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The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

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2024 TERM 3





From the Principal

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

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well-rested and ready for an exciting Term 3. As we embrace the wet and cold months ahead, our school community is bustling with energy and anticipation for the activities and events lined up.

Swimming Lessons Begin

We are thrilled that our swimming lessons have commenced this week for five of our classes. Despite the chilly weather, our students were eager to dive in and develop their swimming skills. Luckily the pool is beautifully heated and the students also utilised the stadium for some extra sports sessions. Our Junior classes have their lessons from Monday 19th August till Friday 23rd August and our senior students are going to experience some water safety lessons at the Blue Rock Dam in November. It is so important that children learn these vital skills.

Year 5/6 Camp

In Week 3, our Year 5 and 6 students will embark on their much-anticipated camp to Melbourne for a city adventure. This experience promises to be action packed - Melbourne Zoo for an evening tour, MCG, the Museum, parliament, Queen Vic Market, and various team-building activities. They also head out for dinner in Carlton before ascending the Eureka Sky deck to see the city lights at night. Learning the world of the city including catching trams and being in the busy streets, we are confident it will be a memorable time for all participants.



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150 Year Celebration

Mark your calendars for Sunday, the 13th of October, as we celebrate a remarkable milestone – our school's 150th anniversary! We are seeking contributions from our community to make this event truly special. If you have any photos, artefacts, or stories that highlight the rich history of our school, please share them with us. Your contributions will help us create a vibrant display of our shared memories and achievements.

Seeking a Carpenter!

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our school environment, we need assistance from a skilled carpenter in our community. We are looking to put up some cement sheeting boards for a mural on the Year 2 wall at the school entrance. If you or anyone you know has the expertise and willingness to help us with this project, your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office to volunteer your time and skills.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community. Let's make Term 3 a fantastic and productive term for all!

Warm regards,

Kelly Halliday



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2024 Annual Calendar

Term Three

- Tue 23rd July** School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Wed 24th July** 100 Days of school—Prep celebration
- Fri 26th July** Parent & Friends Meeting @ 9am
- 2025 Enrolment Paperwork due
- Wed 31st Jul -
2nd Aug** Year 5/6 Urban Camp
- Mon 5th Aug** AFL Gala Day (Selected Students)
- Wed 7th Aug** Sticks & Stones Prep-6 Incursion - Cyber Safety & Anti Bullying Program
- Fri 9th Aug** Student Free Day - 'TheirCare' available for care
Outcome of 2025 Enrolment advised
- Mon 12th - Fri
16th Aug** Science Week
- Thurs 15th Aug** Year 5 - N.D.S.C Discovery Day
- Fri 16th Aug** Book Week Dress Up & National Day Against Bully & Violence
Gold Coin for State School Relief
- Mon 19th Aug -
Fri 23rd Aug** Prep, Year 1A & 1B Swimming in schools program
- Tue 20th Aug** School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Fri 20th Sep** Last Day of Term 3 (2:15pm 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 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

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

Assembly



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.



Congratulations Mr & Mrs Bull

WELCOME
TO THE WORLD



BABY ISLA BULL

JULY 13TH, 2024

6.3 LBS / 2.88 KG • 18 IN / 46 CM • 03:38 PM

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



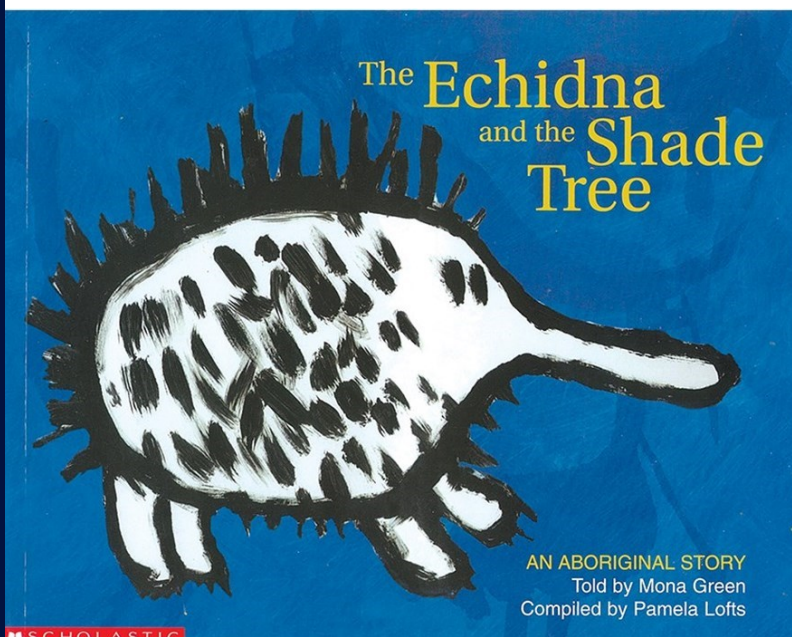
[Click Here to Register Attendance](#)

Or scan QR Code

NAIDOC Week

@Drouin West Primary School

This week our Prep's participated in their first NAIDOC Week at DWPS. This week they learnt about Cathy Freeman achievements as we approach the 2024 Olympic Games. They also read some dreamtime stories "Big Rain Coming" & "The Echidna & the Shade Tree".



