



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

The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

Issue No 15 - Friday 30th August

2024 TERM 3



**Happy Father's Day to all of
the Dads, Grandparents,
Mothers, Uncles and Other
Special People who play the
role of 'Dad' every day!**



From the Principal

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

Happy Father's Day!

This Sunday, we celebrate all the amazing dads in our community. We hope your child brings extra joy to your day with smiles, hugs, and special moments. Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful fathers and father figures!

Year 5/6 Excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria

Our Year 5/6 students recently had the incredible opportunity to visit the Melbourne National Art Gallery, where they explored the fascinating Pharaoh exhibition. This enriching experience was made possible through the Regional Schools Program, and our students thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the history and beauty of ancient Egypt.

Prep/One Swimming Success

Our Prep/One students had a fantastic time during their swimming week! They dove into learning vital swimming and life skills, with each day filled with excitement and growth in the pool. We're proud of all our students for their effort and progress!

Upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews

As we approach the upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews, we encourage you to take this opportunity to celebrate your child's individual progress. These meetings are a valuable time to connect with teachers, reflect on your child's achievements, and discuss their ongoing learning journey. We look forward to sharing in your child's success together.



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

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Dear Drouin West Primary Families,

Staffing Updates

We want to keep you informed about some staffing changes as we approach the end of the term. Unfortunately, Mr. Holden is currently unwell and will be away for a while. Miss Balfour will be heading off to America for the last two weeks of the term. During her absence, Mrs. Cheryl Ryan will be taking over the Prep class.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this time, and we wish Mr. Holden a speedy recovery and Miss Balfour a wonderful trip.

150-Year Celebration

We are thrilled that our school, the oldest in West Gippsland, is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year! Established in 1874, our school has a rich history, and we will be commemorating this milestone on Sunday October 13th 10am-12pm.

Our bell music has been taking our students on a journey through the decades, adding to the excitement of this special occasion. We are also collecting memorabilia and stories from past students, staff, and families. If you have anything to share, we would love to include it in our celebrations.

Have a fabulous weekend and take care,

Kelly

2024 Termly Calendar

Term Three

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| Mon 2nd Sep | Year 1 Healesville Excursion |
| 3rd–20th Sep | Tennis Australian Workshops |
| Thu 5th Sep | St Johns First Aid Incursion Years 3–6 |
| Wed 11th Sep | Parent Teacher Interviews #1 |
| Tue 17th Sep | Parent Teacher Interview #2 |
| | Wild Robot Excursion Years 5/6A & B |
| Fri 20th Sep | Last Day of Term 3 (2:15pm Finish) |
| Fri 4th Oct | P&F Trivia Night – Tickets still available |

School Saving Bonus

The Allan Labor Government is making life that little bit easier for families, by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Every student enrolled in a Victorian government school for the 2025 school year will receive \$400 support.

It will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

You don't need to apply.

From November 2024, parents and carers will receive an email from the Department of Education providing details on how they can access the \$400 bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus is available for each child. That means a family with three school-aged children will receive a total of \$1,200.

The School Saving Bonus is available in addition to other financial support including the Affordable School Uniforms program and the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

To learn more about what the \$400 can be spent on, and other support available, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au).

It is important we have an email address on file for you. Please contact us if you need to update yours.

2024 Annual Calendar

Term Four – Hats Required!



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| Mon 7th Oct | First Day of Term 4 |
| Thu 10th Oct | Year 5/6 Parliament House Incursion Years 5-6 |
| Sun 13th Oct | 10am-12pm 150 Year Anniversary Celebrations |
| 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 |
| Fri 1st Nov | 2025 Prep Transition Sessions |
| Mon 4th Nov | Student Free Day – ‘TheirCare’ Available for care |
| Tues 5th Nov | Melbourne Cup – No Students |
| Fri 8th Nov | Year 6 – Graduation Photos |
| Fri 15th Nov | 2025 Prep Transition Sessions |
| Mon 18th Nov | Blue Rock Water Safety – Year 5&6 |
| Tue 19th Nov | School Council Meeting @ 7pm |
| Tue 29th Nov | 2025 Prep Transition Sessions |
| Tue 10th Dec | Statewide Step Up Day |
| Thu 12th Dec | School End of Year Concert |
| Mon 16th Dec | Year 6 Graduation Celebrations |
| Fri 20th Dec | Last Day of Term 4 (1:30pm Finish) |

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



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EST. 1874

We're turning

150



Commemorate With Us!

