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Save the environment!
Did you know that you can have Snippets emailed to you? Visit the school website and follow the prompts.

Donvale Primary School provides students with a positive educational experience to achieve their potential in a comprehensive learning environment that is caring, secure and stimulating.

WEEKLY DIARY

**Friday 29th April**
- 9/10 year olds Cross Country Trials

**Monday 2nd May**
- 8.30am-9.30am: Uniform Shop open
  After school: 2nd Hand Uniform (call in at the office)
- Viva Soccer Program (after school)

**Tuesday 3rd May**
- Level 4 Excursion to Imax and Aquarium

**Wednesday 4th May**
- Level 1 Excursion to Chesterfield farm
- 3.00-4.00: Uniform Shop open
- 7.00pm: School Readiness Evening

**Thursday 5th May**
- Student Banking Day
- Level 3 Hands On Science Incursion
- 3.30-4.30: Hockey Program run by Year 10 Blackburn High students

**Friday 6th May**
- Mother’s Day stall

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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A Very important Invite

Seems a long way away BUT... the excitement will build and it will come around very quickly. We are now taking enrolments for next year, so could all current families who have siblings beginning Prep in 2012, please call in at the office and see Ricarda or Wendy for an enrolment form. You can also obtain an electronic copy to complete on our school website. www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au.

Could I encourage all our families to approach friends and neighbours who have littlies who are commencing school in 2012, to personally invite them to give us a ring on 9842 3373 to arrange a personal tour with me. Also invite the prospective parents to come along on OPEN DAY, TUESDAY 17th MAY to have a look at our school in operation.

Reminder: “We all need to be proactive and positive to make our school grow.”

Important initiative

As you are aware, we are very serious about maximising your child’s learning time. Therefore we are making a big effort to reinforce the quality of punctuality and absenteeism. We have already made a concerted effort to improve in this area, and would ask that you as parents support us fully in this drive.

· Your child should be at school between 8:45am and 8:55am each day to allow them to commence their day, relaxed, fully informed and ready to utilise the best learning time of the day to its maximum.

· If your child arrives at school after the bell (9:00am), they MUST call at the office to collect a late slip. This is then provided to the teacher on entering the room. I have instructed all teachers to reinforce this procedure by insisting on the provision of the signed late slip. This is also important as the class rolls will have been marked and for safety reasons and accountability, we need to know if your child is at school and when they arrived.

· To reinforce punctuality after recess and lunch play, students who are late to class must go to the office and collect a late pass, which is then presented to their teacher to explain why they are late. In most cases this tardiness will reflect a choice your child has made between being in class on time or another choice. Coming in late to class is not in your child's best educational interest, so we are working hard to encourage each student to be on time and therefore get best possible use of their time at school.

· The number of times late to class will be indicated on the child’s June & December reports to inform you as parents of the punctuality of your child.

· I will be analysing the absence and lateness data on a monthly basis and will be following up via letters and phone calls if I consider it necessary to gain clarification.

Staff and Parent modelling and support, play a critical role in developing and reinforcing the characteristic of punctuality and I would urge all involved to make the effort over the remainder of the year, for the students’ sake.

I look forward to your continued support in this important initiative. Please do not just disregard this matter as it is in everyone’s best interest that we work hard to improve in this regard. For those who are late very infrequently or never, this matter is not an issue.

I wish you all a great, enjoyable and productive week.

GARRY BRIGGS
General News

**Fruit Next Week:**
1P/1S

**School Readiness Evening**
On Wednesday 4th May Donvale Primary is hosting a School Readiness Evening with Shona Bass as the guest speaker. Shona is a fascinating speaker and is highly qualified in Early Childhood development. If you or someone you know would be interested, please feel free to come along. For more information, see the flyer attached to Snippets.

**Missing**

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**Education Week**

Week 4 of term 2 (16-20th May) is Education Week! Part of this special week is open day and night on Tuesday 17th May. We hope you will all come along and support your children and the school and see what exciting things we have been doing! There will be lots of fabulous displays, fun activities and music. The lip sync finalists at each level will also be performing. Please bring along family and friends and help to celebrate our wonderful school. Look out for more details to follow early in term 2!
Welcome back everyone to Term 2.

Cross Country - Our 11 and 12 year olds competed in our trials today and the 9/10 year olds will compete tomorrow in their trials. Up to 10 children in each age group (boys/girls) can be chosen to represent our school in the District Cross Country on Thursday 19th May. Regular training before school will begin next week with Mr Briggs. 9/10 Year olds run 2km while the 11 year olds run 3km at the District level.

