Leapfrogs’ certainly leaped!!!!

Last Friday, thirty-two 4 year olds came along to our Leapfrog Program. Mrs Signorini took a very exciting Art activity in our Prep rooms making kites which actually flew. A number of parents and teachers joined me in our BER building conference area for a cuppa. It was a very successful introduction to school life for the young students as well as a great opportunity for the parents to chat and discuss issues and queries from some who already have students at school. Also a chance to realise that we all have been through it and it is a great exciting time.

The remainder of our Term 2 Program is:

**Session 2** – Friday 27th May (2-3pm) **Tomorrow**
- Tadpoles: Art room Mrs Watters
- Frogs: Play Equipment Mr Briggs/Mr Pianta

**Session 3** – Friday 10th June (2-3pm)
- Tadpoles: Play Equipment Mr Briggs/Mr Pianta
- Frogs: Art room Mrs Watters

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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.

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**WEEKLY DIARY**

### Friday 27th May
- 2.15-3.15: Level 2 Gymnastics
- Level 4 Hooptime at Kilsyth Basketball Stadium
- 2.30: Leapfrog Program - Session 2
- Walk Safely To School Day

### Monday 30th May
- Parent’s Association meeting
- 2.15-3.15: Level 4 Group A (4P, 4H) Gymnastics
- Viva Soccer Program

### Tuesday 31st May
- 2.15-3.15: Level 4 Group B (4G, 4R) Gymnastics

### Wednesday 1st June
- 7.30pm: Cybersafety Information Night for parents
- ‘Bake For A Bus’ stall

### Thursday 2nd June
- Student Banking Day
- 2.15-3.15: Level 1 Gymnastics
- Winter Sport Day Level 4

### Friday 3rd June
- 2.15-3.15: Level 2 Gymnastics

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**Session 4** – Friday 24th June (2-3 pm)
- Tadpoles: New Building Mrs Pianta
- Frogs: Music room Mrs Keep

All sessions will commence from our school library. Chance to chat will be offered in our conference room for parents who wish to stay. Children can come to some and not other sessions depending on their availability.
Please make the effort

Once again, we are closely monitoring the lateness of our students and as winter comes along some children seem to come late to school. Could I please urge all families to make a concerted effort to ensure they get their children to school in time to commence classes at 9:00am. It would appear that many of the late students come in between 9:00 - 9:10am. That is 5 -10 minutes late. With only a little rearranging of times all these students could be in ON TIME.

It is important that your children are in class at 9:00am ready to start the day with their classmates. Coming in late causes:

- Increased stress levels for the student.
- A significant interruption to the class.
- The late student misses the opening discussion on the day’s activities.
- For your child’s sake please make that effort to get them here between 8:45am - 8:55am.

2012

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 out the office and see Ricarda or Wendy for an enrolment pack. 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.

Have a fantastic week........

GARRY BRIGGS
LOST PROPERTY
There has been an enormous increase in the number of jumpers, drink bottles and lunch containers in the lost property box. Named articles have been returned to the students. Jumpers without names or names of past students will be given to the second hand uniform shop if not collected by Friday June 3rd. Drink bottles and lunch boxes will be put in the bin.

NB it is your responsibility to name all pieces of your child’s uniform.
Thank you
Karen Murphy

Ultracnet
Many parents have registered on Ultranet, and have been able to access some limited information about their students here at Donvale. If any of you are having trouble logging on the Ultranet, it could be for a number of reasons. Security is very tight, so the temporary password expires after 30 days. If yours has expired, please see Ricarda at the office, or send a note or email to request a new one. Please note, when you change your password, it can take 24 – 48 hours to become active. If you try to log on with incorrect details three times, it will block the account and it will need to be reset. You can do this yourself by clicking on the link on the Ultranet Login page and providing the answers to your secret questions.
If you are having trouble, come to the school after 3.30 Mon – Thurs next week and we might be able to help. If not, email the help desk at ult-net.helpdesk@csg.com.au or call 1300 331 955.

Rick Gordon
ICT Co-ordinator

ThinkUKnow Educational Program
A ThinkUKnow presentation for parents, carers and teachers is scheduled to be delivered in the BER on Wednesday 1st June, commencing at 7.30pm.

The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of the issues facing young people online including:
• Online grooming;
• Inappropriate content - both self-created and accessed;
• Cyber-bullying; and
• Scams, fraud and identity theft.

ThinkUKnow is centred on three key areas: how kids have fun online, how to help them stay in control on the net, and how to report when things go wrong.

