



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

The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

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2024 TERM 2



BENEFITS OF DRINKING WATER



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BOOST BRAIN POWER



HELP YOUR LUNGS



HELP YOUR STOMACH



HEALTHY HEART



BOOST ENERGY



BLOOD NORMALIZER



GOOD MOOD



HEALTHY SKIN

Water is the best energy drink booster for kids at school.
Please leave the Powerade, Prime, Cordial etc.. at home



From the Principal

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

Good afternoon Families,

As we transition into the colder months, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible learning and resilience we've witnessed in our school community. Despite the cold and flu challenges that tend to arrive this time of year, our students continue to show remarkable dedication to their learning, and our teachers remain committed to fostering an environment of growth and support.

Celebrating Learning Achievements

This week, I've been inspired by the creative projects and innovative thinking displayed in our classrooms. From the collaborative STEM experiments in Mr. Barrett's class to the thought-provoking discussions in reading sessions, our students are not just learning facts but developing critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

Celebrating our sporting events.

Our school community is beaming with pride as we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students in the recent divisional cross country competition. Well done to Seth and Remi for making it to this level.



Drouin West Primary School acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country and recognise their continuing connection to lands, water and communities.

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



From the Principal

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

Our senior students recently participated in a thrilling Winter Sports Day, showcasing their talent, teamwork, and school spirit across various sports. Competing against several local schools, our teams demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, earning praise and admiration from coaches, referees, and school staff from other schools. We are incredibly proud of our students for their achievements and the way they represented our school. Their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship reflect the values we strive to instill in our community. Our T- Ball team made to divisional and we will take on St Pauls' on Monday, we wish them all the best. We know they will make DWPS proud!

Building Resilience Together

As the weather gets colder, we are reminded of the importance of resilience – not just academically but also in terms of health and well-being. It's not uncommon for illnesses to increase during this season. Here are a few tips to help us all stay healthy and resilient:

- **Healthy Habits:** Encourage frequent handwashing, balanced diets, and regular exercise. These simple practices can significantly reduce the spread of illness.
- **Stay Warm:** Ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Layers are a great way to keep warm while being able to adjust to indoor temperatures.
- **Rest and Recovery:** Adequate rest is essential for maintaining a strong immune system. If your child is feeling unwell, it's important to let them rest and recover fully before returning to school.

Support and Community

Our school community is strongest when we support each other. I encourage everyone to reach out if they need assistance or know someone who does. Thank you for being a part of our school community and for your ongoing commitment to education and well-being. Stay warm, stay healthy, and keep up the great work!

Kind regards,

Kelly Halliday

2024 Annual Calendar

Term Two

- Mon 17th June** Division Winter Sports - T-Ball (Selected Students)
- Tue 18th June** School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Fri 21st June** Parent & Friends Meeting @9am
- Wed 26th June** Prep - Old Gippstown Excursion
- Fri 28th June** Semester 1, Reports available to Families
Last Day of Term 2 (2:30pm Finish)

Term Three

- Mon 15th July** First Day of Term 3
- Mon 15th July -** Year 2A, 2B, 3A, 3/4A & 4/5A Swimming in school program
- Fri 19th July**
- Tue 23rd July** School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Fri 26th July** 2025 Enrolment Paperwork due
- Wed 31st Jul -** Year 5/6 Urban Camp
2nd Aug
- Fri 9th Aug** Student Free Day - 'TheirCare' available for care
Outcome of 2025 Enrolment advised
- Thurs 15th Aug** Year 5 - N.D.S.C Discovery Day
- Mon 19th Aug -** Prep, Year 1A & 1B Swimming in schools program
- Fri 23rd Aug**
- Tue 20th Aug** School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Fri 20th Sep** Last Day of Term 3 (2:30pm Finish)

2024 Annual Calendar

Term Four – Hats Required! 🎩

Mon 7th Oct	First Day of Term 4
Sun 13th Oct	10am–12pm 150 Year Anniversary Celebrations – Watch this space!
Tue 15th Oct	Regional Athletics (Selected Students) School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed 16th – 18th Oct	Waratah Camp Years 3/4
Thurs 17th Oct	Year 5 – N.D.S.C Discovery Day
Mon 4th Nov	Student Free Day – ‘TheirCare’ Available for care
Tues 5th Nov	Melbourne Cup – No Students
Fri 8th Nov	Year 6 – Graduation Photos
Mon 18th Nov	Blue Rock Water Safety – Year 5&6
Tue 19th Nov	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tue 10th Dec	Statewide Step Up Day
Fri 20th Dec	Last Day of Term 4 (1:30pm Finish)

It’s our 150th anniversary this year! Do you have a story about our school or an old photo?

