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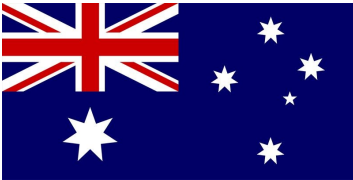
## PRINCIPALS' DAY 2023

Friday 4 August

Join us in saying thank you to our Victorian Government School Principal Class Members

[WWW.VPA.ORG.AU](http://WWW.VPA.ORG.AU)  
#PRINCIPALSDAY2023

# Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country and recognise the continuing connection to lands, water and communities.

We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures' and to Elders past and present.





# 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
<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

## TERM 3

<b>Fri 4th AUG</b>	Principal's Day & 100 of Prep Celebration
<b>Fri 11th AUG</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
<b>Tue 15th AUG</b>	School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
<b>Fri 18th AUG</b>	D.S.C Teenage Dirtbag The Musical (Year 6)
<b>Fri 25th AUG</b>	Book Week Dress Up Day
<b>Fri 1st SEP</b>	Fathers & Special Others day stall & special assembly @ 2:30pm

<b>Fri 8th SEP</b>	N.D.S.C Discovery Maths Games Day (Year 4/5/6)
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## TERM 4

<b>Tue 17th OCT</b>	School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
<b>Fri 27th OCT</b>	World Teacher's Day
<b>Mon 6th NOV</b>	Assessment & Reporting Day (No Students)
<b>Fri 10th NOV</b>	Year 6 Graduation Photo Day
<b>Fri 8th DEC</b>	Year 6 Graduation (TENTATIVE DATE)

Attendance reminder: If your child is absent, please let us know by phoning the school or adding an attendance note directly into Compass.



# From the Principal

*'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Learner'*

Dear Families,

NAPLAN results are in and WOW, our students are amazing!

Across the board we have improved in all areas. Our improvement work in Literacy and Numeracy with evidence based teaching models is really making a difference. Students develop differently and our program continues to cater for all. We continue to work towards setting our children up with the right tools for the future.

A snippet of some of our WOW results!

- In Year 3 reading – we have 83 % of students in the strong & exceeding band, that is 23% above schools with similar demographics
- In Year 3 writing – we have 93% of students in the strong & exceeding bands that is 20% above schools with similar demographics
- In Year 3 Numeracy – we have 77% in the strong or exceeding band – that is 14% above schools with similar demographics

Last week, I had the privilege to accompany the senior team to Ballarat for our 5/6 camp, it was a fantastic experience for all. There were so many opportunities for our students to learn about some history, through the immersion of the surrounds, programs and experiences. Students also had the opportunity to continue to build their resilience by being away from home and their personal skills as they interacted with various groups within Sovereign Hill. It was fascinating to see their faces through the theatre shows set in the 1850's and how the interactions/language and treatment of people has changed so much. A immense thank you to our parent volunteers, Jason, Nathan, Casey, Jodie and Sarah. We greatly appreciate you coming along and being away from your family/work to support our students. A big thank you also goes to our incredible staff, being on camp is a such a rewarding experience for all, and we recognise that you too, are away from your families.

Today, the Preps recognised that they have completed 100 days of Prep. It has been great to see their excitement in dressing up and turning old. The buzz, it created this morning in the yard was fabulous. Our older students were so proud of them and really engaged in their dress ups. That community feel is just fabulous to see and always makes us proud.

Don't forget next Friday is a student free day, as staff are engaging in some professional development in the Mathematics space.

Take care and have a lovely weekend,  
Kelly Halliday





Student Free Day

**Friday**  
**11<sup>th</sup>**  
**August**

The Drouin West Primary School staff will be participating in a day of professional development.



**DROUIN WEST**  
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Dads & Special Others are invited to join us for a special assembly at 2:30pm on Friday the 1st of September.

A two gift bundle can be purchased via QKR, cash or EFT by Wednesday August 30th. Limit of 2 per student. Students will select their gifts Friday 1st September.

**\$8**

**FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**

# Father's Day & Special Others





THE CHILDREN'S  
BOOK COUNCIL  
OF AUSTRALIA

CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK®

#CBCA2023

READ  
GROW  
Inspire

You are invited to come  
dressed as your  
favourite book  
character!



