July School Council Meeting report...
Following items were discussed at last night’s July School Council meeting.

- Presentation by JSC reps, Nick H and Emily Y. Both students gave excellent reports of JSC actions. Nick H is following through a significant issue regarding parking safety at DISC car park. (article in last week’s Snippets)
- Whole School Production update - Mr Gordon gave an update of how well initial preparations are coming for our much anticipated School production in the last week of term 3.
- Discussion of Budget process for 2012 programs.
- Development of a DPS Media Policy – Held over to next meeting.
- DPS gaining a grant in best practise of Ultranet use. This will allow us to facilitate visitations from other schools in Victoria to look at our best practise in using the Ultranet.
- Brief update of our selection for e-smart program in round 1. Mr Briggs & Mr Gordon are attending an all day PD session next Wednesday to be briefed on DPS’s involvement. We are very fortunate to be selected to be part of Round 1 offer.
- Whole School Survey information - Survey to come out on Monday 8th August to all families.
- Postponement of Assistant Principal Vacancy Advertisement till later in the year.

Important change of date...
Please note that the date for the Term 3 Working Bee has been altered to Sunday 14th August from 9:00-12:30pm. Please put this time in your diary and make a commitment to come along and help, even for an hour or so.
Reminders:

- Tomorrow is a Free Dress day to support Amy. A gold coin donation is the fee to come out of uniform tomorrow (NOTE: NO hair colour thanks).

- School Banking registration will be available on Monday morning before & After Assembly for any student who wishes to open a Commonwealth bank Student bank account.

Welcome this week to:
Christian S in 3PH & Elizmare S in 4P to our School from South Africa.

Thanks to:
Garry Wolf for providing some great coloured paper for students use.

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

GARRY BRIGGS

The Assistant Principal

Strong Student Voice:
At Monday’s staff meeting all teachers were involved in a mid-year review of our school’s Annual Implementation Plan. The Annual Implementation Plan outlines the key improvement strategies and improvements that will take place under the areas of; Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transitions. In the area of Student Engagement and Wellbeing one of the key improvement strategies is to develop student leadership and student voice in the school. We believe we are providing opportunities for students in this area through school leadership positions, Junior School Council and the Peer Mediators and Circles programs.

At last night’s School Council meeting it was great to hear the thoughtful, confident and polished presentations given by two members of our Junior School Council, Nick H and Emily Y. Nick spoke about his idea of making the DISC car park safer through the placement of reverse parking signs while Emily outlined a series of proposals for playground improvements. At the conclusion of their presentations both Emily and Nick fielded questions from the councillors with ease. It was a wonderful example of our students developing much confidence in the area of public speaking. Well done to Nick and Emily and also to Mrs Watters who continues her excellent work with our Junior School Councillors.

Ian McKinlay

Congratulations:
Congratulations to Jayden B, winning first Prize in the recent Manningham Sustainability online competition. Jayden won a Nintendo DS for his outstanding first prize winning entry. Jayden’s brother, Adam won third prize, a worm farm and 1000 worms. Both boys and a second prize winner from Milgate PS were awarded their prizes last week. Additionally, Jayden has won for his grade 3SG, a visit to a local company who create computer games. This will be a great learning and fun experience for all his classmates. This excursion will be later this term and is fully funded by Manningham Council.

Congratulations to both boys, enjoy your prizes and thanks for continuing to support DPS sustainability program.
Green bags and a bonus!!
Purchase a green bag and you will receive a special gift and also go in our raffle draw.
**Bags are $2.00 or 3 for $5.00.**
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.

**CORKS FOR MELBOURNE ZOO ELEPHANTS**
Don’t throw away your wine/champagne corks, plastic and aluminium wine stoppers.
We have a box outside the office for collection.

Congratulations to our Girls Tee Ball team who played off in the Zone Final on Tuesday against Serpell Primary School. In a very exciting match our girls were narrowly beaten (14 - 11). Thank you girls for your wonderful sportsmanship, enthusiasm and skill.

Congratulations to our Mixed Netball team who played off on Wednesday also in a Zone Final against Our Lady of the Pines. Although beaten, our children played to the best of their ability to the very end and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the game.

Level 3 children begin their Gymnastic Program next Tuesday.

**FREE DRESS DAY** tomorrow to support Amy E (level 4 student) who is competing next week in the National Diving Championships. Children may come dressed in a SPORT theme. A gold coin donation will go towards her State uniform which Amy proudly displayed to us at Monday’s assembly. Good luck “Pocket Rocket”.

