



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

# The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

Issue No 17 - Friday 11th October

2024 TERM 4



Welcome Back!





**DROUIN WEST**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EST. 1874

# We're turning

# 150



**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



# From the Principal

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

Welcome Back to Term 4!

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. As we head into the warmer months, I'd like to remind everyone that hats are compulsory in Term 4. Please ensure your child brings their Drouin West Primary School wide-brimmed hat each day to stay sun smart. Your support in making sure everyone is prepared is greatly appreciated!

A massive congratulations to our Parents and Friends group for their first fundraiser! Our Trivia Night was a huge success, raising an incredible \$1614.85 and bringing our community together for a fantastic evening. A special thank you to the Robin Hood Inn for generously donating their space and trivia experience. What a great way to kick off the term!

This weekend, we celebrate a major milestone—150 years of Drouin West Primary School! The mural created to acknowledge our rich history looks absolutely stunning. It has been made possible through your support of our fundraising efforts. Our students have been working hard, studying different aspects of DWPS's history, and have contributed to a special display that will be showcased on the day.

A heartfelt thank you to our school leaders who will be leading the panel on Sunday and to Mechi, who will be treating us to a beautiful piano experience. We're really looking forward to sharing this celebration with our community, and it will be wonderful to see past students witnessing the vibrant and beautiful school we have today.

Let's make this term a great one!

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.



# 2024 Annual Calendar

## Term Four – Hats Required!



<b>Sun 13th Oct</b>	<b>10am-12pm 150 Year Anniversary Celebrations</b>
<b>Tue 15th Oct</b>	Regional Athletics (Selected Students) School Council Meeting @ 7pm
<b>Wed 16th – 18th Oct</b>	Waratah Camp Years 3/4
<b>Thurs 17th Oct</b>	Year 5 – N.D.S.C Discovery Day
<b>Fri 18th Oct</b>	Year 1 – Healesville Excursion
<b>Fri 1st Nov</b>	2025 Prep Transition Sessions
<b>Mon 4th Nov</b>	Student Free Day – ‘TheirCare’ Available for care
<b>Tues 5th Nov</b>	Melbourne Cup – No Students
<b>Fri 8th Nov</b>	Year 6 – Graduation Photos
<b>Fri 15th Nov</b>	2025 Prep Transition Sessions
<b>Mon 18th Nov</b>	Blue Rock Water Safety – Year 5&6
<b>Tue 19th Nov</b>	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
<b>Tue 29th Nov</b>	2025 Prep Transition Sessions
<b>Tue 10th Dec</b>	Statewide Step Up Day
<b>Thu 12th Dec</b>	School End of Year Concert
<b>Mon 16th Dec</b>	Year 6 Graduation Celebrations
<b>Fri 20th Dec</b>	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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## Commemorate With Us!

### *Our Story*

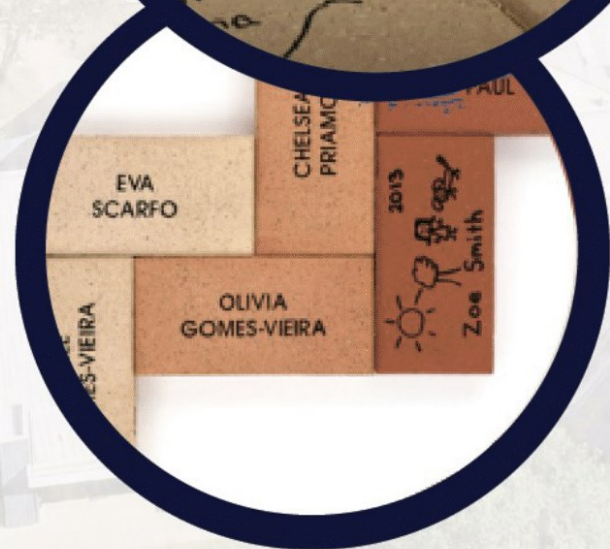
In 2024, Drouin West Primary celebrates 150 years of education. We are the oldest school in West Gippsland!

### *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.



**Qkr!**

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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## **\$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**

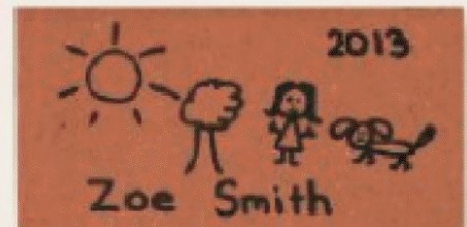
- \* Max 6 lines per paver
- \* Max 17 characters/line
- \* Total size 230x230mm

**\$75**

## **Hand Drawn Pavers**

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

**\$50**



**Qkr!**

**Order by the 18th of October 2024**

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# Lunch Orders & Icy Poles

<b>Mondays</b>	Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools Icy Poles available for purchase
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
<b>Thursdays</b>	Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools Icy Poles available for purchase
<b>Friday</b>	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.



# Assembly Awards

'A big congratulations and well done!'



## Super Bees - 11th October 2024

Layla C (Prep A) | Freddie B (Prep B)

Sadie Mc (1A) | Penny C (1B)

Caleb W (2A) | Meri S (2B)

James G (3A) | Tillie M (3/4A)

Charli H (4/5A)

Kya S (5/6A) | Mason F (5/6B)

## Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

- Holly T

## S.R.C Award

- Lara E





# P&F Trivia Night

04th October

On Friday 4th October our Parents & Friends Committee held their first Trivia Night at Robin Hood Inn. The night was an amazing success, with lots of fun had by all! Thank you to all members of Parents & Friends for organising such a lovely night, they managed to raise a total amount of **\$1614.85** for the school.

Also a big THANK YOU to the below local businesses who donated towards the event. The success of night was made possible with your generosity and donations.

**The Robin Hood Inn**

**Drouin Golf Club**

**Bunnings Warehouse - Warragul**

**The Expert Cosmetic Solutions**

**Terry white pharmacy Drouin**

**Chemist Discount Centre Drouin**

**The Willow Branch**

**The French Pair Cafe**

**Drouin Wooden Toys**

**Coles Drouin**

**The Embroider Gee**



# Butterfly Garden

A big thank you to local artist Laurie Collins for generously making some butterfly sculpture for our 'Landcare Butterfly Garden'. The sculptures have been based on drawings done by our Environmental Captains Emma and Reilley. We think they look great!



# School Savings Bonus

Dear Parents and Carers,

**As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support.**

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

By Friday 18 October 2024, please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

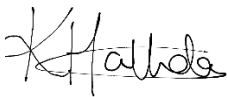
The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.


**If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact [drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au) if needed.**

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the Department of Education website, with key Information now available in 14 different languages.

Kind regards



Mrs Kelly Halliday



**Do we have  
your correct  
email address?**

# Lardner Home & Garden Expo Competition

5th & 6th October

Congratulations to all students and Mrs Gooding who entered into the 'Happy Cow' competition at Lardner Home & Garden Expo, everyone did an amazing effort. We may not have won 1st prize, though we won 2024 SCHOOL ART COMPETITION - HIGHLY COMMENDED



# Get Active Program

## The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open! Get in quick as applications will remain open until the allocation is exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

Important Dates:

**Round 8 open to apply for a voucher or reimbursement:** 10:00 am Wednesday, 9 October 2024 and will remain open until the allocation is exhausted.

**Reimbursement expenditure dates:** from **1 July 2024** until submission of application

**Vouchers expiry date:** Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

The *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit [www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers)

