



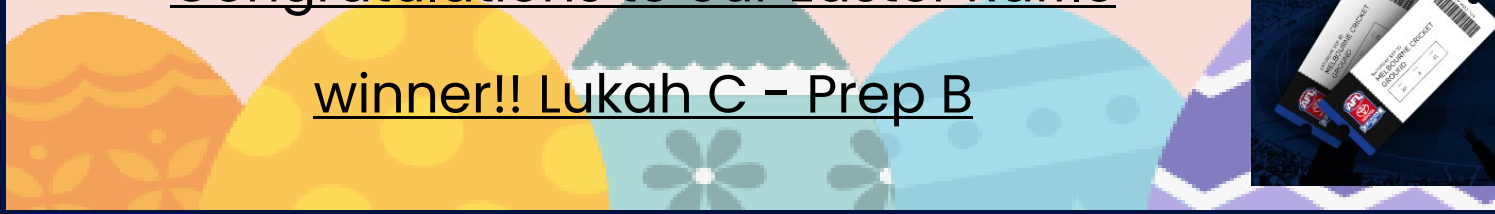
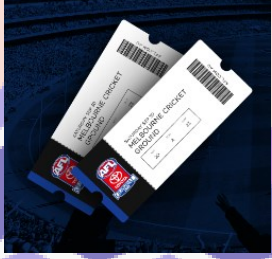
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Drouin West Primary School
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Easter Raffle

Congratulations to our Easter Raffle
winner!! Lukah C - Prep B





From the Principal

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

Dear Drouin West Families,

As we reach the end of Term One, it's with great pleasure that I reflect on the vibrant and enriching experiences our students have encountered during these past few months at DWPS. As always, our community has rallied together to create an environment where every child can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our term commenced with the aroma of sizzling sausages and the laughter of friends, as we kicked off the school year with our School BBQ. It was heart-warming to witness families reconnecting and new bonds being formed within our close-knit community. Events like these remind us of the importance of fostering strong relationships between home and school, as we embark on this educational journey together.

In the realm of enrichment, our students were treated to an array of stimulating incursions. The visit from Questacon sparked curiosity and ignited a passion for science among our young learners. AFL clinics provided an opportunity for students to develop not only their physical skills but also teamwork and sportsmanship. These experiences are invaluable in nurturing well-rounded individuals who are equipped to thrive in an ever-changing world.

On the sporting front, our athletes showcased their talent and determination at our annual Athletics Carnival. It was inspiring to witness their dedication and sportsmanship as they competed in various events, pushing themselves to new heights and celebrating each other's achievements. These moments not only promote physical health but also instill important values of perseverance and resilience in our students.

For our senior students, a visit to NDSC for a Discovery Day offered a valuable glimpse into the array of opportunities awaiting them as they transition from primary to secondary school. During this immersive experience, students had the chance to explore various subject areas, gaining insight into the secondary world and build their confidence in transiting.

Additionally, our senior students participated in the "Courage to Care" racism incursion, fostering empathy, understanding, and a commitment to creating a more inclusive society.



From the Principal

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

At DWPS, we recognize the importance of addressing social issues and promoting values of acceptance and respect among our student body. It's through initiatives like these that we strive to cultivate compassionate global citizens who are equipped to effect positive change in the world.

As we celebrate the achievements and experiences of Term One, it's important to acknowledge that each student develops at their own pace. At DWPS, we are committed to providing a supportive learning environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential. Whether it's through academic excellence, artistic expression, or personal growth, we celebrate the unique talents and abilities of each individual.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, let us continue to work hand in hand—parents, teachers, and students— to foster a community where every voice is heard, every achievement is celebrated, and every challenge is met with courage and determination.

Together, we will continue to inspire, empower, and educate the leaders of tomorrow.

