Reminder that we are having a Curriculum day on Monday 22nd August. This is a student free day. OSHClub will be running a whole day program if the appropriate need is there. If you wish to use the program on that day, could you please let Sarah know (P/N 9842 2261) asap so she will hold a spot for your child.

Please make a BIG effort to come along for an hour or so on THIS SUNDAY between 9:00-12:30pm to our Term 3 working bee. Bring along the whole family. Reminder children must be accompanied by an adult. Lots of unskilled things to do.

As most families know, I am a great dog lover with two incredibly spoilt cocker spaniels at the Briggs house. However, I can appreciate it that some children are not as positive or confident with pet dogs as I am.

Could I ask that if you bring your much loved family pet up to school before or at the end of the day, you please be considerate and keep a look out for any school community member who is sensitive or afraid of dogs. Of course they must be on a leash and under complete control at all times. I personally think it’s great that children learn responsible pet protocols and if we can assist this process by exposing them to pets in controlled manner, we are doing those children a great service. Thanks for your full co-operation in regards this matter.

A photo of the two spoilt Briggs’ dogs
Take a look…
I would encourage all families in our school community to drop into our art room over the next few weeks, and look at the stunning display of your children’s art work. Mrs Towan has a wonderful ability to be able to get the very best out of all the students in art. The work your children are produce is fantastic and is a credit to them. They are taught to reflect on their efforts and appreciate all their classmates art. Art room is Open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays after school, so drop in and admire the efforts of all our students. It’s certainly worth a look!!!!!

Mrs Towan has also commenced her knitting club which is held each week on a Tuesday at lunchtime. All children are welcome to join in and knit something for themselves, Mum or Dad!! Have a chat to Mrs Towan if you are at all interested. An additional article is included in this week’s Snippets.

Also worth a look, in the foyer above the fish tank, a display celebrating our very successful Donvale Junior Chef program, run at lunchtime on Tuesdays. Liang & Martin Dimitroff, Jacqui Frigo and Stacey Browne are the fantastic DPS parents who are providing this fantastic opportunity for your children. Have a look at the display and support this initiative.

Congratulations to these students
Congratulations to those students who received various acknowledgement awards at last Mondays Assembly for their achievements in the NSW University Spelling tests, which they sat last Term. Congratulations to each one.

Welcome to Donvale
A big warm welcome to the following new students:
- Roxanne Q in 3SG and Brianna Q in 4G who started on Wednesday.
- William E who will be starting on Monday in Prep P.

Whole School Survey
School surveys went home on Tuesday. Don’t forget to fill them out and return by Friday 24th August. Boxes are placed in the Junior Building, at the office and in the BER Building.
Old not always Gold:
Yesterday when I walked past Miss Gladman’s room with the students all dressed up in olden day clothes it brought many memories flooding back from my own school days. Saluting the flag at assemblies, marching in to the tune of Colonel Bogey, drinking warm bottled milk, chanting tables daily, taking your medicine, (The Strap!) and reading ahead of the one class reader while trying to also keep a finger on where the class was up to so you wouldn’t be caught out when it was your turn to read aloud. I really enjoyed my days at primary school though I couldn’t help thinking how narrow the curriculum was at that time. A significant difference now is how individualised learning has become with the special needs, abilities, learning styles and skills of the students all being taken into account when units of work are planned. The focus on the individual not only applies to the academic area. Through a range of speaking and listening activities students are now encouraged to have an opinion and express it! We also encourage students through our Circles program to develop a deeper understanding of their own feelings and emotions and to recognise and appreciate the differences and similarities they have with others.

It’s always fun to experience going back in time though just as enjoyable to return to the way things are today. And yes the students were extremely well behaved. You could have heard a pin drop!

Ian McKinlay
Resources Working Bee
Sunday 14th August
Working Bee this Sunday 14th August. Yes that's this weekend!! Even if you can just make 1 hour it would help.
We have a few projects on the go and we need your help to make our school look great.
At this time of year most of the plants need only minor cutting back so it’s all about doing up those garden beds.
Following is a list of jobs that you may like to consider doing.
Overhauling the front dry garden area. Planting new plants, Weeding garden beds and mulching spread. Mulch down embankment behind new building. Mowing and whipper snipping. If any parents can bring along a mower or brush cutter it would help. Sweeping and blowing the pathways. Come along and help out, your children will thank you. Looking forward to seeing as many of the parents as possible for our working bee.
9am start time and you’ll be enjoying the wonderful PA BBQ (and a few drinks) by 12pm!!
Never been to one? Don’t quite know what to do? No problem, put on the old jeans and we’ll show you how.
Resources Committee