The presentation will discuss the popular applications used by young people, the risks they may be exposed to and how to minimise these risks, and finally where to report problems. The parents, carers and teachers’ session includes short videos and real life case studies. Fact sheets on the issues outlined above will also be provided and can be downloaded from the ThinkUKnow website, www.thinkuknow.org.au

Rick Gordon
ICT Co-ordinator

From The
Sports Coach

District Cross Country - Congratulations to all the children who competed last week in our District Cross Country. Each child ought to be extremely proud of their own individual effort. A big thanks to all the children who attended morning training sessions with Mr Briggs or myself and the parents who supported our children. Special mention to Julia H, Bridget B, Gabby D, Stuart F, Nick H, John H, Billy Mc and James B who all qualified to compete at the next level (Division) on Wednesday 8th June at Yarra Glen. Good luck.

Gymnastics - Levels 4 and 1 children have completed their first session of gymnastics with Level 2 children doing theirs tomorrow. Thanks to the parents for your support and assistance.

Hooptime (Basketball) - All Level 4 children compete tomorrow in our Annual Hooptime Tournament. Good luck all and enjoy the day. Thanks to Anna L who has supplied extra singlet sets four our children. Parents are most welcome (Kilsyth Basketball Stadium).

Viva Soccer was cancelled last Monday due to the weather. This session will be added onto the end of the program. Viva Soccer is on again next Monday.

The After School Hockey Program concluded today. Due to other commitments last week, this week and next week, we will not participate in the Hockey Gala Day on Monday.

Level 4 Winter Sports - Our first Inter School matches are planned for Thursday 2nd June 9.30-2.30 (Soccer at Rieschieks Reserve), (Netball at Templestowe, cnr Foote St & Anderson St), (Football at Bulleen Park) and T-Ball (Donvale). Football and Soccer children will travel by bus and the Netball teams will use private cars. Please see Mrs Anderson or Mr Pianta if you can assist with transport for the Netballers. Again, all parents are most welcome to support our children.

Walk Safely T School Day is Friday 27th May. Please support this day with your children if possible.

Mr Pianta
This week the preps heard the Lord's prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. We discussed that prayer is talking to God and we can do this anywhere or anytime. Christians believe that God always hears and answers our prayers, maybe not as quickly as we would like or the way we want them to be answered! But he answers in a way that is best for us!

The grades 1/2 heard that God always keeps his promises! They heard the story of Abraham whom God promised would become a great nation; but they had to wait for a very long time until he and his wife Sarah became parents!

They had to wait until Sarah was 90 years old before she had Isaac!

You can read the story of Abraham in Genesis 17 1-22, and 21 1-7.

The verse for the week is taken from the book of Psalms 27;14. 'Be brave and strong and trust in the Lord'.

Have a great week!

God Bless!

Cheryl Shanks.

Music Matters

Senior Choir News

Yesterday the 27 members of the Senior Choir headed up to Tunstall Square to busk! We were trying to raise money for a bus to get us into the National Melbourne Festival of Choirs. The choir performed superbly and created a real buzz in the shopping centre! They were a fantastic example of how wonderful Donvale Primary students are. We are thrilled to announce that we raised over $200 and we hope to raise the rest of the money we need at our Bake Sale next Wednesday.

The choir would like to thank Mr Gordon for his support and to Kerry Gerraty for being the Perfect Pianist!

She is wonderful and we are lucky to have her. We would also like to thank the following parents for transporting choristers and being wonderful audience members - Rachael's mum Narelle, Tyler's dad Adrian, Maddy's mum Kim, Kate's mum Kerry, Rachael's mum Heather, Jamie's dad Grant and Emily's mum Megan.

Mrs Clarke and the Senior Choir

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Canteen

What's On The Menu

Focus Sports Drink

There is a NEW Flavour and it is called “Fruit Fix”.

Pizza Margarita

It is unavailable until further notice. There have been some manufacturing problems. Sorry for the inconvenience. I will inform you when it's available ASAP.

Winter MEAL DEALS

I will be offering a variety of DEALS that will be available from the 6th June. Lookout for next weeks Snippets for more information.

Winter Warmers - Counter Sales

RECESS AND LUNCHTIME

The following items are available for counter sales.

- Pizza Scrolls (Homemade) $1.00 (Tuesday's and Wednesday's ONLY)
- Dim Sims 80c (everyday)
- Muffins (Small/Large) 60c/$1.00 (everyday)
- Hot Chocolate $1.70 (everyday)

Hot Chocolate Offer $2.00 Valid til end of Term 3

Buy a Hot Chocolate and get a mini muffin for 30c.

Keep Healthy, Keep Warm

Angie (cookie)

Canteen Management Services

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C.R.E.

Christian Religious Education

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Vegie Club picked their first produce last Friday, there was a lot of bok choy. So, our club created “Donvale Steamed Dim Sims” using their bok choy. We made nearly 200 dim sims and learned how to do food presentation using coriander and parsley (also from our garden). Well done to our future chefs. The children from both clubs really enjoyed their dim sims. They were very special dim sims as they made them themselves from vegetables that they grew. For the recipe, please check our school website. Also, we had a special visit from the ‘Manningham Leader’ newspaper. Keep looking as we will be featured in it soon.

