



"Learning Together"



A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.

Caring, Respectful, Learners

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Term 3

Week 30

13th September 2024

Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Isabella L: For her focus, determination and quick thinking during our subtraction daily reviews. Well done Isabella!!



Judd A: For active participation during group work.



Zac W: For being an exceptional addition to Grade 12B! You have done a fantastic job settling into Drouin South, showing great enthusiasm and hard work during all new learning.



Charlotte M: For being a reliable and kind leader in the classroom, showing respect and care in all interactions. Fantastic job, Charlotte!



Leah J: For always showing her best listening skills during instruction time and working hard to understand challenging maths learning. Well done!



Lilly R: For always being enthusiastic about your learning, showing respect and pride at all times. Superstar, Lilly!



Tilly N: For having a really positive week and for following behaviour expectations. Well Done.



Gemma R: For working incredibly hard at school and home to improve your learning.

IMPORTANT DATES (See Class Dojo for More Dates)

Wednesday 18th September—Football Clinic; Footy Colours Parade; pie lunch
—School Council—7.30pm

Thursday 19th September—DS's Got Talent—see ad on p.5
—Student Led Conferences—2.30 to 4.30pm

Friday 20th September—Last day of term—2.15pm finish



Student of the Week Congratulations to:



Alex P: For his positive attitude and independence with lining up before school and his amazing sentence writing. Great effort Alex, well done!!



Allina Y: For her focus and persistence during our subtraction lessons.



Lincoln H: For constantly being on task and contributing to the learning tasks.



Lachie P: For your fabulous focus when learning about fractions and decimals. Superstar Lachie!



Ashden A: For consistently offering thoughtful contributions to class discussions and completing all work to a high

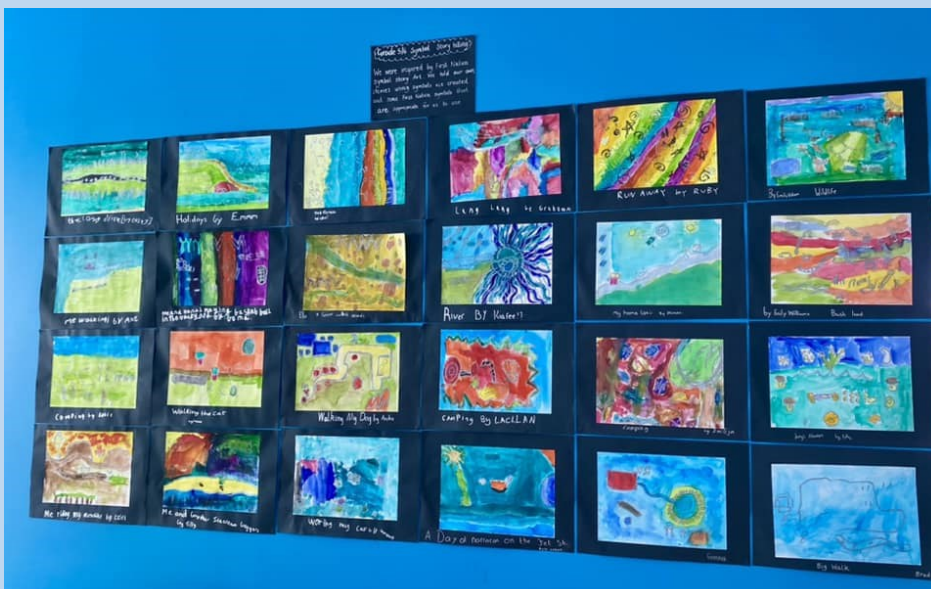
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ART SHOW

Congratulations to all of our students for the magnificent artwork on display at last night's Art Show.

The array of techniques, media, creativity and colour on display was absolutely outstanding.

Well done to Mrs Adelle Phillips, the parents, students and staff who helped set up the displays. Mrs Phillips has done an amazing job inspiring students to produce this incredible art.



Thank you to all parents and family members who came along to support the art show, participated in the Treasure Hunt activity and made bids for the purchase of the Class Art pieces.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—continued

UNIFORM AND HATS

Our school has a school uniform that is both neat, durable and cost effective for families. All students are expected to attend school, every day, in school uniform.

The uniform is a unifying feature of most schools. It minimizes “fashion” competitions between students, helps to provide an inclusive and equal way for all students to dress and signifies that every student is a member of a team.

