Great term everybody

Congratulations to all our students on a fantastic term of successful learning. All our students have applied themselves to the learning tasks and worked very hard at making their time use, effective, productive and successful.

Some of the highlights this term have been:
- Senior Choir performances and workshop at Federation Square.
- Marimba Band performances at many of our local Pre-schools.
- Level 3 Science program.
- Level 1 visit to the farm.
- JSC visit to Manningham Council Chambers.
- Donvale Junior School Chef program introduced across all levels.
- Very successful Leapfrog program for new schoolies.
- Uptake of the Ultranet by our students.
- Fantastic update of our School Website. Check it out at www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au
- Introduction of live animals to grades - rabbits, chickens, dog visits.
- Very successful Education Week’s Open Day.
- Playgroup expansion.
- PA successful Mothers Day stall.

All the very best

Mrs Signorini, our much loved Level 1 teacher is leaving tomorrow on confinement leave. She is due to have her baby on 22nd August. Bec will be a wonderful Mum and we all look forward to keeping in touch with her as she goes through this exciting and rewarding time. On behalf of all members of our school Community, I wish Bec and Anthony all the very best and get plenty of sleep now. A majority of Staff are backing a boy, but there is some support for a girl!!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Reminders:

- School finishes at 2:30pm tomorrow.
- School returns on Monday 18th July at 9:00am.
- Please use our school grounds over the holidays, BUT children MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times. They must wear a helmet if they are riding bikes or skateboards at school.

School Holidays are upon us ... again

- Could I encourage all local families to utilise the school precinct over the term holidays to:
  - Walk the dog (please ensure you clean up after the woofers)
  - Come up and spend some time playing basketball, footy or soccer with your child.
  - Meet another family up here and have a picnic lunch.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:

1. Children MUST be supervised by an adult at all times while in the yard. DO NOT send your child to play at school without adult supervision.
2. Do not get up on the roof or sails under any circumstances.

- Bulk Billing is due to be paid by the end of the FIRST week of Term 3 as some levels have excursions soon after returning to school.
- Encourage any 2012 Prep student families to enrol ASAP for next year.
- Term 3 Curriculum Day is on Monday 22nd August. OSHClub will be running a whole day program if enough families wish to utilise it. See Sarah ASAP if you think you are interested in booking your child in.
- Check lost property for misplaced items of clothing. There is an amazing range of great uniform unnamed.

Have a great, safe and relaxing Term 2 holiday in preparation for a busy and exciting Term 3 (including our whole school production at the end of the term).

GARRY BRIGGS

The Assistant Principal

Portfolios:
Last Friday your child would have brought home their portfolio containing pieces of work across all areas of the curriculum. Having a collection of these pieces offers an excellent insight to your child’s achievements and supports and enriches the comments and progression points in the formal school report. It is also a great opportunity for our students to discuss their pieces of work with parents and relatives. In our Level 4 parent/teacher interviews the students presented their portfolio in a three way conference setting. In presenting three separate pieces of work they were invited to comment on, what they felt they had learnt, where they saw the need to improve and what it was that made that work so special to them. This process allows our students to take pride in and ownership of their work. It also develops confidence in their speaking and listening skills, their ability to think on their feet and to reflect on their progress.

We hope you have enjoyed sharing your children’s achievements with them and their teachers over the past week. Have a great term 2 break.

Ian McKinlay

General News

Light, Camera, Action! – Whole School Production 2011
Put the following dates in your diary and on your calendars for the production
- Monday 19th Sept (All day tech rehearsal)
- Tuesday 20th Sept and Wednesday 21st Sept (7.30 pm Performances)

Each class has combined with one other class, and will produce a segment which will form a tribute to the greatest kid’s musical movies of all time!
- Preps – The Blues Brothers (Sanitised version)
- 2S & 2CM – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- 2J & 3SG – The Wizard of Oz
- 3W & 3PH – Mary Poppins
- 4R & 4P – The Jungle Book
- 4G & 4H – Grease
If you are able to help with any resources, costumes, props etc, please let your class teachers know.