**SKIING:** If your child is a skier/snowboarder and wants information about the Victorian Primary School’s Inter School Skiing Competition (Mt Buller), please see Mr Pianta or Mrs Barnes for more information or www.mtbuller.com.au

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**General News**

**FRUIT NEXT WEEK:**

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**Coles For Sport Program** is again on this year. We at Donvale are registered. The program (collection of vouchers) begins August 11th 2011. We had great support last year so let’s get heavily involved again this year. *Mr Pianta*

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**Donvale Junior Chef**

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This weeks session was a bit more relaxed than last term.
The children learned the technique of a quick stir fry and how to eat using chopsticks. They all tried really hard using chopsticks, most of them even refused to use a fork which was also available.

This weeks "Appreciation Award" goes to EVERYONE as all the children were really very good.
So all of them were allowed to have a second bowl of noodles. Well done everyone.

Some of the children were sad because this is their last session (for group 1) and suggested running the club again next year. Some also suggested some menus for them to learn in the club.
We are so proud of our Donvale children showing so much enthusiasm towards creating food.

Thank you to the Vegie Club for their Bok Choy and Wombok which we used in our Donvale style Singaporean Noodle dish. Thanks also to Martin for helping in the club.

We don’t cook, we create food.
*Liang, Stacey and Jaqui*
NEW Winter MEAL DEALS – ALL $5.00
Valid until end of Term 3, 2011
Monday’s Party Pie Deal
Party Pies x 3
Mini Muffin
Quench Drink

Tuesday’s Toastie Deal
Ham & Cheese Toastie
Large Muffin
Just Juice
(Apple or Tropical or Orange)

Wednesday’s Fried Rice Deal
Fried Rice
Dim Sim x 1
Ice Cream Cup (Vanilla)

REMINDER
If your child is having a lunch order, can you please remind them about handing it in first thing (in classroom canteen bags). Late lunch orders will result in them getting whatever is available at that time.

Keep Healthy, Keep Warm
Angie (cookie)
Canteen Management Services

T-ball
Smash! Tamica whacked the ball high up in the air. The whole team knew that we were off to a good start. Out! Our hopes then faded away as the umpire said that she was out. Before we knew it, three of our team were out and it was our turn to field. We were up against a very strong team, Serpell Primary School, and were unfamiliar with some of their rules, so we definitely weren’t as confident as usual. At the end of the next few innings, the score ended up with us down by one run. The girls T-ball team had an important decision to make. It was almost 3:15 and we were down by one! But we figured that we better give it a shot, so we played one more innings. We got a little further ahead….. but then unfortunately they got the better of us and got more runs. Serpell ended up beating us by only a few runs. We gave it our best shot and on behalf of the team we would like to thank Mrs Pianta for coaching us and getting us this far two years in a row.
By Bronte and Victoria 4H

Do we have to walk so far?
The other end of the oval.
Then before we know it the game has started.
They wanted to field first so they did which means that we

Happy BIRTHDAY
30th July - 4th August
Michael W, Jayden B, Gemma G, Jayden L,
Ruby B, James D, Vishnu N

Stories from the Students

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By KYE STRATTON

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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Maths Fun For Everyone!

What’s the area of a pizza?
You will need
At least one pizza
Knife
Ruler or tape measure

What to do
Cut the pizza into four pieces in the normal way (wedges which all meet in the middle). Try to make all the pieces the same size and shape.
Take two of the pieces and place them with the cut sides next to each other, but put the pointy end of one next to the crust on the other.
Add another piece to these two, keeping the pointy end of one piece matching the crust of the adjacent piece. Then add the final piece according to this same pattern.
Your pizza, which was a circle, should now be a bit more like a rectangle. Measure its width, and its length. Multiply the width by the length to calculate the area of your rectangular pizza. Is your pizza a perfect rectangle? Is this calculation the exact area of your pizza?
Cut each piece in half, and then re-order the pieces so they follow the same pattern as before. Measure the pizza again and calculate its area. Is this a better estimate for the area of the pizza?
Cut the pieces in half yet again and reorder them. Does the pizza look more rectangular than it did before? Measure the pizza yet again and calculate its area. What do you think the actual area of your pizza is?
If you have several different sized pizzas, you can follow these steps again with each pizza, then compare the areas. How much bigger is the biggest pizza compared with the smallest one? Are you surprised?