We require the support of parents to ensure your child is in uniform each day when they attend school. We understand that students may outgrow or wear out their uniforms and can provide cost effective support where needed. We do have some secondhand uniforms that can be obtained through the school.. We often have donations of uniforms from families who have left or outgrown the uniforms. Other forms of assistance are available if needed such as the State Schools Relief fund.

We are also a Sun-Smart School. This means that wide-brimmed hats (or legionnaire style hats) must be worn between September and May each year. Once again, as hats are a part of our uniform, they must be navy blue.

As of next Monday, students without appropriate hats will need to play in the undercover area.

We ask that parents please ensure children are in full uniform with the correct hat every day.

Copies of our School Uniform Policy and Sun Smart Policy can be located [HERE](#).

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Our Student Led Conferences will be held next Thursday afternoon between 2.30 and 4.30pm. Thank you to parents who have returned selection forms. Families will be notified of time slots from Monday. Whilst we have endeavoured to meet all requests it may not have been possible to do so. In these cases another time-slot will be offered.

PREP TRANSITION SESSION

Our first of 4 Prep Transition sessions was held this morning. It was great to see our future Prep students all interacting and having a small taste of what it is like to be a Prep student at school. We look forward to our three remaining sessions to be held during Term 4.

Michael Smith— Principal - Caring, Respectful, Learners

Drouin South Primary School Community acknowledges the Kurnai –Gunai peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and learn together. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.



School Saving Bonus

Printed information about this was recently sent home

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program. The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

Complete enrolment

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

Check your contact information

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus. The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until [30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.](#)

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

DROUIN SOUTHS *Got Talent*



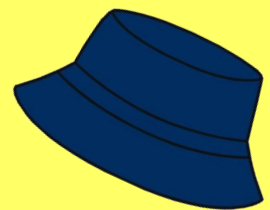
We can't wait to see the amazing talent in our school. If you would like to perform a dance, song, skit, music, poetry, jokes, magic or anything else, we need you! All acts need to be pre registered and music approved.

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THE BER BUILDING**

**WHEN: GRADE p-3 FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER,
GRADE 4-6 FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
FINALS 19TH SEPTEMBER**

Hats!

As a Sun-Smart School, all students are required to wear a hat whilst outside between **September** and mid-May each year. Students that don't wear a hat are required to play in the undercover area at recess and lunch times. Please label your child's hat.



DRINK BOTTLES AND NAMES ON ITEMS!

It is also important to have a water-bottle (non-glass) for use at school.

All items of clothing and all belongings should be clearly named. Many items are found at school each day and most are able to be returned to their owner as they are clearly named. There are many items that unfortunately end up in lost property and never find their owner again!

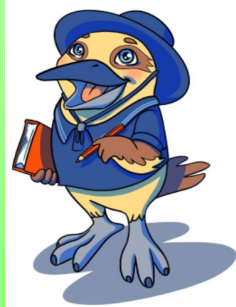


Change of clothes

Especially with the wet weather, it is a great idea to keep a change of clothes in a plastic bag in your child's school bag. Gumboots are also a great idea.



The Kookie Shop needs you!



We are seeking donations of new or clean and in good condition used items for our Kookie shop.

Items can be sent to school and given to Mrs Moore or the office.

Items such as books, toys, games, stationary etc. would be happily received.

Thank you for supporting the Kookie Shop!

Wishtree - Katherine Applegate

Trees can't tell jokes, but they can certainly tell stories.

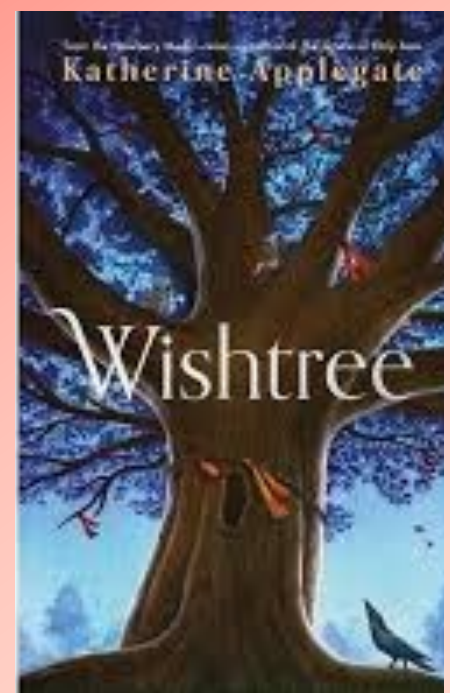
Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the local wishtree—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this wishtree watches over the whole community.