Our Story

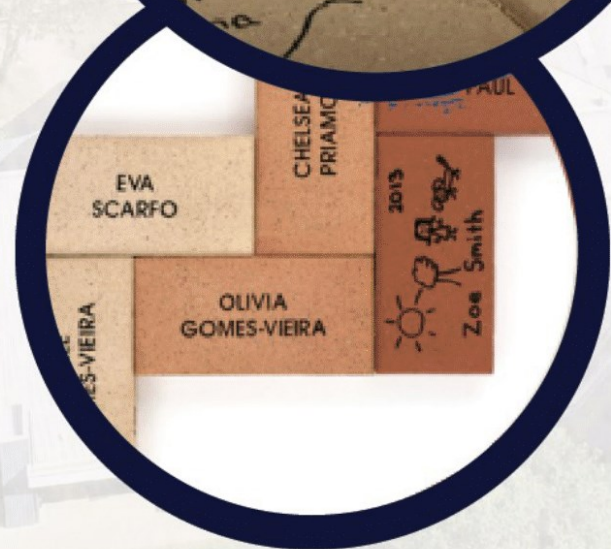
In 2024, Drouin West Primary celebrates 150 years of education. We are the oldest school in West Gippsland!

Commemorative Space

To honour this milestone, we intend to establish a paved space underneath a commemorative mural.

Get Involved

We would like to offer past and present families and staff the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on the school by being able to purchase a custom paver to be placed in this new area.



To order a brick and leave your lasting mark, please purchase via the QKR app.
<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>

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DROUIN WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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\$40 per paver **Paver or Brick Facings**

- * Max 3 lines per paver
- * Max 17 characters/line
- * Paver size 230x115mm
- * Brick facing 230x75mm



Family/Double Pavers

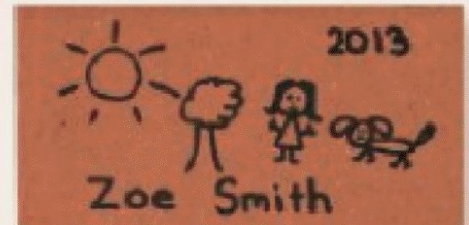
- * Max 6 lines per paver
- * Max 17 characters/line
- * Total size 230x230mm

\$75

Hand Drawn Pavers

- * Simple hand drawing
- * In black only
- * Paver size 230x115mm

\$50



Qkr!

Order by the 18th of October 2024

To order a brick and leave your lasting mark, please purchase via the QKR app.
<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>

parent & Friends

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, Oct 4
\$20PP

Robin Hood Inn

Dinner available to purchase from 5:30, Trivia starts @7PM

Limited tickets via QKR

Spot Prizes & Raffle!



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PRIMARY SCHOOL
EST. 1974



Lunch Orders & Icy Poles

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| 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.





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**Commemorate with us at School on
Sunday October 13th 10am to 12pm.**

**In 2024, Drouin West Primary celebrates
150 years of education. We are the oldest school in
West Gippsland! Activities on the day include:**

- 'Original School Building' Mural Unveiling
- Lowering of the Time Capsule
- Dahlia & Landcare Butterfly Gardens
- Dahlia Art Activity
- Coffee Van and P&F Morning Tea
- 'TheirCare' Sausage Sizzle
- Memorial Brick Sales
- Past Student Interview Panel
- Archival Material and Photographs on Display
- Open Classrooms History Presentations
- Cutting of a DWPS birthday cake
- Guest Book Signing
- Drouin West CFA Presence

Assembly Awards

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 23rd August 2024

WHOLE CLASS (Prep A) WHOLE CLASS (Prep B) Caleb A (1A) Blair L (1B)
Reid W (2A) Hudson B (2B) Levi H (3A) Harvey V (3/4A) Sage N (4/5A)
Addison B (5/6A) Amily H (5/6B)

Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

- Darcy C

S.R.C Award

- Lily B



Butterfly Wicking Garden

With Mrs Gooding

You may have noticed our new 'Butterfly Garden' garden taking shape over the past few weeks. This garden has been made possible through a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant with the aims of attracting native butterflies. A big thank you to Mrs Justine Gooding who has led the works along with our gardening club students. We are looking forward to having the butterflies visit our grounds in summer!