Viva Soccer Program - Begins next Monday 2nd May at school beginning at 3.30 for those children who have registered (this is an 8 session program). Parents may still enrol children (see Mr Pianta) or visit the program at school on Monday.

After School Hockey Program - Begins on Thursday 5th May at 3.30 for those children registered (Levels 3 and 4). Remember mouth guards are recommended to be worn. The program ends on Thursday 26th May with a Hockey Gala Day on Monday 30th May.

Level 4 Summer Sport results
Cricket: 3 wins, 2 losses
Bat Tennis: 5 wins, 3 losses
Mixed Basketball: 6 wins, 1 loss
Girls Basketball: 4 wins, 3 losses
Rounders: 9 wins, 0 losses
Mixed Softball: 8 wins, 2 losses
Girls Softball: 6 wins, 1 loss
Well done to all the children involved and thanks to the Level 4 teachers and support staff for their assistance.

Term 2 Level 4 Sport - Will consist of children developing skills and rules and playing either Netball, T-Ball, Football and Soccer. The two sport days set aside for these games are June 2nd and June 23rd.

Congratulations to Lev M on his effort (5th) in the final of his 50m freestyle event in the State Championships. Great result Lev.

Phys Ed
Level 1 - Throwing or the ability to propel an object through the air by hand. The children will deal solely with the skills of throwing balls of various sizes in a variety in a variety of ways. (Weeks 1-4)

Level 2 - Striking - to cause a ball to move through the air or along the ground struck by a body part e.g. hand/foot or an implement e.g. bat. A ball can be struck from either side of the body and from a variety of levels. It is a key skill in many games. (Weeks 1-4)

New Winter Menu in Term 2 & 3
A copy of the new Winter Menu went out at the end of last term; this is now valid. Please read and check your ordering as there have been some changes. Extra copies are available from the office.

Homemade Pizza Scrolls
These will be available again from next week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Keep Healthy, Keep Warm!
Angie
Canteen Management Services

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
29th April - 5th May
Tia M, Lachlan S, Madeleine L
STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS

ROUND ROBIN Term 1
CRICKET DAY
BY ADAM BARDRICK

On Thursday 7th April 2011, my team played cricket. I thought my team would do well but my team lost Darcy because he fractured his foot so we had to try our hardest. Unfortunately, we lost all our games. Our first and third games were belters, with both teams doubling our score. They were Doncaster Gardens, pummelling us by 81 runs (146 to 65) and later losing to St. Gregory’s Primary School by a whopping 110 runs! One of the balls we bowled was cost 12 runs! (When you hit in the double runs zone, it is twice the runs you get. That game was 214 to 104). In the second game we lost to Templestowne Valley by 43 runs (115 to 72) and I was captain for that game. Overall, we did OK with our efforts and we won two games and lost four.

Rounders sports report!
By the team!

Victoria was our last batter. All bases were loaded. Pressure was on her. As the ball came whoooshing past her, but unfortunately she, she, she MISSED! “Strike 1!” a girl from the opposite team yelled out. “YES!” as the team chanted out with all their strength, the ball came zooming toward Victoria. She hit it with all of her might; it flew up into the air and landed all the way into the middle of another game! Victoria ran and ran again, “Tamica home, Gabby home, Celina home and... VICTORIA HOME!!!!!!!” shouted Miss Henderson with glee. As we went up to shake the other teams hands, every one crowded around Victoria. Celina and Pearl were doing a little jig for Victoria. It was hilarious! After that every one was really exhilarated. What a fantastic day of rounders!

Rounders
Victory is ours!!! We won all of our matches yet again. It all happened on Thursday, the 7th of April.
The games we won convincingly against were:
DGPS Blue, DGPS Jade and St Gregs C.
The time that we didn’t win by much was with Temp V. And it was Donvale 6 and Temp V 3 so we still won by few runs.
Quote by the team: in order to achieve our dream we must work as a team.

Victoria G

On Thursday the 31st of March the grade 5 and 6’s had interschool sports. It was a very fun day. I played Bat tennis. My partner was Michael. Together we won 3 games and lost 1. Overall our school played 5 rounds with five games in each. Our school won 2 out of 5 rounds. Our schools best game was against Donburn. We won that round round 22 to 9.
By Corey McNaughton 4R

Softball!!!
On the 31st of March and we had the inter school sport round robin about 23 people went to Ajani reserve. The first game was on at 9:45 we defeated St Annes by 5 points 6-1 with a fantastic effort from everyone. The second game was at 10:30 and it was a bye for Donvale.
The third game was at 11:15 and we defeated Doncaster Gardens Primary School blue by 10 points 11-1 with a massive gulp but the time ran out we all played a wonderful game.
At 12:30 the mixed team played Doncaster we lost 12-4 but we still did well despite the score.
StGreggs gold played us and we lost 5-3 so at the end of the day we all played a stunning game.
D.P.S mixed team!