Friday Aug 25th

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY



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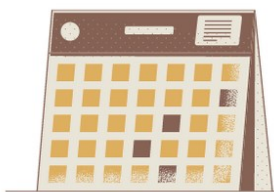


# Congratulations

Mrs Tymkin on the safe arrival of..



CHARLIE MACK



1st  
August  
2023

3:16 PM



50.5cm







On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July the Year 5's and 6's went off on a bus to Ballarat. We arrived around lunchtime and quickly headed off to Sovereign Hill to start our activities. We learnt about the role of Indigenous Peoples during the Gold Rush and then explored the museum. This was fun and we tried our hand at gold panning with limited success. We also got to go on a tour of one of the mines. Before long it was time for dinner followed by setting up our rooms for the night. Later that night we headed out to a pantomime (a play) which was very entertaining.

On Thursday the children were very excited to visit the shops! We enjoyed a day filled with candle dipping, confectionery making, another mine tour, gold panning, exploring the museum, chatting with the characters and playing in the park. In the evening we went to see the AURA light show with rave reviews from all.

Before we knew it, it was Friday and time to come home. Before we got on the bus, we were able to do some final panning and dipped some candles.















# SUPER BEE AWARDS

*'A big congratulations and well done!'*

## **Term 3 - Week 3**

Prep A Mrs Bull  
- Jayven W

4/5A Miss Jessiman  
- Reilley B

Prep B Miss Thomson  
- Betty Mc

4/5B Miss Baudinette  
- Kai B

1A Miss Balfour  
- Liam A

5/6A Ms Ambrose  
-

1B Miss McKay  
- Maxie M

5/6B Mr Gilcrist  
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2/3A Miss Viotto  
- Axel W

2/3B Mrs Hudgell  
- Sienna S

2/3C Miss Winter &  
Mrs Heath  
- Sienna P

# SUPER BEE AWARDS

*'A big congratulations and well done!'*

## **Term 3 - Week 4**

Prep A Mrs Bull  
- Peyton M

4/5A Miss Jessiman  
- Charlie B

Prep B Miss Thomson  
- Eadie T

4/5B Miss Baudinette  
- Eloise W

1A Miss Balfour  
- Parker C

5/6A Ms Ambrose  
- Logan T

1B Miss McKay  
- Taj S

5/6B Mr Gilcrist  
- Chanae B

2/3A Miss Viotto  
- Miranda F

2/3B Mrs Hudgell  
- Isla B

2/3C Miss Winter &  
Mrs Heath  
- Kaleb C



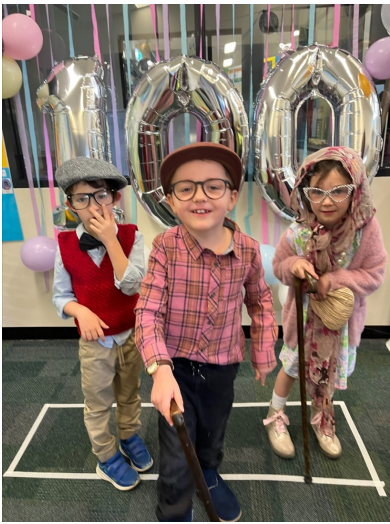




Today our beautiful Prep students celebrated 100 days of learning. It was amazing to see everyone's costumes. They spent the morning celebrating by decorating their stunning crowns and by counting to 100 with some help from their Fruit Loops which later become yummy necklaces. Then later the Preps had the opportunity to decorate a new T-Shirt.











# Let's Talk about Parenting

## A Parent's Building Solutions Program

Do you want to know how to talk so children will listen?

Understand what is normal children's behaviour?

Communicate better with your child?

Stay connected to your child?

Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded

**Dates:** Thursdays 17th August - 14th September

**Time:** 10.00am - 12.0pm

**Cost:** **FREE**

**Venue:** Online via ZOOM

**Register:** scan the QR code, follow the MS forms link

<https://forms.office.com/r/s8j22s0tQU>

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