



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

The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

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2024 TERM 2



Wishing you all
the best Mrs
Bull!





From the Principal

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

Dear Drouin West Families,

This week in collaboration with *Mindful Aus*, we embarked on an enriching journey focused on enhancing emotional literacy among our students. With a motto of "Lighter Minds & Healthier Hearts," *Mindful Aus* guided our children through an intensive workshop aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of emotions and promoting healthy tools to manage them.

The workshop centered around the ICE approach: **Identify, Control & Express.**

The presenters employed an interactive approach, engaging our students in activities and discussions to develop effective strategies for emotional regulation. Building upon the workshop's insights, we are excited to integrate this learning into our classroom environment. Additionally, *Mindful Aus* has generously provided us with a comprehensive emotional curriculum, further enhancing our ability to support our students' emotional wellbeing.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to *Mindful Aus* for their invaluable contributions to the mental health industry and their outstanding work within our community. Together, we are empowering our students to navigate their emotions with confidence and resilience.



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'

The role of our Education Support team is diverse and multifaceted. From providing one-on-one assistance to students with additional needs, to offering vital administrative support to teachers and staff, their impact permeates every aspect of our school. They are the ones who offer a comforting presence to a nervous student on their first day of school, who patiently guide struggling learners through challenging tasks, and who tirelessly work behind the scenes to keep our school running smoothly.

One of the most remarkable qualities of our Education Support team is their unwavering dedication to our students' wellbeing and academic success. They approach each day with a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of our students, and their passion for education is palpable. Whether they are providing emotional support to a student in need, offering encouragement and praise for a job well done, or simply lending a listening ear to those who need it, they embody the spirit of compassion and empathy that defines our school community.

In addition to their daily responsibilities, our Education Support team is also instrumental in creating a positive and inclusive school culture. In the bustling classrooms of our school, there exists a group of individuals whose dedication and unwavering support form the backbone of our community. They are the unsung heroes behind the scenes, the ones who go above and beyond to ensure that every student receives the care and attention they need to succeed. They are our Education Support team, and this week, we celebrate and express our appreciation for their invaluable contributions.

They are the ones who organize and facilitate extracurricular activities, mentor students in need of guidance, and work tirelessly to promote a sense of belonging and acceptance among all members of our school community. Their efforts help to foster a welcoming and supportive environment where every student feels valued and respected.

As we take the time to celebrate and appreciate our Education Support team this month, let us remember to thank them for their tireless dedication, their unwavering support, and their endless commitment to our students' success. Their contributions may often go unnoticed, but their impact is profound and far-reaching.

'To our Education Support team: thank you for all that you do, today and every day. You are truly the heart and soul of our school community.'

From the Principal

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

This week marks a few important transitions within our school community. We bid farewell to our beloved Mrs. Bull as she embarks on her journey into parenthood. We are fortunate to welcome back Mrs. Kasey Tymkin from family leave, ensuring a seamless transition for our year ones. We extend our warmest wishes to Leah as she prepares for maternity leave, eagerly awaiting the arrival of baby Bull!

Additionally, while our art teacher, Mrs. Heights, remains on leave, we are grateful to have Mrs. Ryan stepping in to continue our tremendous Art Program for the remainder of the term. Mrs. Heights is expected to return in Term 3, and we look forward to her creative energy rejoining our school community.

In other exciting news, this year marks a significant milestone for our school as we celebrate 150 years of educational excellence. As one of the oldest schools in Victoria, we are planning a special celebration scheduled for Sunday morning, October 13th. We invite our school community to share any insights or stories to commemorate this historic occasion. Your contributions are invaluable as we come together to celebrate our rich heritage. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you would like to lend a hand or share your memories.

Let's join together in honoring our past, celebrating our present, and shaping our future as we embark on this memorable journey together.

Kind regards,

Kelly



2024 Annual Calendar

Term Two

Mon 20th May Division Cross Country - Selected Students

Tue 21st May School Council Meeting @ 7pm

Wed 22nd May National Simultaneous Storytime Day

Come dressed in **BLUE! Gold Coin Donation - Money raised donated to Beyond Blue**

Fri 24th May Parent & Friends Group Meeting @ 9am in Multipurpose Room

Tue 4th June Tarago District Winter Sports (Selected Students)

Mon 10th June **King's Birthday - No Students**

'TheirCare' available for care

Mon 17th June Division Winter Sports (Selected Students)

Tue 18th June School Council Meeting @ 7pm

Fri 28th June Last Day of Term 2 (2:30pm Finish)

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Do you have a story to tell?
Celebrating 150 Years at Drouin West Primary School

2024 Annual Calendar

Term Three

Mon 15th July	First Day of Term 3
Tue 23rd July	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Fri 26th July	2025 Enrolment Paperwork due
Wed 31st Jul - 2nd Aug	Year 5/6 Urban Camp

Fri 9th Aug **Student Free Day**
Outcome of 2025 Enrolment advised

Tue 20th Aug School Council Meeting @ 7pm

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
Mon 4th Nov	Student Free Day
Tues 5th Nov	Melbourne Cup - No Students
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

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

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



Australian Library and
Information Association

SCHOLASTIC

LIANZA

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2024

AURA PARKER
*BOWERBIRD
BLUES*



Come dressed in blue on 22/05/2024 - Gold Coin Donation

22 May 2024 • 12pm (AEST)

www.alia.org.au/nss #LibraryStorytime

What's Happening

@Drouin West Primary School

Watch this space!

