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.

WEEKLY DIARY

**Friday 23rd September**
- JSC FREE DRESS DAY - Gold coin donation
- Last day Term 3
  - 2.15 Assembly
  - 2.30 Dismissal

**Monday 10th October**
- Term 4 resumes

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Wow, how fantastic....................
The photos above cannot do justice to the wonderful two evenings we just had. The evenings were about your children celebrating many new skills and talents they have developed over this term. How to cooperate, share, appreciate and perform. The two evenings were the culmination of lots and lots of hard work by many students, staff, parents and friends. The result was a wonderful professional looking production with energy, talent and enjoyment. The level of fun and enjoyment was very obvious on both evenings and this is ultimately a main focus and aim. I can attest that the staff involved did thoroughly enjoy the time, and are proud of the end result.

This production celebrates the wonderful team culture of our school where the partnership of staff, parents and students comes together to produce something exceptional. It is what makes Donvale PS so special and a great place to be.

Very well done to everyone involved.

**Lucky families**
Following last night’s show we drew the much anticipated raffle. The following families were the lucky winners:

- **1st Prize of a Mystery Flight for 2 people to the value of $500. Generously donated by The Travelstore of Devon Plaza Doncaster East.**

  *Was won by the Younger Family.*
2nd Prize of a new bike, generously donated by John Hoskins Real Estate of Donvale was won by The Dawson family.

3rd Prize of an Ipod Nano, generously donated by Mars Confectionary was won by the Vasiliades family.

4th Prize of a great Photographic package, generously donated by Velissaris Photography, was won by the Moschoyiannis Family.

**NAPLAN TEST RESULTS**

NAPLAN results arrived in school yesterday and will be posted home this afternoon. We are overall very excited about the great achievements of our Grade 3 & 5 students in this national test. Our results are great with significant improvements in all areas tested. The programs that we have initiated and put in place in the last few years are now paying dividends. However, it still needs to be noted that NAPLAN testing is only a small snapshot of your child’s performance on one day. Our School assessment and reporting program is much wider and more detailed throughout the whole year and does give a much more detailed insight into your child’s development over the whole year.

**2012 Enrolments**

We are taking enrolments from families who have children who are commencing school next year as Preps. If you have a child who will be coming to school in 2012, please either:

- Ring the office to make an appointment to have a personal tour with either myself or Mr. McKinlay
- Call in and see Ricarda or Wendy and pick up a comprehensive enrolment pack.

**Reminders**

- Tomorrow is a Free dress Day organised by Mrs Watters and our Junior School Council (JSC). Students are invited to come out of school uniform for a gold coin donation, which goes to the RSPCA.
- School finishes at 2:30pm tomorrow following an assembly at 2:20 pm.
- School resumes at 9:00am on Monday 10th October for Term 4.
- All students need a Donvale PS hat by 2nd week of Term 4. “No hat limited play”, as we are a Sunsmart school.

**Special thanks to:**

All the parents who happily gave up their time to assist in so many ways for our school production. I purposely have not named them as I will invariably miss someone. This thanks is personally expressed to each one of you. Thanks, your assistance is greatly appreciated and valued.

Have a wonderful two weeks holiday, stay safe and relax. I hope your footy team wins if they are still in the finals!

*GARRY BRIGGS*
The Assistant Principal

Curtain Call
The curtain has come down on term 3 and also the school production. This morning, children, teachers and parents will all be tired, though very proud of being part of a wonderful performance. It never ceases to amaze us the level of poise, confidence and skill that our students display at such a young age. A school concert provides our students with the opportunity to work hard on a project, develop theatrical skills and rehearse in the knowledge that the final product will be presented to an appreciative audience. The creative costumes also allow the children to develop a character and immerse themselves in the moment. The teachers have all enjoyed watching the students in their level progress from the early practices to the final performance. I couldn’t help thinking the Level 2 students had come a long way from the early practice sessions on the basketball court with a sticker on their leading shoe to help them in their first tentative steps.

Congratulations and well done to everyone involved and thankyou for being a great audience. Enjoy the term 3 holidays.

Ian McKinlay

General News

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

Concert Program: Copies are available at the office.

DVD/CD Orders: Envelopes were sent home earlier this week. We have envelopes at the office and the order form is on our school website.

Photos: Photos will be displayed in the school foyer early next term, along with order forms.