Rick Gordon
for the Production Committee

Cybersafety – Say No to Cyberbullying!
Cyberbullying has been in the news and featured on Channel Nine’s ‘60 Minutes’ this week. It occurs when the internet, email or mobile phones are used to deliberately and repeatedly engage in hostile behaviour to harm someone. Unfortunately, it seems that people think that they can do and say things on the internet that they would never do or say in real life, thinking that they are somehow anonymous when using this type of medium. That is certainly not the case, and the impact on the victim can be devastating.
We have commenced a Cybersafety Awareness program at Donvale, commencing with a dramatic performance for Level Four students, and a parent information night run by the Federal Police. We have booked a student information session for Level Four students early next term, and have been accepted into the eSmart Cybersafety program run by the Alanna and Madeleine Foundation. You should have received the CyberSmart Guide for Families a couple of weeks ago, and today we are sending home the first brochure in the CyberSmart series called ‘Say No to Cyber Bullying’. We see this as an important partnership between school and home, so please read the brochure together with your child, particularly the Tips for Parents, and the Tips for Kids and Teens.
If you have any concerns about any behaviour in cyberspace that affects your child, please speak with their teacher, or someone in leadership at the school.

Rick Gordon
From The Sports Coach

Round Robin Sports Day (Winter) was last Thursday. At the moment I can announce that our Girls Tee-Ball team are District Champions and will progress through to the next level of competition in Semester 2. Congratulations Girls, well done. We are still waiting on other results due to unfinished games on the day.

Term 2 Snap Shot:
School Cross Country Trials
District Cross Country
Division Cross Country
Regional Cross Country
Viva Soccer Program
Blackburn High School Hockey Program
5-A-Side Soccer Gala Day (Level 3)
Gymnastics (Levels 4, 2 and 1)
Hooptime (Level 4)
Walk Safely To School Day
Winter Sport Days (Level 4)
A very big thanks to the many parents who have assisted and supported our programs this term.

Term 3
The main focus will be Athletics with the District Athletics on September 22nd. Level 3 children will be involved in their Gymnastic Program.

Thank you and goodbye for now...
I don’t really know where to begin to say thank you for such a special week. Sharing this special time with the Donvale school community has been amazing and I have been overwhelmed (and a little embarrassed!) at all the fuss. The remake of the well-known Justin Bieber classic at Monday morning’s assembly was certainly a highlight. Thank you to all that were involved in putting that together, especially the children who practiced all weekend to learn the words (sorry to the parents who are thoroughly sick of my name!). It was a moment in my teaching career that I will treasure forever.
But, it has also been all the kind words of encouragement, best wishes and beautiful gifts that have completely blown me away. I know I said it on Monday at assembly but Donvale Primary School is an exceptional community to be a part of and I am so grateful for my seven years here. I will miss the staff, parents and children so much but I am told that I will be kept fairly busy in my new role at home! So whilst I am so excited to begin this new chapter of my life, it is with a few tears (yet again) that I say goodbye for now and thank you for your friendship.

Bec Signorini

May I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe break and see you all in Term 3.

Our final Viva Soccer Program will be on Monday 18th July (first Monday of Term 3).

Mr Pianta

Canteen Newsflash

CANTEEN OPEN TOMORROW
Canteen will be open as per normal tomorrow for recess and lunchtime. Lunch orders will be processed with students having early lunch being at 12.30.

WINTER MENU TERM 2
The Winter menu will still be valid for next term as the new one comes out for Term 4 (Summer menu).

Hope you all have a nice and relaxing break.

Keep warm, keep healthy.
Angie (cookie)
CMS Canteen

C.R.E.
Christian Religious Education

This week the preps have had their last lesson on creation. They heard that God created people last, but he loved them the most. He wanted Friends to talk to and wanted people to take care of the earth and all its living creatures. The children heard that God loves everyone no matter what you look like or what country you come from! We are all special to God!!
The Grades 1/2 have been learning about important values. such as being a good helper and being honest and truthful. This week we are looking at sharing. God does not want us to be greedy! (Luke 12 13-21). We talked about considering others as well as ourselves, and the importance of shearing rather than being greedy!
"Make your light shine so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 4:16.
Enjoy and have a happy and safe break from school over the holidays! God Bless.
Cheryl Shanks.
This week's DJC was again a success. The group of 24 children attending the session were happy with a positive attitude. All of them were very attentive and helpful to others. The group learnt how to share with everyone and we all had a wonderful time.

The Appreciation Award goes to Rachel Crossan and Stephanie Koutsoupious for helping others, listening well and displaying some great skills.