School Improvements

@Drouin West Primary School



Over the term break we had some trades come out and give all of our decking areas a freshen up.

Assembly

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 19th July 2024

Freya P (Prep A)

Maci W (Prep B)

Jeremih S (1A)

Maisy P (1B)

Liam A (2A)

Hunter F (2B)

Zac F (3A)

Isla J (3/4A)

Lynken S (4/5A)

Chad W (5/6B)

Oscar N (5/6A)

Congratulations

Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

Lillyahna W

S.R.C Award

Reilley B



Friday 16th August

#CBCA2024

Children's Book week®

Reading is & Magic

Come dressed as
your favourite book
character.

National Day of Action Against Bullying

Gold Coin Donation proceeds donated to

State Schools' Relief

Parade starting just after 9am



STATE
SCHOOLS'
RELIEF



THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FATHER'S DAY

&

SPECIAL OTHERS

Raffle



**30TH | AUGUST |
WINNERS ANNOUNCED
AT ASSEMBLY**

TICKETS \$1.00 EACH
DONATIONS NOT REQUIRED
BUT WELCOMED



100 Days of School

On Wednesday the 24th of July our Prep's will celebrate reaching 100 days of school! They have been keeping track of their school days in the classroom each morning.

Our preps will spend the day celebrating this achievement.

As part of the celebration, students can dress up as 100 years old! Miss Thomson & Miss Balfour will also be dressing up.



Brainstorm Productions

Sticks & Stones – Wednesday 7th August



On Wednesday 7th of August Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing performance 'Sticks & Stones' for Prep to Year 6. 'Sticks & Stones' is a live educational theatre performance that promotes resilience, cyber safety and positive connections.

When things go wrong at home, at school or online, Toby's body goes into fight/flight. He feels angry, frightened and confused and responds in the only way he knows how – with aggression and antisocial behaviour. When Toby meets Joe, he learns to be assertive and respect boundaries. He deals with negative online experiences by reporting and telling an adult, and learns more positive ways to deal with anger: he stops, breathes, puts his hands in his pockets, walks away and talks about his feelings. Toby cooperates with other kids to create a circus routine with acrobatics and juggling.

'Sticks & Stones' is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and has been developed by teachers and psychologists. This exciting live theatre experience provides students with practical social and emotional skills, and encourages students to build positive connections at school, at home and online.

Brainstorm Productions is one of Australia's most experienced and respected theatre in education companies, performing to over 260,000 students every year. They offer a range of programs to help schools nurture healthy and harmonious environments, addressing issues such as mental health, online safety, bullying and resilience. Brainstorm Productions are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider and listed as an evidence-based bullying prevention program on the Victorian Schools Mental Health Menu. Learn more about Brainstorm Productions by visiting their website (brainstormproductions.edu.au), or following them on Instagram ([@brainstormproductions](https://www.instagram.com/brainstormproductions)), Facebook ([@Brainstorm.Productions](https://www.facebook.com/Brainstorm.Productions)) or LinkedIn ([linkedin.com/company/brainstormproductions](https://www.linkedin.com/company/brainstormproductions)).

WHY IS READING MAGICAL?

BOOKS GIVE YOU SUPERPOWERS

Reading gives you the power to explore distant lands, solve mysteries, and even time-travel. Just open a book, and off you go!

STEP INTO NEW CHARACTERS

Reading lets you transform into characters. One moment, you're a football superstar; the next, a brave monster hunter. Which characters inspire you?

CREATE AN ENCHANTING UNIVERSE

Create a cozy reading space in a room or under a blanket and use your imagination to transport to other worlds.

AGES 3+

In *Football Stories: Messi*, young readers will find out how Lionel Messi went from being the smallest player on the field to being known as the 'Greatest of All Time' with his incredible runs, ball control and lots and lots of goals! They'll love the story of Messi's triumph, especially when they learn that once he was just a football-loving kid just like them.

FOOTBALL STORIES: MESSI
ITEM 010



AGES 7+

Could YOU tame a dragon? Take down a Wolfman? Give Bigfoot a pedicure?! Then you belong in the Society For The Hunting Of Monsters Which Are Definitely Evil! Sapphire Sparks wants to prove she's a brave, clever MONSTER HUNTER. There's just one teeeeny problem ... she's not very good at it! A funny and empowering new series from bestselling creator Scott Stuart, about following BIG dreams and fulfilling your destiny ... even if you have no idea where to start!

