**Sensational... And thanks...**

Congratulations to all of our wonderful school community who celebrated and supported the school in so many ways on our Open Day. Our open day/evening was a great success with families taking the opportunity to come along and see all the great things your children are doing. The day and evening provided a chance to show the myriad of learning opportunities available and being taken up by our students. It also provided a great platform to show prospective families what we can offer them in 2012.
Special thanks to all the parents who were hosts of tours throughout the day and the student leaders who also hosted at various times. The great feel and celebrations make us very proud to be working with your children.

School Council report from last night’s meeting

All members present.
The following items were discussed.

- Guidelines for minute taking - development of a consistent model to streamline minute taking.
- Website update - Discussed progress and great outcome.
- Action plans for 2011 from sub-committees were tabled.
- DPS privacy policy was ratified.
- Reports from our 8 sub-committees were passed.
- Presentation of 2011 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) was tabled. Discussed at next meeting.
- Education week Review - discussed positives of 2011 program and improvements for 2012.
- Discussed the process for advertising the vacant Assistant Principal position. Nominations for School Council representative on panel. Process explained.
- During Term 2 Holidays we will be hosting the OSHClub Holiday Program at DPS as Blackburn PS is unavailable.

NSW University Academic tests

Commencing next week, a number of students will be sitting the New South Wales University tests. These are optional academic tests which these families have registered for. They will be conducted under academic test conditions supervised by DPS staff. Practise tests have been distributed. If you require further information please chat to either Mrs Signorini or Mr Mc Kinlay. The tests are graded according to students’ grade level.

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We wish all students sitting the Exams, all the best.

Special Thanks this week to:

- All the families who made the effort to come to our Working Bee last Sunday. Twenty families were represented and staff. Many jobs were completed an school looks a “treat”.
- Liang Dimitroff who ran a cake creation session on Tuesday. This is the beginning of a “Junior Masterchef” program at DPS with lots of fun to come.

NEXT MEETING is at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15th June.
Following parents who were outstanding tour guides on Tuesday: James Clarke, Marita Warner, Brad Wolff, Charmaine Neale, Kathryn Soterales, Kylie Glover, Sarah Costigan, Brenda Tierney, and Loula Taranedes.

Thanks to the Dann & Negri families for providing fish for our fish tank in the foyer. They all seem very happy swimming around.

GARRY BRIGGS

The Assistant Principal

Strong student voice:
Trying to remember my favourite moments from the tours I was involved in during Open Day was easy, there were just so many. Seeing the school again through the eyes of someone new gives you a greater appreciation of all the great things we have to offer at Donvale P.S. While working our way through the school our visitors were obviously taken with the friendliness of the teachers and ES staff and the spacious classrooms where happy, engaged students went about their learning tasks. A special tour for me was with Kaitlyn Elliot who was a wonderful ambassador for our school. As we went tag team on the tour I would often throw to Kaitlyn about an aspect of the school and she would smoothly nail it every time. And while she did I could see by the expression on our visitor’s face that she was taking in more than just the words Kaitlyn was speaking. Kaitlyn was not alone in this regard. Over the day and night all our students were the stars of the show. Whether they were busking, singing in a choir, playing in the marimba or recorder band, performing in Lipsync or simply being a happy Donvale student going about their business with enthusiasm, they all had a huge say in the impression our visitor’s left with.

Ian McKinlay

REMINDERS

TERM 2 BULK BILLING - Statements were sent home to families that still have not paid Term 2 Bulk Billing. Level 4, Level 2 and Level 1 gymnastics are starting next week. Level 4 have Hooptime on the 27th May. All Bulk Billing should have been finalised by the end of April. Payment is a requirement for the student to attend excursions and incursions.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER - Letters were sent home last week to families that have not paid or returned unsold chocolates. Please send money or unsold chocolates to the office.

Thank you.