Special Award to Lachlan Thorn for being very a good "Club Ambassador", well done.

Our menu was "Crispy wonton on savoury coleslaw served with sweet chilli sauce".

Mixing the filling and making the sauce and coleslaw was easy, but folding the wrapper was the hard part. The children did their best and kept trying until they were quite good at making the wontons.

We are so proud of them all. I have to say that this menu was the hardest compared to the previous two, because of the technique needed to fold the wonton pastry. After all this, the children were able to create beautiful and well presented food. Well done to all our junior chefs.

Thank you to the "Gates, Larder and Dawson" families for their donations.

We are looking forward to working with all our junior chefs again next term.

Thank you to Mr Briggs, Jaqui and Martin for helping in the club.

Have a lovely break and happy creating.

We don't cook , we create food.
Liang Dimitroff and Stacey Browne

"CRISPY WONTON ON SAVOURY COLESLAW SERVED WITH SWEET CHILLI SAUCE"

Makes about 80 wontons.

Ingredients:
- Sweet chilli sauce for dipping.
- Wonton pastry.
- Coleslaw : Shredded carrot and cabbage + beansprout + chopped onion.
- Dressing : fish sauce and lemon juice (to taste, mixed well)
- Decorations: tomato, celery, parsley, cucumber or any other fresh veggies.
- Filling mixture:
  - 250 gr minced chicken (or pork)
  - 1 1/4 cups chopped cabbage
  - 1 cup chopped carrot
  - 1/2 cup chopped onion
  - 1/4 cup chopped spring onion
  - 2 tablespoons Plain Flour
  - 3 tablespoons Light soy sauce
  - 3 tablespoons fish sauce
  - Salt to taste
  - 1 teaspoon raw sugar
  - a drop of sesame oil (optional)
  - 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
  - 1/8 cup cold water

Method:
- Mix all the filling well.
- Take 1 pastry, put 1 teaspoon of the filling in the middle.
- Dab water around the edge, fold one corner diagonally over to the other corner so you will have triangular shape, press the edges together so they stick.
- Dab water on the top of the right point of the triangle.
- Fold RH point over until it touches the bottom LH corner, press together until stuck.
- Repeat until all wontons are ready to cook.
- Deep fry until cooked and crispy.

- Serve with savoury coleslaw and dipping sauce.
The Round Robin is back!!!

Yet again the girls T-ball team has achieved victory. We won all four of our games and had one bye. Playing the games was fun!! But the wet muddy grounds almost held us back from getting our amazing WINS!!! We all played really well as a team and had a fantastic time. Just before every game an adrenaline rush went through our veins.

A special thank you to Mrs. P for pushing us to the limit which led us to winning as well as umpiring all of the games.

Congratulations to the team and Mrs. P.
By Tamica A and Julia H

Netball

Today it was Interschool Sports and the mixed team for netball won all their games. These were the scores Round 1 – 11 to 1, Round 2 – Byke, Round 3 – 10 to 6, Round 4 – 5 to 4, Round 5-6 to 1, Round 6 – 9 to 1. We had a lot of fun and can’t wait till next time.

By Rachael B 4G and Rachel C 4R.

Here! Here! Words were being yelled that you couldn’t understand, as Bridget firmly threw the ball to Luke. We were playing Netball and I was goal shooter. It was our 4th game and we had 1 game left, we versed St. Annes it was 5 to 5. St. Annes ended up scoring 4 more goals and we were stuck on 5. Luke threw the ball up high the goal keeper was about to get the ball, I jumped up high and tried to catch the free ball flying through the air... ‘SLAPPPP’ the ball was drenched but fortunately I caught it. I turned around taking my time even though I only had 3 seconds. ‘SWISH’ the ball went through the net in the ring we were so happy but we knew we were still down by 3. Not much action was happening in 5 minutes but then rain started pouring down we were all definitely drenched but we couldn’t really concentrate from the ball being slippery! In the end we did lose but the really extraordinary thing was that St. Annes winning didn’t count because of the rain. All in all the mixed team played amazing and we’ve won all 3 games and we need 2 more to win! People in our team were Bridget B, Rachel C, Zaliah (me), Emily H, Amy E, Luke H, Bailey T and Haiden R.

