



"Learning Together"



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 25th February—District Swimming carnival

Monday 1st March—Drouin South PS Athletics Day (back-up day 2nd March)

Wednesday 3rd March—Division Swimming Carnival

Thursday 4th March—School Photos Day

Monday 8th March—Labour Day Weekend (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 23rd March—District Athletics Carnival

Dear Parents and Families

Welcome back to Drouin South Primary School for the start of a brand new year. We faced some interesting challenges with COVID 19 and remote learning last year. It was certainly an experience that none of us were expecting to have to face. We are hoping that this year will bring a much more settled year at school where we can bring our community back together to share in the learning experience.



CLASSES and TEACHERS 2021

Prep	Mrs Eden de Robillard
Grade 1	Mrs Melissa Swan (Miss Saario)
Grade 2	Ms Kerrin Schelfhout (Mon,Tue), Mr Ashley Hallihan (Wed,Thurs,Fri)
Grade 3/4	Ms Anna Nauta
Grade 4/5	Mr Denby Moore (Mon, Tue,Wed), Mrs Jordan Puncher (Thur,Fri)
Grade 5/6	Mrs Belinda Moore
PE	Mr Denby Moore (Thur,Fri)
The Arts	Ms Kerrin Schelfhout (Wed, Thur, Fri)
Tutoring-Catch-Up	Mrs Adelle Phillips (Mon, Tues, Wed)

SHORT SNIPPETS

- Welcome to all of our new families in Prep and other year levels. We are sure you will all soon feel a part of the school community and encourage you to ask questions, meet other parents and meet our staff members!
- We welcome two new teaching staff this year to Drouin South Primary School. Eden de Robillard is our new Prep teacher this year following her time as a placement teacher here in 2020. We also welcome Ashley Hallihan who joins us this year from his previous position at Trafalgar Primary School. Ash will be teaching Grade 2 from Wednesdays to Fridays. We are excited to be working with both Ash and Eden this year.
- Congratulations to Melissa Saario who was married on during the Christmas holidays! Melissa will now be known to students and families as Mrs Swan.

CLASS DOJO

Class Dojo will continue to be a main method of communication between teachers and parents throughout the year. Please make sure you have access to Class Dojo. If you are unsure about how to join, please contact your child's class teacher through the office on 5627 6286.



COVID News

Schools still have a number of guidelines that will be followed during Term 1. These are as follows:

- Parents can enter school grounds, however, are required to maintain 1.5 metre social distancing at all times. A face mask should be worn if 1.5metres cannot be maintained.
- Students are not required to wear masks in primary school.
- Teachers are not required to wear masks unless where they are in a situation where social distancing with other adults is not possible.
- Hand hygiene will be practised throughout the day. This includes hand-washing and use of sanitiser.
- Our school cleaners will be providing extra cleaning and sanitation after each school day for high touch areas.

BOOK PACKS AND PARENT PAYMENTS

Thank you to all parents who have been able to make payments for school supplies. If you have not yet made payment or need to discuss arrangements, please contact Louise in the office on 5627 6286.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

This year our Chaplain, Bec, will be at school on Mondays and Fridays. It can sometimes be hard to get her on the phone but If you need to discuss any issues regarding your child, you can also leave a message and she will ring back. We are happy to hear about any concerns you might be having.

PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING—FROM FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Starting Friday ' mornings on 5th of February Parents' coffee morning. 9am-10am

Come join us for a coffee/tea once you drop off the kids and catch up with our Chaplain Bec.

There are things for any young ones to play with while you relax.

Location is the Parents room! (If you're not sure just ask at the office)



BREAKFAST CLUB—FROM MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Breakfast Club will be commencing for 2021 On Mondays from Feb 8th onwards. 8.30am until 8.55am. Any donations of Long-life milk or Milo will be gratefully accepted. Any parents wanting to become involved can contact our Chaplain Bec at school on 5627 6286.

HATS, DRINK BOTTLES AND NAMES ON ITEMS

As a Sun-Smart School, all students are required to wear a hat whilst outside between September and April each year. Students that don't wear a hat are required to play in the undercover area at recess and lunch times. 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!



Michael Smith (Principal)

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