PARENT CYBER SAFETY INFO NIGHT

Please put in your diary - Wednesday 1st June at 7.30pm at Donvale Primary School. Cyber Safety Information Session for parents presented by a representative of the Australian Federal Police.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE SUNDAY 15TH MAY

What a Fantastic job! A very big thank you to all the parents and children who turned up on a cold day last Sunday. The school certainly looked great for our open day on Tuesday, it is a credit to all who helped. Garden beds weeded and mulched, pathways cleared and repacked. Lawns mowed and edges whipper snipped. Post and rails removed from the senior side. A start was made on the new dry garden at the front of the School, A big thank you to Hayden Shimmen for the volcanic rocks around the edges. On a cold day we had a good turn out of approx 21 Adults and 18 Children who obviously had a fun time making our school look great.

We thank the following parents and children. Apologies to any one missed out: Murray and Kate Gerraty, Craig Yeoman, Garry Briggs, Ian McKinlay, Marina and Emily Younger, Brad and Stephanie Wolff, Adelina, Jessica and Ricardo Guerra, John and Luanda Pianta, Gary Wolf, Mark Sinclair, James and Rebecca Clarke, The Bourkes, Jason Ehlerl, Jo Wood, Surjati Widjaja, Kylie Glover, Marita Warner, David MacDonald, David and Nicola Leyh. Again we would like to thank David Frigo for supplying the skips.

A big thank you to the Parent’s Association who once again organised our fabulous BBQ lunch. The School looks great and is a credit to the parents who put themselves out to help maintain our great school.

Brad Wolff - Resources Committee

FRUIT NEXT WEEK: 2J

Have a wonderful week

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
School photos were sent home last week. If you have not received your photos or if you have any queries, please contact SchoolPix direct on 1300 766 055.

**Group Photos** - Personalised pre-paid envelopes were also sent home with students who were in group photos. The group photos are on display in the foyer outside the office. Please send these envelopes to school by **Friday 27th May** if you wish to order. Please note: Delivery will take 3-4 weeks from receipt of order.

**LOST**
Bottle green, named Target coat with hood (size 8). Please return to Elise Harrison in 2S.

**GREEN BAGS**
Help in the battle against plastic bags and promote our great school at the same time! Bags are $2. Send in your order form via the classroom or ask at the office.

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**DONVALE JUNIOR CHEF**
Wow... the children decorated 7 dozen cupcakes. Also, they served them politely to our school visitors. Well done to all our future chefs.

Thank you to the “Go Family” in Indonesia for donating 24 children’s cooking aprons. Also thanks to Martin for helping in the club. A big thank you to Andrew (1P0), Maggie (2S), Nash (2CM), Mitchell (3W), Lachlan (3SG), Thomas (4P) and Caitlin (4G) for all their effort.

Stacey and I will visit every class next week and introduce ourselves and also explain what DJC is about. At this stage we will be only taking Level 3 and 4. Level 1 and 2 will be later on this year. We will give them expression of interest forms. So if your child (children) are interested in this program, please return the form to the school.

We don’t cook, we create food.

*Liang Dimitroff*

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**C.R.E.**
Christian Religious Education

In CRE the level 4s have been learning about Kingdom Values, understanding that values are the qualities in a person’s character that motivates a person to do the things they do. Kingdom Values are qualities God values in those who are His followers. God wants his followers to be concerned with those around them, showing kindness and generosity to all, knowing that He is pleased with such behaviour. Random Acts of Kindness, Don’t Worry and Living the Life are the three Kingdom Values the students have learnt about so far.

The students have been encouraged to think about what motivates them to do good things for others and have been challenged to do ‘good’ to others for their good, rather than for some reward. They have been asked to compare Jesus’ teaching concerning worry with the modern slogan, “Don’t worry, be happy”. And have been asked to reflect on the positive effect our choices can have on the lives of those around us.

Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

*Matthew 5:16*

Have a great week!

*Shirley Mantfeld*
CRE Teacher

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**STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS**

5-a-Side Soccer Round Robin Day

On Wednesday the 18th of May, Donvale sent out 6 teams to play soccer at Andersen’s park. There were 2 girl teams 2 Boy teams and 2 mixed teams. Our bus left at 9:30pm and when we got there we all received our coloured bibs. Then we went on the field and sat down to listen to the rules. There was 5 rounds during the day and in between the games we had Girls and Boys juggling comps and Girls and Boys penalty shootout. In my team there was Aleisha H, Stephanie V, Stephanie K, Angelina T and Tahlia S. Out of the 5 rounds we won 3. We had a great day out.