The Drouin West beanie is coming soon.



Parents & Friends

Connecting
our school
community

All are invited and warmly welcomed to attend a P&F meeting on **Friday the 24th of May at 9am** in the Multipurpose room after school drop off.

Assembly Awards

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 10th May 2024

Top (L-R) Joey V (4/5A), Sienna P (3/4A), Brock S (3A), Scarlett W (5/6A),
Lily B (5/6A), Seth W (5/6B)

Bottom (L-R) Taj S (2B), Blair C (2A), Hayden M (Prep A), Bobbi B (2B),
Sadie M (1A), Betty M (1B)

Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

Skye H (3A)

S.R.C Award

Axel W (3/4A)



Assembly

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 17th May 2024

Prep A - Kaia C

Prep B - Lewis A

1A - Dexter H

1B - Ashlee O

2A - Poppy V

2B - Jhett C

3A - Henry R

3/4A - Lily E

4/5A - Ben D

5/6A - Hayley V

5/6B - Ellis P

Congratulations

Mothers & Special Others 10th May Day Assembly



What a beautiful and special assembly our students created for all the amazing mothers & special others in their life. We hope you all enjoyed their performances as much as we did.



Education Week

Spotlight on STEM (13 - 17 MAY)



Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria.

In 2024, Victoria will celebrate Education Week from Monday 13 May to Friday 17 May. This year's theme, *Spotlight on STEM*, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond. Throughout Education Week, students, parents/carers, teachers, and school communities are encouraged to celebrate and share ideas to learn more about the endless possibilities of STEM.

Mindful Aus Comes to DWPS!



What a great start to our week here at Drouin West. We had the pleasure of the Mindful Aus team spending 3 days here at our school, speaking to our students. It was great to see the students getting involved and having a great time.



Farewell & Welcome Back

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Today we farewelled a beloved teacher, Mrs Leah Bull, as she begins a new journey - Motherhood. From all of us at DWPS we wish Mrs Bull and her family a safe and memorable journey into parenthood. We cannot wait to meet baby Isla.

With Mrs Bull's departure we welcome back a familiar face - Mrs Kasey Tymkin, who will be teaching 1/A.

Don't forget the 'Be Kind Pantry is available to YOU! Some items are close to expiry and need to be eaten. Please come and take a look.

The Be Kind Pantry

Judgement free.

Give What you can.

Take what you need.



Container Deposit Scheme

Drouin West Primary School

You can now donate your CDS refunds to Drouin West Primary School.

CDS Vic is part of the Victorian Government's \$515 million investment to transform the state's waste and recycling sector. Funded by contributions from the beverage industry, the scheme will contribute to Victoria's target of diverting 80% of all material away from landfill by 2030 and represents a significant milestone in our journey towards a circular economy.

Victorians use more than 3 billion drink containers every year. Sadly, many are not recycled, ending up in landfill and as litter in local communities across our state.

Refunds from eligible drink containers can be donated to donation partners – charities, not-for-profits, schools, clubs and community groups registered with CDS Vic – by anybody who chooses to do so.



Last call for CSEF (Camps, Sport & Excursion Funding)! Applications close at the end of this term.

If you have recently received a health card, please let us know as you might be entitled to \$150 to go towards school events.

Eligible ✓

- ✓ Aluminium cans
- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Paperboard cartons (under 1L)
- ✓ Steel bottles/cans

Most beverage containers (between 150mL and 3L) made from aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.

Ineligible ✗

- ✗ Wine and spirit bottles
- ✗ Milk containers
- ✗ Paperboard cartons (over 1L)
- ✗ Cordial bottles

Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.

School Student Broadband Initiative

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students:

- The period in which a family can apply to receive a free service is up to 31 December 2024
- The duration of free services will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

Eligibility

To be eligible, families must:

- have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school
- not have an active National Broadband Network (nbn) internet service at their home (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- Not have had an active nbn connection during the previous 14 days*
- register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

*** There may be cases where exceptions can be made, once you have had your address checked, please contact the School Student Broadband Initiative team at SSBI@education.vic.gov.au to discuss further.**

School Student Broadband Initiative

How the School Student Broadband Initiative works

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost through until the end of 2025, with a participating internet provider on the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The period of free internet will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the free broadband period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the free period.

How to apply

- Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

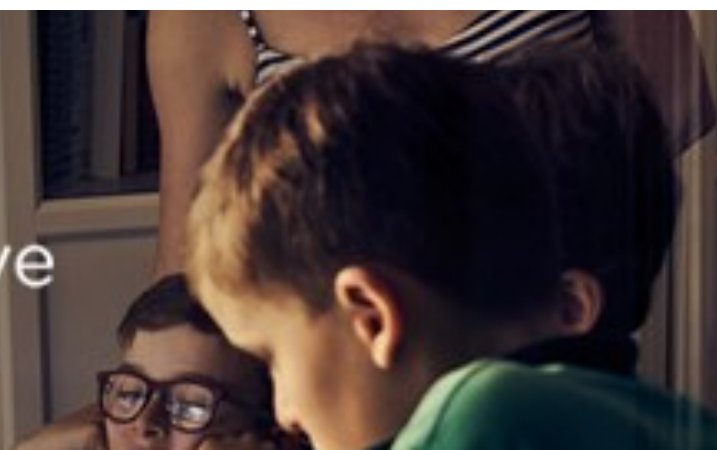
Find out more

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>



School Student
Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative
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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.