Send us an email:

drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Timeline to enrol for Prep 2025:

Here is what you need to know..

1

From Monday 15th of April, 2024 grab a DWPS enrolment pack from our school office or website

2

Gather all required documents and submit the enrolment paperwork by Friday 26th of July 2024

3

We will contact you via email on Friday 9th of August to confirm the outcome of your enrolment

150 Years of Education

@Drouin West Primary School



150



Years of Education 1874 - 2024

Sunday Oct 13 10am - 12pm



Past & Present School Community Members are invited to celebrate with us.

Register Your Attendance by Sept 20th

drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au or (03) 5625 1971



[Click Here to Register Attendance](#)

Or scan QR Code

Assembly Awards

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 07th June 2024

Beau T (5/6A), Reilley B (5/6B), Olivia V (4/5A), Arlo D (Prep A), Amity M (3/4A),
Silas B (3A), Kyron D (1B), Caleb W (2A), Eliana O (1A), Ava L (Prep B), Zac S (2B)



Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

Bridget C (2B) & Tex C (2B)

S.R.C Award

Chloe C (5/6B)



Assembly Awards

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 14th June 2024

Top (L-R): Mikey P (3A), Mason N (1B), Oliver E (2A), Charlie C (Prep A), Brock U (5/6B), Hannah B (Prep B)

Bottom (L-R): Will D (4/5A) Austin D (1A), Harry W (5/6A), Alassea H (3/4A)



Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

Lily M (5/6B) & Cerys N (5/6A)

S.R.C Award

Annabelle M (3A)



Tarago Winter Sports

04 June

We have used \$1,974 of fundraising money to purchase a 6x3m marquee for school and sport events! Thank you for your contributions.

Congratulations to all students that participated and represent DWPS at Tarago Winter Sports. Everyone tried their best showing fantastic determination, resilience and school spirit.

Congratulations to Seth W for making it through to Regional Cross Country.

Seth represented DWPS and placed 17th out of 54 other students.

Regional Cross Country

06 June





STEM with Mr. Barratt

11 - 14 JUNE

Students this week, during their STEM lesson with Mr. Barratt, have been working on their critical thinking skills and creating amazing master pieces with blocks, paper and through technology as well. Here is what 2B created.



Thank you Bunnings Warragul!



Thank you to Cherie Hall from Warragul Bunnings who has kindly donated an assortment of beautiful plants to our school. We are very grateful for your kindness and generosity.

BUNNINGS
warehouse



What's Happening

@Drouin West Primary School



We're growing
the next
generation of
environmental
champions



We're excited to announce that we're a recipient of a 2024 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for the creation of a butterfly garden - stay tuned!

A big thankyou to Mrs Gooding for organising this for our students.

Encouraging School Participation | Online

21
Jun
2024

Time: 12:30 - 2:30pm
Price: FREE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Contact: Parentzone Gippsland
Phone: 03 5135 9555
Email: parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

About the event

Is school refusal turning your home into a battleground?

Is your child experiencing separation anxiety?

Would you like to understand some of the reasons for school refusal?

Would you like to know what works for other parents?

WHEN: Friday 21/06/2024
TIME: 12:30pm - 2:30pm
WHERE: ZOOM

To register contact Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
P: (03) 5135 9555
OR click the link
<https://forms.office.com/r/UDHUU34FuB>

TheirCare – Holiday Program

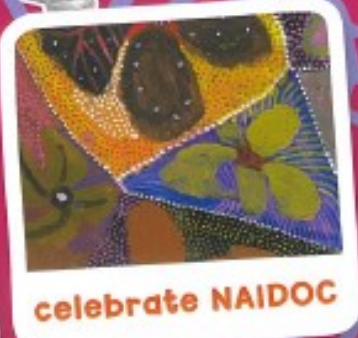
01 July – 12 July

TIME WARP

winter
**HOLIDAY
PROGRAM**



see Inside Out 2



celebrate NAIDOC



dino dig discovery



see Disney On Ice

Book now at theircare.com.au

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

Lunch Orders & Icy Poles

Mondays

Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools

Icy Poles available for purchase

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools

Icy Poles available for purchase

Friday



Note:

Icy Poles are available for purchase during Term 1 & 4.

Tokens can be purchased via QKR or through the office. Cash & EFT accepted. Tokens are 50c each or \$5.00 for 10.