As we bid farewell to Term One, I urge all students and their families to use this upcoming holiday break as an opportunity to unwind, recharge, and create lasting memories together. Whether it's exploring new places, engaging in hobbies, or simply spending quality time with loved ones, I encourage everyone to prioritize self-care and well-being during this time. A safe and enjoyable holiday break not only allows for physical rest but also rejuvenates the mind and spirit, preparing our students for another enriching term ahead. So, let's embrace this chance to refuel our energy and enthusiasm, ready to return refreshed and revitalized on April 15th, ready to embark on another exciting chapter of our educational journey at DWPS.

Take Care.

Kelly



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.





DROUIN WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL
EST. 1874

Drouin West Primary School

Open Morning

**Thursday 9th May 2024
10am-11am**

Steps to enrol for Prep 2025:

If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2025, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school from the start of **Term 2, 2024 (Monday 15th April)**.

Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by **Friday 26th July 2024**.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application by **Friday 9th August 2024**.

**Meet our
staff &
students!**

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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

2024 Annual Calendar

Term Two

Mon 15th April	First Day of Term 2 2025 Foundation Enrolments Open
Wed 24th Apr	Whole School Cross Country
Thurs 25th Apr	ANZAC Day - No Students
Tue 30th Apr	Division Athletics (Selected Students)
Thu 2nd May	NDSC Discovery Day (Year 6 Students)
Thu 9th May	Open morning for prospective families 10am - 11am
Wed 22nd May	National Simultaneous Storytime Day
Tue 4th June	Tarago District Winter Sports (Selected Students)
Mon 10th June	King's Birthday - No Students
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)

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

2024 Annual Calendar

Term Three

Mon 15th July	First Day of Term 3
Tue 23rd July	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed 31st Jul - 2nd Aug	Year 5/6 Urban Camp
Fri 9th Aug	Student Free Day
Tue 20th Aug	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Fri 20th Sep	Last Day of Term 3 (2:30pm Finish)

Term Four - Hats Required

Mon 7th Oct	First Day of Term 4
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:

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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.



District Athletics

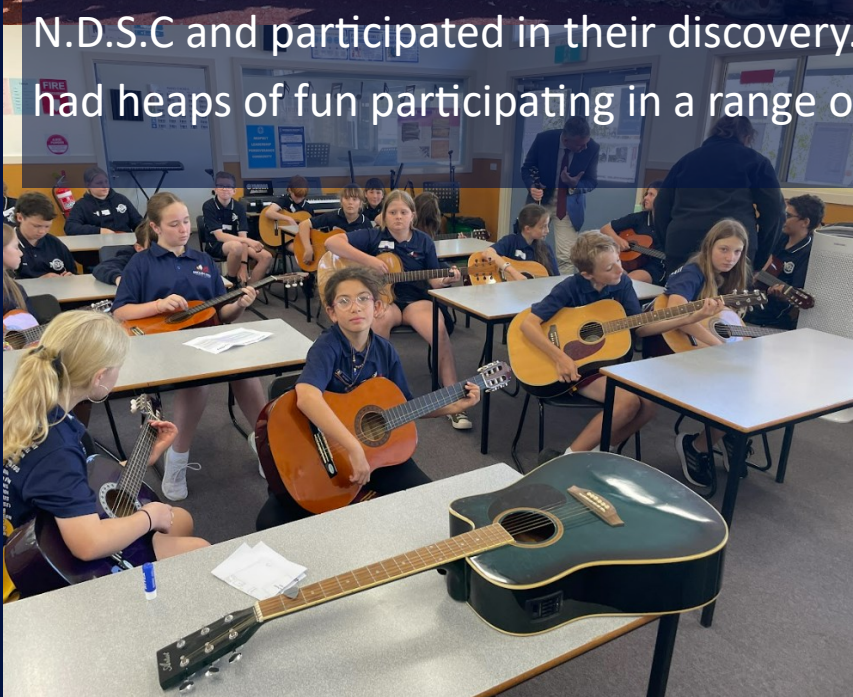
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N.D.S.C – Year 6 Discovery Day



Our year 6 students had the opportunity to attend N.D.S.C and participated in their discovery. Our students had heaps of fun participating in a range of activities.



AFLX Competition



Well done to those students who attended Moe Racecourse and represented DWPS at the AFLX Competition.

