A very important opportunity
On Monday, a return notice came home via the eldest in your family, inviting parents to arrange for our Mid-Year June Parent/Teacher interviews. I would urge all families, if possible, to take up this opportunity to be informed of your child’s performance between February and June. The basis of this assessment is ongoing assessments carried out by your child’s class teachers. It will provide very precise, accurate and up-to-date evaluation of how your child is performing, both socially and academically.

The interviews will be held on Tuesday between 2:00pm - 6:00pm for students in Level 3 & 4, Wednesday between 2:00 - 5:00 for level 1 & 2 and 5:45pm - 8:30pm for all levels. Each interview is scheduled for 15 minutes.

I would ask that you bring to the interview:
• Your child’s June report (sent home on Friday 24th June)
• Your child’s Portfolio (sent home on Friday 24th June)
• Parent question sheet (this will be sent home next week)
All interviews will be held in your child’s classroom. The confirmation of your interview time will come home with your child’s report on Friday 24th June.

If you wish to discuss your child’s performance in:
• Visual Art with Mrs Towan
• Performing Arts with Mrs Keep
• Level 2 Maths with a teacher other than your child’s class teacher,
• Achievements in reading recovery with Mrs Gray.
Please ring the school on 9842 3373 to arrange a time.

At DPS, provision to parents of this information is a critical facet of your child’s learning as the ongoing relationship between school and home is considered critical. Our partnership must be based upon meaningful assessment of your child’s learning and providing this to you is a very important task of teachers. Please take time to reflect on the data provided and make the effort to come up and discuss its meaning and the future strategies with your child’s teacher. It really is very important.

Congratulations
On behalf of all the Donvale School Community, we congratulate Miss Sian Gladman, our level 3 teacher, and Kieran on the announcement of their engagement this week. Miss Gladman is looking forward to getting married in the near future.
**We all need to keep well informed**

Last Wednesday evening, 30 parents came along to the Parent presentation, presented by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and a Microsoft representative. The theme of the evening was providing relevant information about Cyber-safety for your children. At DPS, we are very serious about supporting you in educating you and your children in making the correct choices about staying safe in the cyber world.

Mr Gordon and our ICT committee are working very hard to continually put in place opportunities for parents and children to use technology in such a way that it enhances their learning and enjoyment in life. This year we have had:

- Continual classroom reinforcement of good practise when using the internet and mobile phones.
- A valuable level 4 performance, highlighting some of the issues for Senior Primary School students and their families
- AFP presentation to Parents.
- Mr Gordon has arranged for early term 3 to have an AFP presentation to our Level 4 students on cybersafety.
- In an endeavour to keep up with current trends and issues, we have recently applied to the State Governmnet to be one of the first schools to be included in the new E-Safety Program, being hosted by the Alanna/Madeline Foundation. I am very pleased to announce that we have been accepted in the first round and will commence this very highly regarded program in Term 3. This will provide a wonderful structure to our cybersafety initiative. More details as they become available. Well Done Donvale PS in taking on this initiative.

**Well done to most parents**

Every so often, I take the time to critically reflect on the parent use of our Drop off/Pick up area. It is very pleasing to note that the significant majority of drivers are respecting our guidelines and driving accordingly.

We need to appreciate that we have a very safe area when your child arrives and/or departs by car at our school. Most schools do not have this type of facility whereby children are let off inside the school grounds in a very safe and controlled manner.

However, a very small minority still seem to disregard the safety of all other students and staff by being very selfish in the manner they drive. Could I please remind all parents, relatives who use this facility:

- Ensure your child/ren get out of our car through the passenger side.
- Do not stop or double park to chat as this slows down the through traffic.
- Drive through the area SLOWLY.
- STOP at the stop sign at the office end of the drop off area where children cross to go out Cerberus St. entrance.
- Do not park in ‘visitors’ spots to drop off or pick up your children as you have to back out or back in. Car park is exclusively staff parking between 8:30-9:15am & 3:00-3:45pm.

Once again I wish to restate that the very large majority drive very cautiously and consider all of the members of our school community. It is only a very few who continue to put your child’s safety at risk, with their child’s wellbeing above all else.