By Zaliah R

T-Ball

Wow! What a hit from Ricardo, now were going to get a lot of home runs. Ricardo ran and put his foot on first base, and then second, third... will he home, no yes, no YES!!!!!!! Ricardo saved us all from another loss. Brittany Mc was really good at being a pitcher, getting people out and was a really good sport.

Congratulations to the whole of our T- Ball team!!

Wow, this was going to be a hectic day, no breaks and six rounds! One after another, my team was going to be so worn out! We got our bags and went out to field 5. That was a really good game but we unfortunately lost.

In our second last game we played a good team and we actually won. We were so excited! It was my favourite game, because everyone in the team actually did something amazing. Ricardo caught the ball from base two and got their best player out, John tagged their second best player which also got them out, that was hilarious. Brittany and I stopped a home run. I forgot what other people did but they were really good in tee-ball.

Unfortunately we lost every game but two. We won one and drew the other. It was a real fun and energetic day. We all had a lot of fun, in the end the other Donvale girl’s team won...well drew! Overall I absolutely loved playing tee-ball. GO DONVALE. By Brittany Mc

Netball

On Thursday the 23rd of June we had a netball round robin sports day, the girl's team played really well.

The first game we played was against St Charles we lost 8 to 3 but we played really well as a team. The next one was against Doncaster Gardens Jade and we won the game 12 to 1 and I played wing attack and centre. The third game was Doncaster Gardens Blue. We lost that game and the scores were 7 to 1. Again, I played wing attack and centre. The last game was against Templestowe Valley and it was raining. We were winning but it had rained and when the blue sky came out, the game was cancelled because the courts were too wet. We were very disappointed not to play the second half but we won anyway!

Abby W

On Thursday 23rd June I played netball, for our first game we played St Charles and I was playing goal shooter for the whole game and we didn’t win that game and the scores were 8—3 but we still played really well.

For our second game, it was at 10:35 and we played against DGPS Jade and I was playing goal shooter for the whole game and we didn’t win that game and the scores were 12-1, so I played much better in those positions. Our next game was at 11:45 and we played pretty good but not as well as the other game because we lost 1-7 and I was playing in the same position as the game that we had just played.

Our last game was at 12:25 and we played Templestowe Valley and it was raining so we only played for one half and I was off for that half and I was off for that half but because it was only for one half we won 4-0 so they were pretty easy because we only played for one half.

By Chloe V
Parents Association News!

Next Parents Association Meeting

Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} July

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.

Upcoming events

Third Term

All classes Parent Lunch
2\textsuperscript{nd} June
12.00pm
Lime Light Café/Restaurant
187-189 Reynolds Road
Doncaster East
All parents from across the levels are invited to attend our third term lunch.
Full details will come home early in term three.

Scholastic Book Fair
Family night – Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} August
6.00pm – 8.00pm
General sales on 29\textsuperscript{th}, 30\textsuperscript{th} and 31\textsuperscript{st} August
Open 8.45am – 9.30am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September
7.30am – 8.45am

School Production Raffle
Tickets will go on sale early in term three.

Class Rep Meeting
Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August
9.30am in the library

Visit from the Commonwealth Bank!

Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} July

During our PA meeting

We are lucky to have a member of the Commonwealth Bank attend our meeting to discuss how to open an account for your child and the benefits for not only your children but the school community.

Special “sign up” day is also organised for Friday 29th July for families to organise their children’s accounts.
Perhaps you have been to Greece or know some Greek words. Have you seen pictures of Ancient Greek buildings that still stand today? Can you recognize their architecture in buildings in your home city? Learn to draw the columns in the buildings. How far did Pheidippides run at Marathon? Then what? Why did so many new ideas arise in Ancient Greece? What battle strategy was used successfully 2500 years later? Is China a democracy? Compare it with Australia and the first democracy in Athens? Learn to debate like they did. Try your hand at their kind of art. Or was it a craft? Great thinkers lived then so we will try some of their experiments. Why did so many things today come from Ancient Greece in the first place? Have fun learning all of this and more.

WiseOnes Application for 3rd Term 2011
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes. The unit for third term commence week beginning Monday, 25th July, 2011.

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Ancient Greece" starting week beginning Monday, 25th July, 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 ________________
My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO
I would like a free test for my child YES/NO
I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $107 inc GST).

Please send this slip and payment of $206.00 on Thursday, 21st July, 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 Donvale Primary School.
For further information, please contact Pat Truscott on 9326 6441 or Mobile: 0407 313 657.
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