Australian Mathematics Competition
Last week over 40 children in Level 3 & 4 at Donvale Primary School competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. The group of 25 multiple choice questions and 5 questions requiring a number answer were set by the Australian Mathematics Trust. There are two Primary and three Secondary divisions. Students will be assessed only against other students in the same school year and Australian state so age or curriculum differences between schools are irrelevant. The problems are very easy at the start of the paper and become progressively more difficult until the end when they are challenging to the most gifted student. In 2010 there were approximately 400,000 entries from nearly 4000 schools in 40 countries. It is a very exciting prospect that Donvale Primary School has 40 children competing at this level. Many thanks must go to Laura Annakin for her assistance throughout this competition.
Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Co-Ordinator

Basketball
If your child plays in a basketball team, please come along to Monday morning assembly as team members will be presented with their awards.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
If your child has to take medication during school hours, a medication authority form has to be filled out. Forms are at the office as well as on the website.
Any medication that comes to school has to be kept at the office and not with the student (except ventolin).

Please note: Wherever possible, medication should be scheduled outside the school hours, e.g. medication required three times a day is generally not required during a school day: it can be taken before and after school and before bed.

The Mathletics team in partnership with Commonwealth Bank, are excited to present the 2011 Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge. All Australian schools and students are invited to take part in our national lead up event to World Maths Day 2012.
The Challenge will run over two days from Tuesday, 30 August to Wednesday, 31 August 2011. Be sure to book these dates in your diary. Some exciting additions to this year’s event include:

• State versus State!
• New Live Mathletics Game Engine!
• A Special Challenge Curriculum course

Amazing school prizes including school visits from Australian cricketers
This is a free event and if students already have Mathletics or Spellodrome accounts, then there is no need to register! To participate, students can log in via www.mathletics.com.au/challenge with their Mathletics or Spellodrome user names and passwords on the days of the Challenge.
For more information, please visit the Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge website:

Lock in these dates for the Challenge!
Registration: 15 Aug
Practice: 22 Aug
Challenge: 30-31 Aug
**Lights, Camera, Action**

**Production Costume Requirements**
Can you help? Do you have any of the following items we can borrow? Are you good at sewing or searching in op shops? Please contact the teachers below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(Preps) “Blues Brothers”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Police</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jail birds (black and white striped shirts)</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feather Boas</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rockers</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(Level 2J/3SG) “Wizard of Oz”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dorothy dress</td>
<td>1 size 8-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lion outfit</td>
<td>1 size 10-12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Glinda the good witch outfit</td>
<td>1 size 8-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boys suit</td>
<td>1 size 10-12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ball gown</td>
<td>1 size 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sparkly red slippers</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Very old, old throwaway Donvale school hats</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(Level 2S &amp; 2CM) “Charlie &amp; the Choc Factory”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oompa Loompa overalls</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grandpa Joe Brown suit jacket</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red dress</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grey jacket and pants (German style?)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Violet blouse and pants</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Purple) coat</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Tan) bowtie</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vest</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Tan) pants</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Tan) top hat</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fancy walking cane</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(Level 3PH &amp; 3W) “Mary Poppins”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boys caps</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vests for chimney sweeps</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Braces</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(Level 4P &amp; 4R) “Jungle Book”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Large object suitable to improvise as rock</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beads – wooden, plastic, large and small</td>
<td>Any quantity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feathers – especially natural colours</td>
<td>Any quantity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Animal print fabric</td>
<td>Any quantity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camouflage vests</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grey foam</td>
<td>4 metres</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Black satin type gloves – small</td>
<td>1 pair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Headbands</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brown gloves</td>
<td>8 pairs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(Level 4H &amp; 4G) “Grease”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leather jackets</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mechanics outfit (overalls)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Australian girls choir will be auditioning any interested girls here at school on Wednesday August 31 at 1.30. Students need to return the permission slip to school if they are interested in having their daughter involved. There are flyers at the office with more information.

**We’ve been busy in the music room this term.**

Level 1 students have been singing about Fireman Tom who searched for a fire that was actually a BBQ. They have also been learning about Dynamics.

Level 2 has been exploring famous stage show songs and learning about Pitch.

Level 3 is enjoying singing famous Australian songs and creating a bush band. They have also been exploring expression in music and drama.

Level 4 students have spent several weeks in groups creating an ad which will be performed in class next week.

**Marimba band**

Last Wednesday we were privileged to have a visit from Mr McKinlay’s cousin Phil who taught the band a new piece of music and gave us all a fun experience. You will see below that Mr McKinlay also plays the drums!

**Special Music Assembly**

On Monday August 29th we will be holding our assembly in the level 4 building. This will enable us to enjoy the sounds of our whole school singing this year’s Music Count Us In song. Some instrumental students will have the opportunity to play along to accompany us. The Music Makers choir (Level 3) will be doing a special performance!