**Happy Singing to our Senior Choir**

Our Music program is one of the very best in any Primary School. Mrs Keep, Mr Gordon and Mrs Clarke, put considerable energy, time and commitment into providing many wonderful opportunities for your children to enhance their skills, gain great self confidence, and be a part of a terrific team as well as developing and enhancing individual skills.

Tomorrow, Mrs Clarke & Mr Reiter will accompany 26 Level 4 students in our Senior Choir, as they attend a Choir workshop at Federation Square in Melbourne. The students will work with celebrated choristers and finish the day by singing with a massed choir in a performance in the afternoon. Thanks to Mrs Clarke for all her efforts in training, giving up her time and making this year Senior Choir such an enjoyable and rewarding opportunity for the 27 students involved.

**For Sale**

Two 3 drawer filing cabinets-$5:00 each and a 1 drawer filing cabinet free with any of the others sold. See Ricarda or Wendy for details.

Have a great week, enjoy the long weekend and stay warm…..

**GARRY BRIGGS**

The Assistant Principal

In term 3 a date will be set aside to enable all staff to participate in a curriculum day. It has been decided that on this day Level teams along with their respective ES staff will visit another school to observe a particular area of the curriculum that is relevant to them. As an example the Level 4 area might visit a school that has a similar new building to them to see how they are utilising the open, flexible learning spaces to the students’ best advantage. All teams will visit their respective schools in the morning then return to Donvale for the afternoon session where they will design an action plan for their area that incorporates their recent observations. Area leaders will then report to the whole staff on their team’s experiences and expectations. We all look forward to this day to gain new insights and to continue to build the already strong sense of teamwork that exists across the school.

**Ian McKinlay**
Green bags and a bonus!!
Good news – for $2, not only can you buy a stylish, environmentally kind Donvale Primary green shopping bag: now, they come with a surprise gift!
If you have already purchased a bag (and we have your name on a raffle ticket) we will send one of the special gifts home with your student – this way no one will miss out.
Don’t forget, the green bags are a great way to promote our school as well as helping to keep plastic bags in check!!
They can be purchased from the office or with a note sent to Miss Johnston or Miss Gladman.

CYBERSAFETY GUIDE

The internet has become an integral part of life. It is a powerful resource, enabling people of all ages to learn and communicate in a myriad on new ways. For children, growing up in a world where the internet has always been available, it is an essential tool. They are the ‘digital natives’ - always surrounded by online technology, and using the internet from an increasingly early age.

Children can use the internet for many reasons. These could include to:
• find assistance with school assignments
• learn skills
• gain knowledge
• meet new people who share similar interests and
• keep in touch with friends.

But there are risks. Knowing how to use the internet safely is essential to having a positive online experience. For parents and their children, it is important to know how to apply these skills at home, at school and in public places such as the library and internet cafés.

The Cybersmart Guide for Families that you have received today produced by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) and is part of the Australian Government’s broad cyber safety program. The school takes cybersafety seriously, and we will continue to forward information over the coming weeks.

Rick Gordon
ICT Co-ordinator

APOLOGIES

If you emailed articles for me to put into snippets, I apologise as I was not able to access my emails today.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

I have a 2yo Jack Russell but since I’ve moved home, my parents won’t have him and he needs to find a new home. Please see me at the OSHCLUB room.
Sarah

POLICIES

Include in snippets is our Physical Education Policy for your information.
Rick Gordon

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Cathy Pataki, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be attending the school during term three to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to visit or telephone the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 472.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office by 17 June 2011.
We are having another mega second-hand book sale NEXT TUESDAY and THURSDAY.

Where? LIBRARY
When? Lunchtimes on Tuesday 14th June and Thursday 16th June
What? Lots of paperback and hardback books that are no longer in a suitable condition to be included in our library collection
Who? Mrs Watters, Mrs Schneider and the JSC will be organising the sale
How much? Paperback 50 cents or 3 for $1.00 Hardcovers $1.00 each

Come along and pick up a bargain!!!!

Chris Schneider
Library Technician

Level 4 Winter Sports Day.
Thanks to the staff, support staff and parents who made last Thursday possible. We were blessed with ideal weather conditions. Let’s hope the same weather falls upon us on Thursday 23rd June when we play the remainder matches of football, netball, soccer and t-ball at the same venues.

