at D.S.P.S . I've taught every grade level here except Foundation and Grade Six.

*What does a perfect weekend look like for you?* Farmers' Market, a walk on the beach and take away so I don't have to cook.

*What's a great book you've read recently?* Last year I read 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr. Not all year 12 books are bad, just most of them.



*Do you have a favourite movie?* I really liked 'The Martian' with Matt Damon.



*If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go?* I was planning a trip to the Greek islands and Croatia this year so that's still on my 'to do' list.



*What's your secret talent that no one knows about?* During the recent lockdown, I found out that I can still crochet, something I haven't done since I was a kid. Here are two of my COVID Crafts.

*What's your favourite season and why?* I love a sunny Autumn day, when you can walk over the crunchy leaves and enjoy being outside.



*What's your guilty pleasure?* Potato chips. I can never stop at just one.

*What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?*  
Start each day with a smile. (This positive attitude usually means you'll have a good day even when you don't feel like it.)



## School Leaders

Kira Wilson and Mitchell Quarrell

International Day of Friendship is held on the 30th of July every year. Our school leaders encouraged classes to recognise this day and assisted in the preparation of a care package for the residents of Lyrebird Village in Drouin.

We hope they love their cards and it brightens their day!



On Friday afternoons, our School Leaders, Kira and Mitchell organise and run assembly. It has been a challenge and a new learning opportunity to run assemblies remotely via Webex.

'I can make sure everyone is kind and respectful. It's also a great privilege to run assemblies.' Kira

'It's a good opportunity to talk to others and show them how to be a respectful, caring learner. I have wanted to be a school leader since I first got here.' Mitchell

## Value Leaders

Charlotte Cunningham, Aidan Poore, Imogen Dawson and Mia Brighton



Our Value Leaders are an important part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. They organise and run the Kookie Shop every Friday, present a weekly focus at assembly and award classes for positive behaviours. They have also started handing out Kookies in the yard when they see students displaying our expectations.

They would like to thank everyone who has donated and continues to donate items to the Kookie Shop.

# SRC Student Representative Council

## Food Drive

The S.R.C wanted to do something to help families under pressure during the current uncertain times.

On behalf of **Baw Baw Food Relief** and families throughout the Gippsland region, the SRC would like to thank the **generosity** of our **school community**. We will continue to take donations until the end of next week, so please bring along a non-perishable grocery item and help a family in need!



## Clubs, Clubs, Clubs!

Information from student surveys showed the SRC that children from all year levels wanted **lunchtime clubs!** So that's what SRC are delivering! So far, they are running weekly **Craft, Silent Games, Minecraft** and **Football** sessions—with more on the way. A big thanks to teachers who have already offered their time to supervise these!



## Student Voice:

The SRC has focused on initiatives in response to the **voice** of the entire **student community**. Tackling the rubbish in the playground continues to be a main area of work and we have put procedures in place that are continually assessed.





# PARENTZONE GIPPSLAND

## TERM 3 PROGRAMS

**Storytime:**  
**Supported Playgroup**  
Join us online to enjoy songs, stories and fun activities each week.

Tuesdays  
10:30am – 11:30am

Wednesdays  
12:30pm – 1:30pm

Throughout school term  
**Online via Zoom**

**Homework Club:**  
to assist your children with their homework or just have some fun reading and playing games.

Tuesdays  
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Throughout school term  
**Online via Zoom**

**Breaking The Cycle**  
For parents and carers of adolescents who are violent or abusive in the home

Thursdays  
30<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> September  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Online via Zoom**

**Let's Talk About Parenting**  
Learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

**Program 1:** Fridays 7<sup>th</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September, 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Program 2:** Mondays 17<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am – 12:00noon

**Program 3:** Mondays 17<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Online via Zoom**

### **Single sessions**

**Understanding your child's behaviour:**  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 11am – 1pm

**Building self esteem & resilience:**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1pm – 3pm

**Bullying – helping your child:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 12noon – 2pm

**Communication:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 12noon

**Online via Zoom**

For more information or to register-  
please contact -  
ParentZone Gippsland on 5135 9555  
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