**Heritage Week Launch**

The Marimba Band has been asked to perform at the launch of Manningham’s Heritage Week. If you are a band member please keep Wednesday October 12 free as we will be performing early evening (5pm onwards).

You will also need to wear white tops and black pants/skirts so you might like to keep that in mind too.

**Oxfam Concert**

We have just received confirmation that two of our choirs and some of our recorder students will be performing at an Oxfam Concert on Tuesday November 8th (evening). More details will be provided later but please put that date in your diary if you are in the Senior or Middle choir.

Of course we are all very excited about the production coming up in the final week of this term! Let’s celebrate music and the performing arts!

*Anthea Keep*
**Knitting Club News**
Well, we’re off and knitting! So far we have some very eager girls who have joined knitting club. Stephanie, Sarita, Ruby and Ashley are all keen to knit a scarf and are very excited with their efforts so far. Stephanie just might finish before the end of winter. Sarita is happy to take her time and Ashley is zooming along. Ruby had never knitted before and is so keen and doing such a wonderful job, we are all impressed. She asked for more ‘string’ this morning before school.

The colour choices of wool are interesting so we should have some very unusual colour scarves. If anyone can donate some wool, the thicker the better, we would love it. Some thicker needles would also help as the thin ones are just too difficult.

*From the Happy Little Knitters and Mrs Towan.*

---

**From The Sports Coach**

Thank you to all those parents who have been supporting the “Coles For Sports” and “Woolworths Earn and Learn Program”. Keep those vouchers pouring into the office please.
Tomorrow I encourage children to ride a bike/scooter to school to join in the States celebration of Cadel Evans winning this years Tour De France. Remember, a helmet must be worn by each rider.

**Junior Cricket.** Donvale cricket club organised a mini cricket clinic for Level 3 children yesterday. Please read the relevant information in Snippets for contacts and more information.

**Whole School Swimming Program** dates for 2011 are 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th of November.

*Mr Pianta*

---

**Donvale Junior Chef**

This weeks session again was a success and very relaxed.
We learned how easy and quick it is to create a restaurant style “Donvale Noodle” dish.
The children were very interested and asked many questions which is very good.
Their chopstick skill was very good, they didn’t give up that easily even when it took them longer to eat using them.

We are so proud of our junior chefs. They are still very young but their attitude toward creating food is fantastic.
Some of them were sad as this was their last session (for group 2) and the Grade 6 children want to visit the club again next year, (when they are in the high school).

Many menu suggestions were made by the children.

This weeks appreciation award again goes to EVERY-ONE as the whole class was very good.
So all of them were allowed to have a second bowl of Donvale Style Indonesian Mee Goreng (ssshhh...some maybe had a third or fourth and even take away...) Well done everyone.

Thank you to the Moulton, Chang and Frigo families for their very generous donations.
Also Martin for helping and taking photos in the club. Please check our wall display above the fish tank in front of the Principal's office.

We don’t cook, we create food.
*Liang, Stacey and Jaqui*
ALLERGY
If your child is having a canteen lunch order can I PLEASE REMIND you to write on the top of the lunch order bag in RED “ALLERGY”.

FREE APPLE SLINKY
Preps, Grade 1 & 2 15th – 19th August, 2011
Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 22nd – 26th August, 2011
Bring in an apple and have it slunked for FREE at the canteen at recess or lunchtime.
You can purchase an apple from the canteen for 50c.

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)

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

FROM THE STUDENTS
Every year Academy School Books sends the school free exercise books. This year they had a competition for schools to supply their own artwork for the cover. We received a few entries and chose the following winning artwork, ‘Under the Water’ done by Bindy S in 3W. Well done Bindy, we have sent your artwork to the supplier and we look forward to receiving the books with your design on the cover. Thank you to the other students who also supplied some beautiful artwork. The school will also be in the running to win a laptop and the winning artist an Apple iPad.

C.R.E.
Christian Religious Education
In the prep classes this term we have talked about being a good friend. Last week we looked at the friendship of Jonathan and David in the Old Testament and how Jonathan shared what he had with David.
This week we looked at the story of the paralysed man who Jesus healed. It was his 4 good friends that carried him to Jesus.
You can find these stories in 1Samuel 18 v1-4 and Mark 2 v1-22.
The grades 1/2 heard that Jesus was a special person. He cared about people so much! He was able to help them through miracles. Last week we looked at the story of Jesus feeding 4000 people (mark 8 v1-10). And this week we see Jesus healing a blind man! (John 9 v1-12.)
We talked about being a caring and compassionate friend, especially to those less fortunate.
JESUS said "I have set you an example. and you should do for each other...what i have done for you !"
Have a great week !!! God Bless!
Cheryl Shanks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
12th-18th August
Luke N, Cooper M

FROM THE STUDENTS
Maths Fun For Everyone

Birthday Paradox
How likely is it that at least two people out of 30 will share a birthday?