What’s happening?
Finding the area of a rectangle is a lot easier than most other shapes. All you need to do is multiply the length and the width. By cutting the pizza and rearranging it, you change it from being circular to being (almost) a rectangle. When you cut something up and rearrange the bits, you’ll end up with the same area at the beginning and end. So, measuring the area of a circle becomes as easy as measuring the area of a rectangle. The rectangle that you made was not completely rectangular. The sides are made of crust, and the crust is curved. However, if you keep cutting the pizza and rearranging it, it will get closer and closer to a rectangle. If you could keep cutting and rearranging forever, then the pizza would make a perfect rectangle.

More information
- Formula for the volume of a pizza (joke)

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Finding the area of a circle: http://www.worsleyschool.net/science/files/circle/area.html

Please enjoy eating the pizza afterwards, Luanda Pianta Numeracy Co-Ordinator
Parents Association News!

**All classes Parent Lunch**
*Monday 1st August*
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.
Please let Kathryn know if you are attending by Friday 29th July.
Soterales@optusnet.com.au

**Class Rep Meeting – change of date!**
Please note that the third term class rep meeting date has been changed from Monday 22nd August to **Monday 15th August** due to the whole school curriculum day being held on our original date. Class reps will be reminded of this change again, closer to the date.

**Scholastic Book Fair**
In order for our book fair to run successfully, we need the assistance of parents in selling the huge selection of books on each of the days the stall will be operating. A notice outlining times we require helpers came home last week. (Bright blue form) If you can help, please fill out the details and return to school as soon as possible so a roster can be drawn up.
Thank you to the families who have already returned their forms to assist us with this year’s book fair.
Additional forms can be collected from the office.

**Commonwealth Bank Registration Day.**
A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be attending our school on **Monday 1st August** (next week) straight after assembly for interested families to enrol in the school banking program. This is the easiest way for parents to enrol without directly going to the bank and filling out countless forms and producing a number of identification documents.
You will only need your driver’s license!
This program is a great opportunity for children to learn valuable skills in saving money, along with raising funds for our school! For every new enrolment with the School banking program, Donvale Primary receives "$5.00" and an addition 5% of overall money deposited by students each quarter is also donated to the school.
Full details will be sent home tonight. Information packs can be collected from the office.

**Woolworths “Earn and learn” fundraising event**
Donvale Primary has just enrolled in this year’s “Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.” It is a very simple program for families to participate in. Just shop at Safeway/Woolworths, bring your docket into the school and deposit into the shopping docket collection box (located in the office) It’s that easy!

For every $10.00 spent our school receives one learning point. At the end of the collection period the school can redeem points for over 7,000 items from “Modern Teaching Aids” the biggest source of educational resources in Australia.
School uniforms
The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their kid’s school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school-approved uniform items from 1 July 2012.

What do I need to do and when?
From 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

What school uniform items will I be eligible to claim?
Items need to be distinctive and recognised by the school — but are not limited to items bearing a school crest. For example:

1. A public school has a policy which states that students should wear yellow shirts, blue hats, grey shorts or skirts and black leather shoes to identify the students as attending the school. However, while wearing these colours is strongly encouraged, it is not compulsory. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys items which fit within this policy from a store unaffiliated with the school. None of the clothing items contain the name of the school or school crest. As the items, including shoes, are approved or recognised as part of a distinctive school outfit and fall under the policy, they would be eligible expenses. This applies irrespective of where the clothing was purchased or the fact the uniform was not mandatory.

2. A school has a dress code where students are required to be dressed in a neat and presentable fashion, but which does not indicate a more specific colour or style that the clothing should take. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys clothes which they intend to wear to school. The items would not be eligible expenses. While the clothing meets the school’s dress code, they lack the sufficiently distinctive quality of a uniform, and could not identify the child as a student at the school.

For more information and an electronic copy of this fact sheet visit

www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
About the Education Tax Refund

Who is eligible?
- A person who has received Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies.
- Independent students in primary or secondary school.
- People on other allowances may be eligible too.

How much can be claimed?
Those eligible can claim 50% of eligible education expenses up to the maximum amounts.

For the 2010-11 financial year the maximum amounts that can be claimed are:
- $794 for each primary school child — that is, a refund of up to $397, and
- $1,588 for each secondary school child — that is, a refund of up to $794.

What can be claimed in 2010-11?
Eligible expenses include the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items:
- home computers and laptops
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, and disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- computer repairs
- home internet connections
- computer software for educational use
- school textbooks and other printed learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery; and
- prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.

How do people claim?
- The ETR is claimed in an individual’s tax return, or
- For those who don’t lodge a tax return, it is claimed on the Education Tax Refund for individuals claim form, available from the Tax Office.

For more information go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au.