Many parents have enquired about what type of food donations we want. We accept anything - lemons, lettuce, apples, plain flour, etc. We are focused on creativity, so the children learn how to create food from whatever ingredients that are available.

Thank you to Stacey, Martin and Ms Johnston for helping in the club.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

Parents Association

Upcoming events
Second Term

Level Four Lunch
Thursday 2nd June
12.00pm
Lime Light Café/Restaurant
187-189 Reynolds Road
Doncaster East

Level 2 Morning Tea
Wednesday 8th June
10.00am
Cherry Hill Tavern
352 Blackburn Road
Doncaster East

Notices outlining full details should accompany this newsletter today.

Next Parents Association Meeting
Monday 30th May
9.30am in the library

All parents are encouraged to come along to meet other families within the school, find out what special events are organised for term three, and to see what fundraising ideas are being implemented to help raise funds for our school.
Maths Fun for Everyone

Try this: Triangular patterns

You will need
About 100 black counters
About 100 white counters
If you can’t find any counters, look for glass vase fillers in a discount store

What to do
In this activity, you will make a triangle out of counters. Start by putting a black counter on the ground. This will be the top of your triangle.
Make a row of two black counters underneath the first counter. This should make a small triangle.
For your third row, put a black counter, a white counter and finally a black counter.
For each row afterwards, follow these rules:
Each row will have one more counter than the last row did
Start each row with a black counter
If there are two black counters directly above your counter, make it a white one
If there is one black and one white counter above your counter, make it a black one
If there are two white counters above your counter, make it a white one
End each row with a black counter
If you keep following these rules, eventually a pattern will emerge!

What’s happening?
The shape that you make in this activity appears very complicated. There are many patterns in the colours, with repeating triangles and arrangements of dots. Although it has a lot of patterns in the shapes, it all comes from only a few simple rules.
As you made the triangle line by line, you might have noticed other patterns too. The seventh row alternates between black and white counters – in this case black, white, black, white, black, white, black. The next row is all black, and the row after that is almost all white, with just one black counter on each end. This pattern involving three rows repeats through the triangle too, first turning up in the third row, and appearing again in the fifteenth.

Applications
There are many different ways of making complicated patterns using simple rules. A lot of them create striking patterns such as this one. Some of them make patterns that look like living things. For example, you can come up with a pretty good picture of a tree using some simple rules:
Start with a stalk (a line coming out of the ground)
The end of every stalk (line) grows three new stalks (lines)
If you start out with long stalks and add shorter and shorter stalks, these rules make a reasonable looking tree. However, the tree might get a bit messy after branching off several times, as it ends up growing a very large number of branches.
If all trees followed these rules, then they would all look very similar, but real trees, even of the same species, can look wildly different. When a tree is growing, some branches will get eaten, or will die because they don’t get sunlight, while others get a lot of sun and are more successful. Little changes like these can cause a huge variety in the shape of trees.

More information
Lots of different ways to make the triangle pattern http://www.zeuscat.com/andrew/chaos/sierpinski.html

Hope you enjoy this activity – Luanda Pianta
## Donvale Primary School – Uniform Order Form

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Grade: 

All orders placed via the office must be paid cash or credit card only

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**Special prices have limited stock  C=Child fit  A= Adult fit  All Prices include GST

**Total Cost $**

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

Sorry cheques are not accepted

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Card Holder’s Signature

Expiry date: ___ / ___

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**Receipt for Uniform Purchases**

Date: / / 

TOTAL Including GST: $

Shop open Monday 8.30am to 9.30am
First Wednesday of the month 3.00pm to 4pm
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

27th May - 2nd June
Matthew B, Calvin C, Maddy T, Joey A, Alexzondra N, Lucy C, Eboni M

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Parents - Mrs Clarke and Mrs Gerraty performing at 8pm

The ability of 10-year-olds to perform sit-ups, grip objects and hold their own weight decreased in comparative studies in England in 1988 and 1998. The study also found that children's body mass index had not changed, meaning that, “pound for pound, they’re weaker and probably carrying more fat.” Associate Prof Jeff Walkley from RMIT’s school of health sciences said the UK study reinforced global trends. "Worldwide, kids are less able to undertake physical tasks than they were in the past," he said.

At the extreme end, kids are just physically incapable of doing things like walking upstairs. Children are being driven everywhere . . . doing less physically challenging things, and spending more time in front of the television and using social media. "Inactivity has never been a problem in the Walsh household.

Walsh said her sons — football fanatics Sam, 10, Henry, 8, and Tommy, 4 — find any excuse to play outside.

"We have to call them in just to eat," she said. "They love any sport, and they’re really self-sufficient. Being fit and active is really important in our family."