Division Cross Country.
This took place yesterday in very wet, cold and muddy conditions for 8 Donvale students at the Yarra Valley Racecourse. Congratulations to those 8 children and a very big thanks to the parents who assisted in transportation. Special mention to Julia H and Billy M who have qualified to compete in the next level (Regional) on June 24th. This is an outstanding achievement by these 2 determined students. Jon H and James B are both 1st and 2nd emergencies for Regional as well. Well done.

Enjoy the long weekend, and to those snow bunnies - may the white stuff keep falling.

Mr Pianta

In CRE the level 4’s have started a new series titled “Old Testament people of faith”. In this unit, the students are introduced to Old Testament characters who displayed a strong dependence on God. Each of the characters was focussed on doing what was right in God’s eyes, while resisting the pressure to conform to the expectations of those around them. The first Old Testament character the students looked at was Caleb. The students were encouraged to see Caleb’s courage to remain focused because of his strong trust in God and what he knew was right. To gain courage it is important to understand firstly, why you need courage, secondly, who you have around you, and thirdly, what do you believe. Always let Him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow. Proverbs 3:6

Have a great week!
Shirley Mantfeld
CRE Teacher
Maths Fun For Everyone!

Try this: How much is lots? You will need
- A pen or pencil
- Some paper that you can rip into small pieces
- A bag that isn’t clear
- A clipboard (optional)
- Several people to interview (maybe four or five)
- 20 counters

Preparing the survey
Before you do this experiment, you’ll need to prepare the survey sheets. Start by ripping a sheet of paper into 20 small pieces and then number them from 1 to 20. Put these pieces of paper into the bag. Print out one survey sheet for each of the people you are going to interview.

Pull one of the pieces of paper out of the bag and write the number from the paper in the first box of the ‘counters taken’ column. Keep pulling numbers out of the bag and writing them down in the ‘counters taken’ boxes until you run out of boxes to write in. Then put the numbered scraps of paper back into the bag.

Using this process, make one survey sheet for each person you will be interviewing. The sheets will probably have different numbers on them – this is supposed to happen.

Find a place that is private to conduct the survey. Put the counters in a pile so you can use them in the survey.

Doing the survey
Gather everyone together and say:
Thank-you for helping me with this experiment. I will be asking each of you a few questions individually. There are no wrong answers. If you don’t want to answer a question, you don’t have to.

Ask for a volunteer to go first
Take the volunteer away so that the other people can’t hear you asking questions.

Read the text at the top of your survey sheet so your volunteer knows what they are doing. Then, look at the first number you wrote on the survey sheet. Remove that many counters from the pile, and ask your volunteer to respond. Record their response, and then return the counters to the pile.

For each of the remaining numbers on the survey sheet, remove that number of counters from the pile, and ask your volunteer to respond. Then record their response on the sheet.

Once you have done all the numbers, thank the volunteer, and let them go.
Repeat this questioning process with each of the remaining volunteers.
Once you have asked all the volunteers, look at their answers. Are they all the same? Can you draw any conclusions based on the answers?

Applications
Depending on how you ask your friends about the meaning of ‘lots’, their answers might change. There is no right or wrong answer, so your friend’s response might depend on what they were talking about five minutes ago, or how they are feeling. If they heard someone else answer, they might copy them, so they don’t get it wrong – even if there’s no wrong answer! Scientists and statisticians often need to ask people questions to help with their research. They have to make sure they ask the right questions, in the right way, so that they get useful answers.

Hope you had some fun!
Luanda Pianta - Numeracy Co-ordinator
**Next Week’s Activities**

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**STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS**

**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 Templestowe 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.

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Rounders sports report!

By the team!

Victoria was our last batter. All bases were loaded. Pressure was on her. As the ball came whooshing 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 by 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 and Tamica A
Wow! What a hit from Ricardo, now we 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!!

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

T-BALL
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 te-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 te-ball. GO DONVALE.

By Brittany McCormack

Round robin sports day!
By Gaby 4R
“CRUNCH”, I just got tackled to the ground by a guy about double my size. “Too high”, says the umpire, my opponent starts to argue but stops as he meets the umpire’s death stare.

It was round robin sports day today and I was playing football at Bulleen Park. We were playing our last game and the ball was in my hands. What was I going to do with it?