Bookmarks

Annabelle & Penny from 3A are doing a bookmark fundraiser on Friday 6th September.

Money raised will be donated to The Royal Children's Hospital. Bookmarks will be sold for \$1 for 2 bookmarks.

Bookmarks will be sold during lunch time.

BOOKMARKS - FOR SALE -

2 Bookmarks for \$1.00
All proceeds will be donated to
The Royal Children's Hospital



Friday 6th September
Lunchtime
Library



Prep & Year 1 Swimming

19 – 23 AUGUST



Last week our Prep & Year 1 students took to the water! All students had a great time and learnt many new skills to help them in the water.



NGV Pharaoh Exhibition

27 AUGUST



Our Year 5 & 6 students were welcomed to come along to see the NGV Pharaoh Exhibition in Melbourne. Students had a great time exploring and learning about ancient Egyptian art and culture. A big thank you to the NGV who fully funded this excursion for our school.



Outside Advertising



DROUIN TENNIS CLUB

Drouin Tennis Club is situated on Bennet Street, within the township of Drouin. We have 6 synthetic grass courts and 2 plexi pave courts all with LED lights.

We aim to create a safe and inclusive environment and promote positive health and wellbeing.

Drouin Tennis Club welcomes all new members to the club.



GIPPSLAND
TENNIS
COACHING

UP COMING IMPORTANT DATES

School Holiday Clinics

23rd - 26th September 9:00am - 10:30
Drouin Tennis Club

23rd - 26th September 11:00am - 12:30
St Pauls, Warragul

Junior Spring Tournament

4th October Drouin Tennis Club

Contact: Jamie Dunn 0449 257 569
gippslandtenniscoaching@outlook.com.au

Private Sessions Group Sessions Squad

Contact:
Mark Stevens
mstennis@dcsi.net.au

0417 140 763



PLAY FOR YOUR LOCAL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS OPEN:

- Junior Competitions
- Night Tennis
- Pennant- Seniors
- Saturday afternoon seniors
- Midweek
- Social

Further Information

Brodie Wyatt- Club President 0423 729 987
Sarah Kortman - Club Secretary 0466 233 152
Email. drouintc@gmail.com



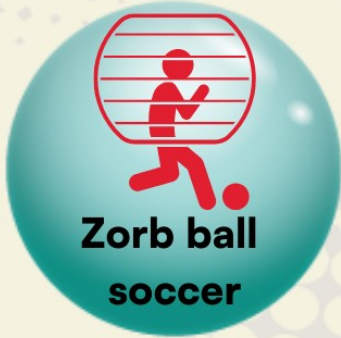
OPEN DAY
31 BENNET STREET DROUIN

Thursday 29th August
4:00 PM - 7:00PM

Tuesday 3rd September
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



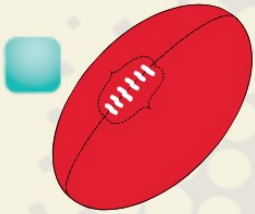
UPLIFT



Zorb ball soccer



Art



Sport



Free food



Prizes

TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
3.30PM - 5:30PM

Burke Street Park, Warragul

Join us at the UPLIFT Baw Baw Youth Event to find out about local services and participate in a wide range of fun and free activities

Featuring
Zorb ball soccer | Sport | Free food
Art | Tai Chi | Prizes | Henna



Henna

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



DDNA Twilight Competition

We are back for a twilight competition!

set 7s, U9s, U11s/13s, 15s & Open

Season Starts Tuesday 8th October

Bring a team or a player.

watch our page as more information
is shared or email us at
ddnanetball@hotmail.com



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