You might say Red has seen it all.

Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experience as a wishtree is more important than ever.

'A distinctive call for kindness, delivered by an unforgettable narrator' - Publishers Weekly

Find this and other great books in the DSPS library!





Two
week
program

Bookings
close
9 September
2024

Program
Hours:
7.30am to
6.30pm

Spring School Holiday Program at St John the Baptist Primary School

Join our exciting two week holiday program at the school premises:
172 Station Street, Koo Wee Rup (access via Salmon Street).
The program is action packed with fun activities for you and your friends.

Monday 23 September

Spring has sprung!

Celebrate the start of the holidays by enjoying a combination of crafts and outdoor games.



Tuesday 24 September

Join our Games Day!

Burn off your energy and have fun at the same time. Play old fashioned games such as egg and spoon races, sack races, three legged races and more.



Wednesday 25 September

Test your skills with Giant Games:

Connect4, Mega Guess Who, dominoes, Jenga and noughts & crosses.
Incursion from 10am



Thursday 26 September

Footy Finals Frenzy!

Let's celebrate the Grand Final! Come dressed in your footy gear and enjoy a day of footy themed activities. Enjoy a sausage sizzle for lunch.



Friday 27 September

Public holiday:

There is no program today.

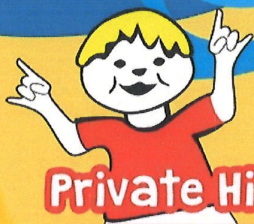


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Services!



Private Hire Sessions

Exclusive use of the facility, with up to 10 people in attendance. Suitable for all ages, including older children and adults. Great for therapy sessions, group meet ups, private playdates and excursions.



From \$150 per Hour

Open Play Sessions

Up to 28 participants (Carer Supervised) Excellent for sensory-beneficial play, meeting other families and social opportunities.

\$25 for 2 Hours



Rockin' Friends Group

3 Hour Social Group Sessions offered After School, Weekend Mornings and Saturday Evenings. Offering social opportunities, community access, emotional and sensory regulation, structured sensory activities and respite for families.



From \$125 per Session

School Holiday Program

Full or Half Day group sessions for Primary School aged children, including supervised play in our sensory gym, structured activities and classes and social games and meal times.

From \$125 per Session



Parties & Events*

Our range of party packages are for groups of up to 20 children, with exclusive use of the facility.

Packages from \$450



NDIS INFO

As an NDIS Registered Provider we provide community access and group activities that are eligible for funding use under CB or CORE Community Participation or Group Activity Funding. WRTS Gyms can provide participants with a quote and info pack to take to planning meetings.

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REGISTERED PROVIDER

We Rock The Spectrum®
KIDS GYM
For All Kids - Berwick



We Rock the Spectrum – Berwick
Bookings essential via: werockthespectrumberwick.com.au
Ph. 7065 6444 e.info@werockthespectrumberwick.com.au
12 Keira Street, Clyde North VIC

ALL BELEZA RETAIL STORES Will be closed for first week of School Holidays

- All Retail Stores will close at **2pm on Friday 20th of September**
- Stores will be closed from **Saturday 21st of September to Sunday 29th of September**
- All Stores will resume regular trading days & hours from **Monday 30th of September**

Shop online at beleza.com.au/online-store

Tips for Planning a Healthy Lunch Box



Prepare school lunches the night before; it gives you time to talk about the foods you're including and makes the morning routine quicker. Give it a go!



Plan family dinners for the entire week and do one big grocery shop at the start of the week; it's cheaper than going to the supermarket every night to buy ingredients for dinner.



Avoid packing sugary drinks in your child's lunch box (juice, cordial, flavoured milk or soft drink) as these contain too much sugar which is not good for teeth or for your child's health.



Look after the environment; pack sandwiches and other items in reusable containers. This requires less packaging and creates less rubbish.



Water is the best drink for your child. Encourage your child to drink a whole bottle during the day. They need to stay hydrated so they can focus and learn in class.



Try and buy fresh fruit and vegetables in season; they will be better quality and cheaper than out-of-season produce.



Remember to involve your children. Take them shopping and let them help choose fruits and vegetables for their lunchbox. Let them help prepare and pack their own school lunchbox.