I kicked it to Chris and he bombed it forward. It was an awesome kick and I thought we were going to get a goal but then a tall defender from the opposing team put up his hands and took the mark. We were doomed!!

Hooptime
The ball was flying through the air it felt like time froze then “Goal!” the ball flew right through the net I had scored my first goal in a basketball game. It was the last game for my team. It was Vikings against The Ducks it was all down to this. We had not won a game and we were determined to win this one. Time was running out 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. BEEP!! The siren went off we lost but we were happy for The Ducks.

We lost all our games but we had a great time.
By Ryan S 4R

Division Cross Country
On the 8th of June eight students from Donvale primary school went to the Yarra Valley Race course for division Cross Country. The weather wasn’t the best! But we had a lot of fun. The 9/10 boys and girls were up first our school didn’t have 9/10 girls but we did have 9/10 boys - John H, James B and Billy Mc. Then there were the 11 year old girls from our school - Gabriella and Bridget. After that there was Nicholas H. After that there were the 12 year old girls. From our school we had Julia H. For the last race there were the 12 year old boys. From our school we had Stuart Finch. We all had a fantastic day.

BY BILLY M AND STUART F

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY
On Wednesday the 8th of June 8 students from Donvale went to Division Cross Country at the Yarra Glen race track.

The 9/10 year olds had to run 2kms and the 11/12 and 13 had to run 3kms. Julia H and Billy Mc have qualified for Regional. Jon Hall came 11th and James Breeze came 12th so they are reserves. Everyone tried their hardest.

By Jon H
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

**OAKLEIGH CHARGERS FOOTBALL CLUB** - School holiday football program and Kangaroos super clinic. Monday 11th July 9am-3.30pm.

**AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR** - Come along and attend a free trial class at your local rehearsal venue.

**TARALYE (The oral language centre for deaf children)** - Holding an ‘Open Week’ from Tues 14 June - Fri 17 June. Parents, professionals, donors and members of the general public are most welcome to visit Taralye to take a closer look at their programs and meet and talk with staff.

- Car Boot Sale on Saturday 25th June at Taralye grounds, Blackburn Rd, Blackburn. 1-4pm

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**Donvale Primary School**

**Physical Education Policy**

1 **Policy Statement**

Research confirms that increased physical activity and fitness enhances students’ mental and social development. All Victorian government schools offer all students the opportunity to participate in a range of physical activities. Physical education and sport are timetabled and are part of every student’s learning from Prep onwards.

As well as increasing activity levels, physical education and school sport classes are shown to develop children’s sense of fair play, self-confidence and their capacity for teamwork. School sport also provides important connections to community sporting organisations that help encourage a child’s lifelong participation in healthy activities.

2 **Rationale or Purpose**

The school will provide a comprehensive and sequential Physical Education program in order for students to:

- develop knowledge, skills and behaviours to enable them to achieve a degree of autonomy in developing and maintaining their physical, mental, social and emotional health
- develop ideas in the importance of a healthy lifestyle and physical activity in the lives of individuals and groups in our society
- engage in physical activity, games, sport and outdoor recreation to contribute a sense of community and social connectedness, which are vital components of improved wellbeing
- be involved in individual, non-competitive activity through to competitive team games

3 **Implementation**

The Physical Education and Health Co-ordinator will ensure that:

- suitable programs are implemented to achieve the desired outcomes
- a sequential program is facilitated which develops a broad base of motor and fitness skills and health related knowledge to prepare students for a wide range of sporting activities
- individual differences are catered for
- program activities are drawn from a range of resources
- resources and materials are shared and stored in a manner that makes them accessible to all staff
- children in Prep participate in the Perceptual Motor Program
- a sequential sports program involves children in Grades 3 – 6 in minor and major games and sports. This will operate at both the school and interschool levels
- outside expertise and assistance is sought as needed to support the program
- students abide by simple rules and procedures to participate safely and the program is modified in extreme weather conditions
- individual student progress and participation is formally assessed at least twice yearly at each grade level

4 **Evaluation and Review**

This policy is to be reviewed every three years, or following referral by School Council.

5 **References (if required)**

The VELS (Health and Physical Education Domain)

This policy was ratified by School Council