



We're seeking a  
**volunteer!** To collect  
bread for our Breakfast Club  
from the Baker's Delight  
store in Warragul once a  
week. (A weekday evening  
@ 6:20pm)

Our hours of supervision are 8:45am-3:30pm

# The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School  
Issue No 4 - Friday 24th FEB 2023 TERM 1



Congratulations to last Friday's Super Bees!



L-R: Reilley B, Chad W, Levi F, Archer O, Levi H,  
Kayden B, Allie W, Evie B, Lily M, Lucy F





# IMPORTANT DATES



<b>Mondays</b>	Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools Lunch Time Club: Outdoor games with James
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Lunch Time Club: Garden Club with Miss Gooding
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Lunch Time Club: Art Club with Ms Height & James Preps do not attend Wednesdays in February
<b>Thursdays</b>	Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools Lunch Time Club: Technology Club
<b>Friday</b>	Assembly (Undercover Area) @ 2:50pm Lunch Time Club: Craft in the Art Room
<b>TERM 1</b>	
<b>Thur 2nd MAR</b>	Whole School Athletics Day Geoff Watts Track
<b>15th - 17th MAR</b>	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN
<b>Tues 21st MAR</b>	School Council AGM @ 7pm
<b>Thur 23rd MAR</b>	School Photos
<b>Fri 24th MAR</b>	Bright Colours Free Dress Day by Gold Coin (Harmony Day)
<b>Tues 28th MAR</b>	District Aths TBC
<b>Week of MAR 27th</b>	Dental Van Visit (Days onsite TBC based on numbers)
<b>Thur 6th APR</b>	Last Day Term 1
<b>TERM 2</b>	
<b>Mon 24th APR</b>	Curriculum Day (No Students)
<b>Tues 25th APR</b>	ANZAC Day
<b>Wed 26th - Fri 28th APR</b>	Woorabinda Camp (Years 3 & 4)
<b>Tues 2nd MAY</b>	Divisional Athletics - Joe Carmody Track
<b>Fri 5th MAY</b>	Cross Country (TBC)
<b>Tues 23rd MAY</b>	Cross Country Divisional
<b>TERM 3</b>	
<b>Wed 26th - Fri 28th JUL</b>	Sovereign Hill Camp (Years 5 & 6)
<b>11th AUG</b>	Student Free Day
<b>6th NOV</b>	Assessment & Reporting Day (No Students)
<b>10th NOV</b>	Year 6 Graduation Photo Day



Hats required for outside play in Terms 1 and 4. Broadbrim hats available for purchase via QKR or the office (\$10).

# From Mrs Haynes

*Drouin West Primary School Chaplain*

Dear Families,

I just thought I'd take an opportunity to re-introduce myself to the school community. My name is Diane Haynes, although the students have been calling me Mrs Di. I am the Chaplain at Drouin West Primary School. It's been exciting to start the year with the school and be involved from the start with teacher preparations and first day back at school. It's great to see the playground and classrooms full of kids again.

As part of the wellbeing team my role is to care for our school community's social, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing needs. I am available to students, teachers and families for social, emotional supports and informal discussions regarding any issues related to student wellbeing. Supports may be provided for a single session or a period of time at no cost to the parent/guardian. The student's support sessions take place during class time and students will only be withdrawn from class with teacher permission. A support session can look like an informal discussion, a simple walk to develop trust or a more structured and focussed activity.



***'There are a number of ways that students and families can access support.'***

- **The student may request to speak to the Chaplain, personally.**
- **A teacher may make a referral.**
- **The Parent/Guardian may wish to have their child see the Chaplain.**
- **A parent or guardian may request to see the Chaplain**

My support role for the school community also includes helping with breakfast club before school on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

# From Mrs Haynes

*Drouin West Primary School Chaplain*

This is an option for students who may have missed breakfast, It's so important for a child to have something to eat to begin their day as it helps with their concentration and ability to settle into their class routines. I also support a couple of the lunch time programs with garden club on Tuesday lunch and craft activities on Friday lunch.

I attend our school on Tuesdays and Fridays and can be contacted on 5625 1971 or by dropping into breakfast club to have a chat.

The Chaplain program is an opt in program. If you would like your child to continue to utilise specific chaplain support, it is necessary for you to provide consent. There are paper copies available or keep your eye open for a notification through Compass for online authorisation.

If you have any questions about our school's Chaplaincy program, please do not hesitate to contact Kellie, Andrew or myself directly.

## HARMONY DAY

SRC FREE DRESS DAY FRIDAY MARCH 24TH

#EVERYONEBELONGS

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR 'BULLY NO WAY'



**From the Sick Bay** Please note that Asthma, Allergy, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and any other Medical Plans need to be updated every 12 months. Plans must be signed by a Doctor. All medication (**with the exception of Ventolin /Asmol**) needs to be kept at the front office and a medication request form completed.



# Congratulations District Swimmers!



We have  
new school  
sport tops!

## From Mr Shaw *Physical Education*

We would like to congratulate Jade H, Cerys N, Indiana S & Sadie A on representing Drouin West Primary School at District Swimming on the 22nd of February at the Warragul Leisure Centre.

The girls showed fantastic spirit and gave a strong effort in all races. An extra special well done to Sadie and Indi who both raced 3 years above and Cerys who raced 1 year above so that Drouin West could compete in the 12/13-year-old Girls Relay earning a 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon.

After showing great confidence they followed up by racing in the open medley with a very close finish for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to Cerys for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in here individual events and big congratulations to Jade who will compete in Division next week after finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> in breaststroke, backstroke & freestyle.



*'Healing the Beat' the drumming  
wellbeing program is back for 2023!*





Looking for something to do at lunch time? Come along to a

# Lunch Time Club!



## Monday

Outdoor Games with James



## Tuesday

Garden Club with Mrs Gooding



## Wednesday

Art Club with James & Ms Height



## Thursday

Technology Club with the Student Leaders



## Friday

Craft Club in the Art Room

# Myth Busting NAPLAN!

## With Miss Winter & Mr G

Ep 2

*Myth: 'It doesn't matter if my child doesn't participate'*

NAPLAN results are used to report the effectiveness of current curriculum programs and to plan for future resourcing.

It is important that NAPLAN results are representative of the entire student population as schools use NAPLAN to monitor the effectiveness of various initiatives undertaken to improve student learning. If there is low participation in the tests, the information available to improve learning outcomes will be less inclusive of all students' needs.

*Myth : 'There are no benefits to me as a parent for my child to participate in NAPLAN'*

NAPLAN tests provide another perspective about your child's progress in literacy and numeracy from Year 3 to Year 9.

Parents have the option of withdrawing their child from one or all of the tests on certain grounds, although applications must be provided in writing to the school. Some students may be exempt from testing, including some students with a language background other than English or students with a disability.

*Myth: 'NAPLAN forces schools to teach the test'*

NAPLAN is designed to test what schools teach their students every day as part of the Australian/Victorian Curriculum, as well as skills learnt over time during a student's school career. Schools may expose their students to the style of the tests and the nature of the questions, however they don't know the specific content of the tests. Schools need to teach to the Australian/Victorian Curriculum.



MYTH BUSTED





# SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM



## BREAKFAST

Breakfast Club will resume

Tuesday 28th FEB @ 8:30



A reminder to please observe parking signs and avoid parking at our CFA neighbours.