



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

# The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

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2024 TERM 4





# From the Principal

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

Dear Families,

What an incredible celebration we had for DWPS's 150th birthday! Seeing generations of our school community come together to mark this milestone was truly special. There was a sense of pride in every corner of the event, as past and present students, families, and staff shared in the joy of our school's rich history. It was a day to remember, filled with stories, laughter, and a deep appreciation for our school's place in this wonderful community.

Our student leaders shone brightly during the celebration. They spoke with such confidence and poise, representing our school beautifully. Their efforts were nothing short of fabulous, and they did an outstanding job sharing their pride in DWPS with everyone who attended. We are so proud of their leadership! A big thank you also to our parent helpers for assisting us on the day by making and serving a scone morning tea for our guests.

As we celebrate this special anniversary, we also acknowledge that today is World Teachers' Day. We are incredibly fortunate here at DWPS to have such dedicated, passionate staff who go above and beyond for our students. Every day, our teachers work tirelessly to co-regulate, problem-solve, and provide high-quality education, ensuring each child reaches their full potential. Their care, concern, and commitment to every student's success are truly inspiring. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful team of educators supporting our school community.



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Looking ahead to next year, I'm excited to share our class structures! In 2025, we will have:

x2 Prep classes, x3 Year 1/2 classes, x3 Year 3/4 classes, and x3 Year 5/6 classes. Our specialist team will continue to offer a rich and varied program with Art, PE, Health, STEM, and Auslan. These programs are integral to the well-rounded education we provide and ensure our students have every opportunity to explore their talents and interests

Finally, a big congratulations to our students who competed in the regional athletics last Tuesday at the Joe Carmody Track in Newborough. They represented DWPS with pride and did extremely well! Well done to all involved – your hard work and determination are commendable.

What an exciting time for DWPS as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a bright future together!

Warm regards,

Kelly Halliday



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# CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

**1ST NOVEMBER - 5TH DECEMBER**

HELP BRING JOY TO FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS.  
DWPS IS RUNNING A FOOD DRIVE FOR FAMILIES IN  
NEED. ALL FOOD WILL BE DONATED TO  
'BAW BAW FOOD RELIEF'  
DONATIONS CAN BE HANDED IN AT THE OFFICE  
BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1ST TILL DECEMBER 5TH.

## DONATIONS COULD INCLUDE:

- TINNED FRUIT
- TIN LEGGED HAM
- GRAVOX
- JAM
- COFFEE/TEA
- CORDIAL
- CUSTARD
- CHOCOLATES
- FRUIT MINCE PIES
- CHRISTMAS PUDDING
- BISCUITS/CHIPS
- SOFT DRINKS



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 11TH  
DECEMBER

IT'S TIME TO GET OUR GROOVE ON  
AND CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE  
SEASON.

6 - 7:30PM @  
DECKING AREA

SIT BACK AND RELAX ON YOUR PICNIC  
BANKET OR CAMP CHAIR AS THE  
STUDENTS OF D.W.P.S PUT ON A  
MARVELLOUS CONCERT THAT WILL BE  
SURE TO KEEP YOU SINGING ALONG  
ALL NIGHT.



# 2024 Annual Calendar

## Term Four – Hats Required!



<b>Fri 1st Nov</b>	2025 Prep Transition Sessions Christmas Food Drive Collection Begins
<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 <u>*Don't forget your Year 6 Tops</u>
<b>Fri 15th Nov</b>	2025 Prep Transition Sessions
<b>Mon 18th Nov</b>	Blue Rock Water Safety - Year 5&6 <u>*Consent due: 8/11</u>
<b>Tue 19th Nov</b>	Yr 2 MCG & Australian Sport Museum <u>*Consent due: 11/11</u>
<b>Tue 19th Nov</b>	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
<b>Tue 29th Nov</b>	2025 Prep Transition Sessions
<b>Thu 5th Dec</b>	Christmas Food Drive collection closes
<b>Tue 10th Dec</b>	Statewide Step Up Day
<b>Wed 11th Dec</b>	School End of Year Concert
<b>Mon 16th Dec</b>	Year 6 Graduation Celebrations *Ceremony starts 6:15pm
<b>Fri 20th Dec</b>	Last Day of Term 4 (1:30pm Finish)

### PLANNING FOR 2025

If you are moving and will not be returning to DWPS in 2025 or have information to further support students in 2025, please email the school at:

[drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

**Thank you.**

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

# 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 - 25th October 2024

Henry T (Prep A) | Archie E (Prep B)

Lucy F (1A) | Ashlee O (1B)

Lincoln B (2A) | Evie B (2B)

Chloe C (3A) | James V (3/4A)

Joey V (4/5A)

Sienna G (Mr. Shaw)

## Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

- Ruby W

## S.R.C Award

- Hunter F





# 150 Year Anniversary

13th October



Thank you to all past and present Friends and Families that attended our 150 Year of education celebrations on Sunday 13th October the day was a huge success. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to make this event possible.

It was a morning full of activities and reminiscing over the old days here at Drouin West Primary School.



# Regional Athletics

15th October

Congratulations to the students who made it through to Regional Athletics and represented DWPS, you all did a fantastic job and should be proud of your efforts.

A special congratulations to Ivy Mc who has made it through to State Athletics.

An honorable mention to Sienna G who showed true DWPS pride, when she stopped half way through her race to assist a participant from another school to get over the finish line. You have demonstrated our school values with honor.



# Year 3 & 4 Waratah Bay Camp

16th - 18th October





# World Teacher's Day

25th October

Today we celebrated our teachers and thanked them for all the work they do to educate, inspire and empower learners across Australia. It was time to tip our hats to the incredible educators who shape our future.

We're so grateful for the wonderful teaching team at Drouin West.



# 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.

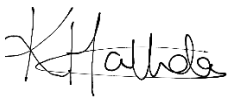
The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

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?**

# 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)



Get \$200 to help your child play sport!

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