*By Ruby Browne 3W*
Kids buddy up for Ultranet training

One Melbourne school is using a buddy program to bring Prep students onto the Ultranet.

THE OLDEST kids on the block are leading the littles by the hand when it comes to using the Ultranet at Donvale Primary School. Lead user Rick Gordon, together with level 1 and level 4 teachers, have been working with pairs of Year 6 and Prep students to help bring the Preps on to the Ultranet.

The Ultranet was introduced to students with a simple learning task that the buddy pairs received, completed together and submitted back to the teacher. First, the Year 6 students helped the Preps to use their new password to log into the system. Then, they had a task to create a profile about themselves which included photos, words and images talking about the things the Prep students like.

Working together with their Year 6 buddies, the Preps completed the task and submitted their profiles to the teacher through the Ultranet.

“It was absolutely beautiful to see the faces on the Preps as they experienced the Ultranet and the delight in the Year 6 buddy as they helped out,” Mr Gordon said. “The large common area in our new BER building provided the perfect environment for this collaborative task.”

This term the teachers are providing feedback to the students within the Ultranet on the profiles they created. When the parents of the Prep students log into the Ultranet, they will be able to see their child’s profile, the learning task, and the feedback from the teacher. With this simple exercise the teachers at Donvale Primary School are closing the loop of communication between teacher, student and parent.

The teachers at Donvale Primary School dedicated half a day at the start of Term 1 to Ultranet professional learning and the creation of learning tasks that they could assign to students early in the year. The teachers are working towards having at least one learning or reflection item and feedback in the Ultranet for each of the VELS domains, for all students by the end of 2011.

Last year Donvale Primary refocused the existing buddy program, pairing up Year 6 and Prep students to teach specific ICT skills every fortnight. As part of the program the Year 6 students take on a leadership role with their Prep buddy and guide them through VELS Level 1 ICT activities. In addition to forging new relationships, the students learn from and with each other as they work through specific activities.
Parents Association News!

BIGGEST MORNING TEA 2011

Thursday 26th May
10.30am – 12.00pm
In the GP Room

The Parents Association together with the Cancer Council is holding a “Biggest Morning Tea” on Thursday 26th May to help raise money for cancer research in Australia. All families and friends are invited to attend and join in our small raffle to raise extra funds for this great cause.

A small plate of something to share for morning tea would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events

Second Term

Biggest Morning Tea
Thursday 26th May
10.30am – 12.00pm
In the GP Room

Level Four Lunch
Thursday 2nd June
12.00pm
Lime Light Café/Restaurant

Level 2 Morning Tea
Wednesday 8th June
10.30am
Cherry Hill Tavern

Entertainment Books

ONLY ONE COPY LEFT! DON’T MISS OUT!!!!

The Entertainment Books sold really well. Each book is only $65.00, with heaps of savings to be made in every book.

Order forms were sent home last term or additional copies can be collected from the office.

Fill out the details on the form and return to school with payment.

Purchased books will be sent home with your child or can be collected from the office is required.

For Sale!

Donvale Primary School Aprons.
Bottle green with last year’s children’s portraits.
Only $20.00 each

For Sale!

Mars assorted Chocolates.
Mars Bars, Bounties, Maltesers, MandMs, and Caramel Mars.
$3.00 per bar

For Sale!

Billy G’s Cookie Dough in a variety of flavours. Each tub makes approx 50 cookies
$12.00 per tub

Please contact Kathryn at Soterales@optusnet.com.au if you wish to purchase any of the items for sale.
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April 2011
Donvale Primary School
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Doncaster East Vic 3109

To all the staff and students at Donvale Primary,

Thank you for the card. I always love receiving them, it was great to see that all the students signed it.

I really enjoyed my time at the school and was shown many good skills throughout our session together.

I hope the children learnt a thing or two and continue to work on their football and other sporting skills. I am sure there will be some future AFL stars come out of your school, going on the talent I saw.

Keep up the good work and thank you for your support.

Go Pies!

Side By Side,

Nick Maxwell
Collingwood Football Club