You will need:
Around 30 people such as a class or your extended family. You could have more or fewer than that and they don’t all need to be in the same place!
Paper and pens for each person

What to do:
Tell each person in your group that you are conducting a survey and that you’d like them to give you some information.
Ask them to write their name and birthday on a piece of paper and then collect all the papers. Don’t forget to thank them for their help!
When you have a piece of paper from each person you are surveying, sort them into piles based on the month of their birthday. Put everyone with a birthday in January in one pile, February birthdays in another, March birthdays in a third, and so on.
Now sort each pile so that the birthdays are all in order from earliest to latest, so a birthday on 2 January comes before 16 January.
On a sheet of paper, write everyone’s names and birthdays in order from 1 January through to the 31 December. You can use this list so you never forget a birthday again!
Do at least two people in your group share a birthday?

What’s happening?
If you surveyed 30 people, you are quite likely to have found that at least 2 shared a birthday. This is probably more likely than you think.
There are 366 possible days to have a birthday, which means the chance of any person having their birthday on any particular day is around 1/366. If you’ve only surveyed 30 people, it might seem like you’ve got a 30/366 chance of getting two people having the same birthday, which would be less than a 10% chance.
However, instead of looking at individual birthdays, you should be looking at pairs of birthdays.
Each person in your group could share their birthday with any other person in the group. With 30 people there are 435 possible pairs of people, and each pair has around 1/366 chance that they are both on the same day. This adds up to chance of around 70% that there will be two people sharing a birthday. You only need 23 people to get a fifty percent chance that there are two people sharing a birthday.

By David Shaw

More information:
A website that generates random birthdays:
http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~susan/surprise/Birthday.html
A proof of the birthday problem:
http://www.math.hmc.edu/funfacts/ffiles/10001.6.shtml

Happy calculating!
Cheers, Luanda Pianta – Numeracy Coordinator

The Department of Education & Training, Donvale Primary School its Management, and teachers do not endorse the products or services of any advertiser listed in this publication. No representation, warranty or undertaking is given or made in relation to the accuracy or completeness of the information presented in this publication, or any claims made by the advertisers.

Advertising Material

More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

DONVALE CRICKET CLUB - Looking for Junior players. Registration day is Wednesday 24th August from 4.30pm at Donvale Cricket Club, Noonan Way, Donvale.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS - Will be auditioning girls at school on Wednesday August 31 at 1.30. If interested please collect a permission form from the office.

ST. DAVIDS CRICKET CLUB - Looking for players. Registration day Friday 21st October from 5.30-7.30pm at Donvale Reserve.

INDOOR SOCCER - Training Program for 7-13 year olds. Contact Sally on 0409 764 165/sally@vikingsfutsal.net.

YARRALEEN CRICKET CLUB - Junior registration day Sunday 2nd October, 10am-2pm at Yarraleen Cricket Club, Bulleen Park, Bulleen.
Parents Association News!

THANK YOU!
Special thanks to the following mums who came and helped out with yesterday’s BBQ lunch for our visitors from Leongatha. Your support, time and effort were most appreciated!

Thanks to Clare Bosdorf, Jo Wood, Karin Moule, Vicki Cassidy, Megan Moyle, Sam Dolinko and Surjati Widjaja.

Thank you

Woolworths “Earn and learn” fundraising event
The “Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.” Is well on its way with Donvale Primary already clocking up 300 points! 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!

Full details came home last week and families can log onto the website: Woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Only 2 weeks to go!
Thank you to the families who have returned their forms to assist us with this year’s book fair.

Additional forms can be collected from the office or can be found on our website.

The roster for this event will come home next week. Please note your time slot and let me know if you need to change your roster time or cannot make it for whatever reason.

Class Rep Meeting – change of date!

Next Monday 15th August 9.30am

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.

As we have a new photocopier, this meeting will include an information session on how to use it. Parent helpers wishing to learn more about the new photocopier are also welcome to attend.

Scholastic Book Fair Colouring Competition

Our theme this year is the galaxy and space so get those colouring pencils out and start colouring in!!

Each year level has a separate colouring sheet which will come home tonight.

Please have them back to school by Monday 22nd August.

Production Raffle 2011!!!
Raffle tickets will be sent home soon with some great prizes to win.

Mystery Flight
Photography package
Teenage bike
iPod Nano
Tickets will be $2.00 each