A Big Thank You

As the Producer of our Whole School Production, I want to thank the entire school community for the magnificent effort that everyone put into the show to make it such a great success.

I wish to acknowledge the large group of parents who sewed and organised costumes, did make-up and hairdressing, and made props and sets. There were also many parents who assisted with transport and labour, and supported the production in creative ways with choreography and lighting. We relied very heavily on your contribution, and couldn’t have done it without you.

For all our families, it involved a big disruption to the normal weekly routine, and I’d like to thank you for making a special effort.

I need to mention one parent (and occasional staff member), Bec Clarke, who had a huge impact on the show. From the Opening number to the Finale, she assisted the groups with singing, acting and dancing. Her unbridled enthusiasm and boundless energy was a great encouragement to us all.

We also need to thank all the staff, both teachers and classroom support staff, for the incredible amount of time and effort that they put into directing, rehearsing and staging each act. They did this in addition to running their normal class activities, and maintaining their other school responsibilities and meeting schedule. The office staff have managed the administration demands of the production on top of their normal workload, and Garry has been a tremendous support in many practical ways, in addition to taking a starring, yet questionable role in the staff item.

The students deserve the greatest applause – they worked extremely hard, and always acting in the most appropriate way during all the stages of rehearsal and performance, every under trying circumstances. They were all a delight to work with, and they delivered in spades on the night!

The expressions of thanks from audience members over the last two days have been most appreciated, and I believe that it has been a tremendous team building and bonding experience of great personal benefit for the whole school community.

Rick Gordon

For the Production Committee
Anise and Lily share their thoughts on Prep Investigations

Investigations is when we design things. We talk together, and draw our plan. Then we make it with whatever we want. We write as well. We can make it with paper as well. We made the stage for dancing and our production. We made a speaker. We made a roof for the other people to stand on.

It looks like danger because there is a jail bird and he has too many words to say. He doesn't realise there's a fire behind him. The man saved the jail bird. He's on top of the roof. He comes down and gets the jail bird.

We love investigations!!!

By Anise and Lily

Much fantastic feedback has been received from level 3 and 4 children's parents about this program. They are actually cooking at home ...wow...(and some are telling their Mum's what to do and not do in the kitchen ...) Some of these children are even the ones still on the waiting list but it didn't stop them from creating food using DJC recipes...wow...

My recipes are my version of take away/restaurant food, that is healthier, easy to follow, child friendly, suits children's taste and also suits our program's budget.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask me, but more likely your children already know the answers. Please ask them about our "SECRET INGREDIENTS" ...

Some of the ingredients we need for next term are: Plain flour, self raising flour, cocoa powder, eggs, sugar, vanilla essence, milk (long life), icing sugar, any jam (raspberry, apricot, etc), lime or lemon, any fruits (water melon, grapes, apples, etc).

We are looking forward to working with our little chefs next term. Have a lovely break.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang, Stacey and Jaqui

DONVALE JUNIOR CHEF

Please note that our first session will be with group 4 on the first Tuesday back to school. Please remind your child to be in the "Before & After School Care room" after they finish their lunch. Maybe on the day as they are doing cooking with us, only send them with half of their usual lunch. All the children normally enjoy their creations very much, and end up too full.

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STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

23rd Sept - 13th Oct

New Summer Menu Term 4 & Term 1
All families should receive a copy of the Summer Menu today with snippets in readiness for return to school in Term 4. Please read through it carefully (both side) as there have been some adjustments made.

Hope you all have a relaxing break, see you back next term.

Keep Healthy, Keep Cool, Keep Hydrated
Angie (cookie)
Canteen Management Services

C.R.E.
Christian Religious Education

What a fantastic concert! Judith, Shirley and myself really enjoyed seeing all the children perform! They are such a talented group of children and we had lots of laughs! We are so grateful to Mr Briggs and the office ladies who give us tickets each year, it is such a privilege to attend!! The preps heard this week that God showed his love for us by providing a beautiful place for us to live. We talked about how we can help look after our beautiful world!
The Grades 1/2 heard how the members of the early Christian church (Acts Ch 2,11&13) met together and helped each other. Just as a lot of Christians still do today!
"We love because God first loved us " 1 John 4,19. Hoping you all have a very happy and safe break over the holidays!
God Bless!
Cheryl Shanks.