Interschool sports bat tennis
Becky and I played bat tennis and we had great fun!
For the first game we were played against Donburn and won 6 – 0.
For the second game Donvale played St Annies and but Chloe and I didn’t play that round.
For the third round we played St Gregs Brown but we lost 2 – 6.
For the 4th round we played St Gregs Gold and we lost 6-0. For the 5th round we played Doncaster and won 6 – 2.
But all together Chloe and I won 3 games and lost 2 games but we still had heaps of fun!!

Girls Rounders
What a sizzling start to the girl’s rounders.
This great moment took place on Tuesday the 31st of March. We won all five of our matches and these are the scores...
1st game: Donvale vs. Donburn - 16 to 0
2nd game: D.P.S vs. St. Anne’s - 13 to 11
3rd game: D.P.S vs. St. Greg’s A - 10 to 9
4th game: D.P.S vs. St. Greg’s B - 15 to 1
5th game: D.P.S vs. Doncaster Gardens – 15 to 2
We played really well as a team and encouraged each other in every game. And we would just like to say a special thanks to Mrs. Clarke for filling in and to Miss. Henderson for preparing us for this day.
By Victoria, Tamica and the team.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

**CARE CONNECT** - Information Night Tuesday 14th June 7-9pm at Dorset Gardens Hotel Croydon. “Imagine having asperger’s syndrome, a first consultation” by Dr Richard Eisenmajer.

**BLACK TAEKWONDO** - Classes at Maroondah Indoor Sports Centre, Ringwood. For beginners to advanced.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED STUDENTS** - Victoria’s selective entry high schools provide an educationally enriched environment for academically gifted students. There are 4 selective entry high schools.

**OXLEY COLLEGE** - Open Day Saturday May 14th from 11am to 3.30pm.

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**The Travel Store has moved!**

**New address:** Shop 18, Devon Plaza 958-978 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East, 3109.

**Phone:** 9842 1222
**Fax:** 9841 9444
**Email:** book@thetravelstore.com.au

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**ZUMBA® FITNESS**

Come and Join the millions of people who believe that having fun and working out come hand in hand. Zumba is great for the body and mind!

Tuesday and Thursday (7-8pm)
Donvale Primary School
Eleta Street, Donvale
Learn about the wonderful and dynamic earth we inhabit. Natural disasters can be predicted to some extent. Could nuclear testing cause earthquakes and tsunamis? What about mining for oil and gas under the sea? How are people responsible in dealing with nature? Includes the earth’s composition; Plate theory & continental drift; earthquakes; landslides & avalanches; tsunamis; volcanoes; the ring of fire.

**WiseOnes Application for 2nd Term, 2011.**
This program is available for all children Grade 1-6 who have qualified for WiseOnes.

*The unit for first term commences week beginning Monday, 9th May, 2011.*

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Terrifying Earth" starting week beginning Monday, 9th May, 2011. I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name _____________________________ School: ____________________________

Date of Birth __________________ Class (2011) _________

Parents' Names ________________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

Phone: BH _______________ AH _______________ Mobile ___________________

Email: ________________________________________________

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES NO

I would like a free test for my child to qualify for WiseOnes YES NO

I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $110 inc GST). YES NO

**Please send this slip and payment of $206.00 on Thursday, 5th May, 2011. As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.**

If paying by cheque please make it payable to Donvale Primary School.

*For further information, please contact Pat Truscott on 9326 6441; Mobile: 0407 313 657.*
# Donvale Primary School
## Winter 2011 Uniform Order

**Date:**

**Student Name:**

**Grade:**

### Girls winter uniform
- Tunic or skirt with gold skivvy or gold long sleeve gold polo with school logo
- Green tights
- Bootleg or track pants – school regulation green
- Bomber jacket or windcheater with school logo

### Boys winter uniform
- Track pants – school regulation green
- Long sleeve gold polo with school logo or gold skivvy
- Bomber jacket or windcheater with school logo

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C=Child fit A= Adult fit

All Prices include GST

**Total Cost:** $_

- **Cash**
- **Credit**

**Sorry cheques are not accepted**

Card Number:

Card Holder's Name:........................... Card Holder’s Signature

Expiry date: ____ / ____

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- Orders can be placed at the office, payment via the office is credit card or cash only
- Monday afternoon the garments will be sent home with your child
- Winter garments can purchased directly from the shop in term 2 & 3
- The shop is open every Monday morning 8.30am to 9.30am and the first Wednesday afternoon of the month 3.00pm to 4.00pm