



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

The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

Issue No 13 - Monday 5th August

2024 TERM 3



The Be Kind Pantry

Judgement free.

Give What you can.

Take what you need.



DROUIN WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL
EST. 1874



From the Principal

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

I am thrilled to share the wonderful experiences we had on the Melbourne Camp with our Year 5/6 students. It was truly a privilege to accompany them as we explored some of Melbourne's iconic landmarks. Our adventures included a visit to the Melbourne Zoo, Old Melbourne Gaol, Queen Victoria Market, Parliament House, Eureka Skydeck, and the MCG. These experiences provided invaluable learning opportunities and created lasting memories for all involved.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated staff and generous parents who took time away from their own families to make this camp possible. Your coordination, care, and compassion ensured the camp was a resounding success and our students were well-supported throughout.

This week, we are excited to host a Cyber Safety Incursion for the entire school. Brainstorm Productions will present their show of 'Stick n Stones' on Wednesday 7th of August. Funded by the DET Mental Health initiative, this program aims to equip our students with essential skills and knowledge to navigate the online world safely.

Additionally, our Prep students recently celebrated their 100th day of school. The event was not only adorable but also provided a fantastic opportunity to explore the number 100 through fun and engaging activities. It was a wonderful way to foster collaborative skills among our youngest learners.



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Don't forget our student free day on **Friday August 9** - staff will be participating in our day 2 of Berry Street Training. Friday's topic is relationships. Our Berry St training is building further understanding of the impacts of trauma on the child, the family, and the intergenerational systems that surround the child, considering the effects of vicarious trauma, and exercising a multidisciplinary approach to the role of the teacher in the trauma-informed classroom, and to their therapeutic relationship with the child.

As we reflect on these events, I want to emphasize the importance of our partnership as educators and parents. Together, we are role models for our students, and it is essential that we uphold our school values in all that we do. By working together, we can create a supportive and positive environment that nurtures the growth and development of every child.

Thank you for your continued support

A friendly reminder that once class commences at 9am, all visitors remaining onsite must be signed in as per our [Visitor's Policy](#).

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LEARNING
IN PROGRESS



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2024 Annual Calendar

Term Three

- 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
- Mon 26th Aug** Parent Teacher Interviews #1 - Prep B Only
- Thurs 29th Aug** Parent Teacher Interviews #2 - Prep B Only
- Wed 11th Sep** Parent Teacher Interviews #1
- Tue 17th Sep** Parent Teacher Interview #2
- Fri 20th Sep** Last Day of Term 3 (2:15pm Finish)



- Drouin West Primary School is the oldest school in West Gippsland!
- There are 277 commemorative pavers that were laid at the 125 year celebration!

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)

Medication at school

Just a reminder that if your child needs any medication at school, this includes Panadol, Essential Oils, Anti-Biotics etc. a ['Medication Authority Form'](#) needs to be completed and handed into the Front Office along with the medication.

Medication needs to be in its original packaging and have a Pharmacy label that clearly states child's name and dosage amount.

Please refer to our [Medication Administration Policy](#) for more information.



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.



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

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 26th July 2024

Freya P (Prep A) Ledger M (Prep B) Nate M (1A) Dakota G (1B)

Parker C (2A) Paddy P (2B) Skye H (3A)

Bailey W (3/4A) Eloise W (4/5A) Charli A (5/6B) Jordyn H (5/6A)

Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

Charlie B

S.R.C Award

Mackenzie M



Assembly

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 2nd August 2024

Charlie P - Prep A

Mya H - Prep B

River T - 1A

Betty Mc - 1B

Reeve M - 2A

Evie B - 2B

Will B - 3A

Aisha A - 3/4A

Kaleb C - 4/5A



Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

Amelia C, Ava Le, Pia D, Alison D

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our 2024 Prep Students for reaching such a big milestone of 100 days of school! You all looked amazing in your outfits!



Bunnings Warragul

24 July - Garden Club



Thank you Cherie from Warragul Bunnings for your donation of shovels, spades and seedlings for our community garden. The students had an amazing afternoon planting our next harvest.

3/4A - Student Work

In the 3/4A classroom students have been working on similes & metaphors. Here is some of their amazing creativeness.

Van: The sand is a hot oven.

Callan: The air was as hot as a kiln.

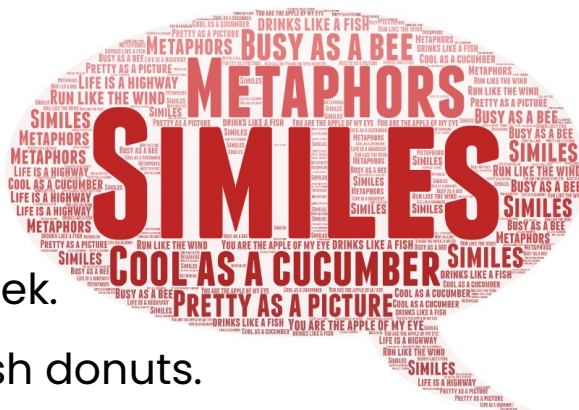
Sienna: The sand was as hot as a fire.

Noah: The rainforest was green as Shrek.

Sisco: The air smelled as sweet as fresh donuts.

Alassea: I jumped into my bed because I was an ice cube.

Ashley: The light ever so lightly brushed the enchanted floor.



VPC Event

6 August 2024

Dear School Community

Join us on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024**, at 7pm for our #VPCLive event. Our distinguished panel will discuss pathways and educational alternatives to support students with school attendance challenges, including **School Refusal, School Can't and School Avoidance**. The panel includes parents, educators, psychologists, researchers, and government agencies.

The VPC advocates for parental choice in education and acknowledges that School Refusal may not accurately describe some students' experiences. Terms like School Can't or School Avoidance might be more fitting. These issues cause anxiety, academic setbacks, social isolation, and family stress, impacting children's education and mental health.

The Victorian Parents Council recognises the significant impact of school attendance issues and is convening an expert panel to explore solutions for affected families.

Please refer to the attached flyer for speaker details. The event will end with a Q&A session.

VPC is a volunteer non-profit charity and welcomes volunteers. Consider joining us.

We'd love it if you could please share this event with your education staff and with parents and guardians on your social media and/or parent portal.

Register at <https://vicparentscouncil.vic.edu.au/events/>

You can also share this event from our Facebook page www.facebook.com/vicparents

#VPCLive FORUM

SCHOOL REFUSAL SCHOOL CAN'T RE-ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION

#VPCLive Forum Panel

Tony Dalton
Parent Engagement Practitioner

Gabrielle Darlington
School Psychologist

Pavlina McMaster
Home Education Network

Tiffany Westphal
School Can't Australia

Katrina Gow
Parent, Counsellor Psychotherapist

Jacqui Van de Velde

VPC
VICTORIAN PARENTS COUNCIL
EST. 1959

6 AUGUST 2024
7.00 - 8.30PM

Zoom Webinar

Supporting the student's journey. Re-engaging in education by exploring various alternatives.

REGISTER NOW

vicparentscouncil.vic.edu.au/events

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



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FATHER'S DAY

&

SPECIAL OTHERS

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AT ASSEMBLY**

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