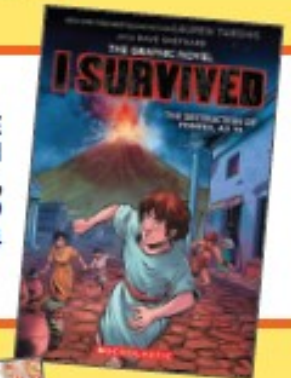


SAPPHIRE AND THE MONSTER HUNTERS #1
ITEM 008

AGES 8+

No one in the bustling city of Pompeii worries when the ground trembles beneath their feet. They figure that the beast under the mountain Vesuvius, high above the city, wakes up angry sometimes—and always goes back to sleep. But Marcus is afraid. He knows something is terribly wrong—and his father agrees. When Vesuvius explodes into a huge cloud of ash and rocks that fall from the sky like rain, will they have time to escape—and survive the epic destruction of Pompeii?

I SURVIVED THE DESTRUCTION ON POMPEII, AD 79
ITEM 054



AGES 10+

Decorate your own magical creations in this official dessert book that's perfect for the youngest fans of the Harry Potter films! Build your own Acromantula out of cupcakes. Design Hogwarts house crest cookies. Frost a cake that looks just like the Knight Bus—and many more! The delicious Wizarding World-themed desserts found in this book are perfect for parties, holidays, movie nights and more! The perfect book for any beginning baker, aspiring decorator and Harry Potter fan!



HARRY POTTER BAKE, CREATE AND DECORATE!
ITEM 070

Outside Advertising



PLAY

join the party

Don't miss the 5-week party full of fun and footy in Term 3! There's a new party on every week to enjoy at your All Girls NAB AFL Auskick Centre!

WARRAGUL & SURROUNDS

ALL GIRLS AUSKICK

Western Park, Warragul

Mondays 5pm

Starting 12/08



play.afl/auskick

Outside Advertising



Bringing up Great Kids

Recommended for parents and carers of children aged 2-10 years of age

Bringing up Great Kids (BUGK) parenting program is a mindful parenting program which gives parents the skills to slow down and respond to children in a calm and relaxed manner, leading to less stress in their lives and positive changes in their children's behaviour.

The BUGK program supports parents as they explore what influences their parenting practices, and the messages their passing onto their children.

When: Tuesday 23/07/2024 - 27/08/2024

Time: 10:00am- 12:00pm

Where: ZOOM

To Register Click the link or scan the code
<https://forms.office.com/r/zBMhHYaUcG>



Supporting School Engagement and Connection

For parents and carers with children in primary school and into year 7

During this 6-week program we discuss the complexities facing parents trying to get children to school and staying there for the day. Discussions such as separation anxiety, social development and inclusion, how to work with and build on your child's resilience. Work on effective communication and positive reinforcements and dealing with your own feelings and stressors regarding this challenging time.

These are interactive sessions with parents and caregivers who all understand the position you are in.

When: Thursday 25/07/2024 - 29/08/2024

Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Where: ZOOM

To Register Click the link or scan the code
<https://forms.office.com/r/Hgz3Lwq5ep>



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Parentzone offers free online education and support sessions to all families in the region regardless of your situation. For more information or to discuss our programs please contact us on:
parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
P: (03) 5135 9555

Lets Talk about Parenting

Date: 7th August 2024
When: 10am-12 pm
Where: ZOOM
[Bookings](https://forms.office.com/r/A9vSJ0ebax)
<https://forms.office.com/r/A9vSJ0ebax>

Parenting After Separation

Date: 30th July 2024
When: 7pm-9pm
Where: ZOOM
[Bookings](https://forms.office.com/r/q9Wrus0ZEC)
<https://forms.office.com/r/q9Wrus0ZEC>

Communicating with our Kids

Date: 27rd July 2024
When: 12pm-2pm
Where: ZOOM
[Bookings](https://forms.office.com/r/Jb5LZsJGsP)
<https://forms.office.com/r/Jb5LZsJGsP>

Tuning Into Kids

Date: 29th July 2024
Time: 7pm - 9pm Where: ZOOM
[Bookings](https://forms.office.com/r/dc6n6zELGx)
<https://forms.office.com/r/dc6n6zELGx>

Supporting School Engagement & Connection

Date: 25th July 2024
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm
Where: ZOOM
[Bookings](https://forms.office.com/r/HSRVEwiVbp)
<https://forms.office.com/r/HSRVEwiVbp>

Parenting Tweens & Teens

Date Wednesday 17/07/2024
Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Where: ZOOM
[Bookings](https://forms.office.com/r/BZ27Xj9v4k)
<https://forms.office.com/r/BZ27Xj9v4k>

Bringing up Great Kids

Date: 23rd July 2024
When: 10am-12pm
Where: ZOOM
[Bookings](https://forms.office.com/r/zBMhHYaUcG)
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